

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 24, 2014

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	AC 12-41
)	(IEPA No. 70-12-AC)
LOUIS K. NIEMEYER,)	(Administrative Citation)
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Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

For the reasons below, the Board accepts the proposed settlement and dismissal of this administrative citation enforcement action. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation on April 6, 2012, against Louis K. Niemeyer (respondent). The Agency alleged that on February 16, 2012, respondent violated Section 21(p)(1) and 21(p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), 21(p)(7) (2012) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter and by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris. The violations allegedly took place at respondent's facility located at 1321 South 19th Street, Mattoon, Coles County. The property is commonly known to the Agency as the "Mattoon/Niemeyer, Louis" site and is designated with Site Code No. 0298060004.

Respondent timely filed a petition to contest the administrative citation, which the Board accepted on May 17, 2012. On July 15, 2014, the parties filed a "stipulation of settlement and dismissal of respondent's petition for administrative review." Under its terms, respondent admits that he violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2012)) by causing or allowing open dumping resulting in litter, and agrees to pay the statutory civil penalty of \$1,500 for this violation. Stipulation at 2. Respondent agrees to the dismissal of his petition contesting the administrative citation. *Id.* The stipulation further states that the violations observed during the February 16, 2012 inspection are not continuing at this time. *Id.* In addition, the Agency agrees not to refer the violations that are the subject of the administrative citation to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General or any other prosecuting authority to initiate a civil enforcement action. *Id.*

The Board accepts the stipulation and proposal for settlement. Under Section 31.1(d) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31.1(d) (2012)), the Board therefore finds that respondent violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2012)). Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2012)) establishes a civil penalty of \$1,500 for this violation. The Board accordingly assesses a civil penalty of \$1,500. To effectuate the parties' intent that respondent

pay a total civil penalty of \$1,500, the Board dismisses the alleged violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2012)).

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
2. The Board finds that Louis K. Niemeyer violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2012)).
3. Louis K. Niemeyer must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 no later than August 25, 2014, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Niemeyer must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and Niemeyer's social security number must be included on the certified check or money order.
4. Louis K. Niemeyer must send the certified check or money order to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
5. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2012)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2012)).
6. The Board dismisses the alleged violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2012)) and Niemeyer's petition to contest the administrative citation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41(a) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that final Board orders may be appealed directly to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days after the Board serves the order. 415 ILCS 5/41(a) (2012); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(d)(2), 101.906, 102.706. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes filing requirements that apply when the Illinois Appellate Court, by statute, directly reviews administrative orders. 172 Ill. 2d R. 335. The Board's procedural rules provide that motions for the Board to reconsider or modify its final

orders may be filed with the Board within 35 days after the order is received. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702.

I, John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on July 24, 2014, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John T. Therriault, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2010).

FACTS

1. That Louis K. Niemeyer is the current owner ("Respondent") of a facility located at 1321 South 19th Street, Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Mattoon/Niemeyer, Louis.
2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 0298060004.
3. That Respondent has owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on February 16, 2012, Jennifer O'Hearn of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("Illinois EPA") Champaign Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of her inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5. That on 4-4-12, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via Certified Mail No. 7009 2820 0001 7496 0759.

VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Jennifer O’Hearn during the course of her February 16, 2012 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondent has violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the “Act”) as follows:

- (1) That Respondent caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, a violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2010).

- (2) That Respondent caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in deposition of general construction or demolition debris: or clean construction or demolition debris, a violation of Section 21(p)(7) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7) (2010).

CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2010), Respondent is subject to a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the violations identified above, for a total of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). If Respondent elects not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than April 30, 2012, unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondent elects to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution

Control Board in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2010), and if the Illinois Pollution Control Board issues a finding of violation as alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondent shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Those hearing costs shall be assessed in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) statutory civil penalty for each violation.

Pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2010), if Respondent fails to petition or elects not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service, the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt a final order, which shall include this Administrative Citation and findings of violation as alleged herein, and shall impose the statutory civil penalty specified above.

When payment is made, Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Along with payment, Respondent shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form to ensure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty and/or hearing costs are not paid within the time prescribed by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, interest on said penalty and/or hearing costs shall be assessed against the Respondent from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General may be requested to initiate proceedings against Respondent in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondent has the right to contest this Administrative Citation pursuant to and in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31/1 (2010). If Respondent elects to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondent shall file a signed Petition for Review, including a Notice of Filing, Certificate of Service, and Notice of Appearance, with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. A copy of said Petition for Review shall be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Legal Counsel at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Section 31.1 of the Act provides that any Petition for Review shall be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation or the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall enter a default judgment against the Respondent.



John J. Kim, Interim Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date: 4/2/2012

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FACILITY: Mattoon/Niemeyer, Louis
SITE CODE NO.: 0298060004
COUNTY: Coles
CIVIL PENALTY: \$3,000.00
DATE OF INSPECTION: February 16, 2012

DATE REMITTED:

SS/FEIN NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, your Social Security number (SS) if an individual or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a corporation, and sign this Remittance Form. Be sure your check is enclosed and mail, along with Remittance Form, to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn.: Fiscal Services, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.