

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

GENERAL MILLS OPERATIONS, LLC,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 20-
)	(LUST Appeal – Ninety Day
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)	Extension)
AGENCY,)	
Respondent.)	


NOTICE

Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Chicago, Illinois 60601-3218

Michael L. Smith, P.E.
RK & Associates, Inc.
2 South 631 Route 59, Suite B
Warrenville, Illinois 60555

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today caused to be filed a REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION OF APPEAL PERIOD with the Illinois Pollution Control Board, copies of which are served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



James G. Richardson
Deputy General Counsel
Dated: July 31, 2019
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
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**REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION
OF APPEAL PERIOD**

NOW COMES the Respondent, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“Illinois EPA”), by one of its attorneys, James G. Richardson, Deputy General Counsel, and, pursuant to Section 40(a)(1) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/40(a)(1)) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 105.208, hereby requests that the Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) grant an extension of the thirty-five (35) day period for petitioning for a hearing to November 17, 2019, or any other date not more than a total of one hundred twenty-five (125) days from the date of receipt of the Illinois EPA’s final decision. In support thereof, the Illinois EPA respectfully states as follows:

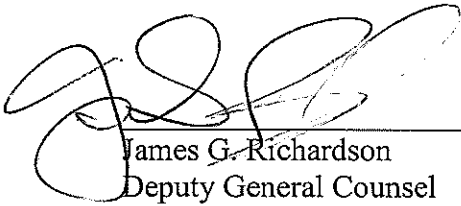
1. On or about July 11, 2019, the Illinois EPA issued a final decision to the Petitioner.
2. On July 30, 2019, the Petitioner made a written request to the Illinois EPA for an extension of time by which to file a petition for review, asking the Illinois EPA to join in requesting that the Board extend the thirty-five day period for filing a petition by ninety days. Upon information and belief, Petitioner received the final decision on or about July 15, 2019.

3. The additional time requested by the parties may eliminate the need for a hearing in this matter or, in the alternative, allow the parties to identify issues and limit the scope of any hearing that may be necessary to resolve this matter.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the parties request that the Board, in the interest of administrative and judicial economy, grant this request for a ninety-day extension of the thirty-five day period for petitioning for a hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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General Mills Operations, LLC
Attn: Chad Kerlin
1 General Mills Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55426

RECEIVED
JUL 15 2019

Re: 0430905034 -- DuPage County
West Chicago / General Mills
704 West Washington Street
Incident-Claim No.: 20170702 -- 70080
Queue Date: March 13, 2019
Leaking UST Fiscal File

Dear Mr. Kerlin:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has completed the review of your application for payment from the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Fund for the above-referenced Leaking UST incident pursuant to Section 57.8(a) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5) (Act) and 35 Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code) 734.Subpart F.

This information is dated March 12, 2019 and was received by the Illinois EPA on March 13, 2019. The application for payment covers the period from July 22, 2017 to November 4, 2017. The amount requested is \$96,614.33.

On March 13, 2019, the Illinois EPA received your application for payment for this claim. As a result of Illinois EPA's review of this application for payment, a voucher for \$53,450.77 will be prepared for submission to the Comptroller's Office for payment as funds become available based upon the date the Illinois EPA received your complete request for payment of this application for payment. Subsequent applications for payment that have been/are submitted will be processed based upon the date complete subsequent application for payment requests are received by the Illinois EPA. This constitutes the Illinois EPA's final action with regard to the above application(s) for payment.

The deductible amount of \$5,000.00 was withheld from your payment. Pursuant to Section 57.8(a)(4) of the Act, any deductible, as determined pursuant to the Office of the State Fire Marshal's eligibility and deductibility final determination in accordance with Section 57.9 of the Act, shall be subtracted from any payment invoice paid to an eligible owner or operator.

There are costs from this claim that are not being paid. Listed in Attachment A are the costs that are not being paid and the reasons these costs are not being paid.

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595 S. State Street, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 608-3131
2125 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 278-5800
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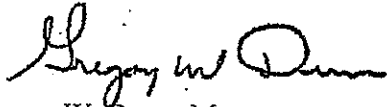
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100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 4-500, Chicago, IL 60601

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An underground storage tank system owner or operator may appeal this decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Appeal rights are attached.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Nicole Howland of my staff at (217) 524-0435.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Dunn, Manager
Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program
Remedial Project Management Section
Bureau of Land

 Attachment: A

c: RK & Associates, Inc.
Leaking UST Claims Unit

Appeal Rights

An underground storage tank owner or operator may appeal this final decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board pursuant to Sections 40 and 57.7(c)(4) of the Act by filing a petition for a hearing within 35 days after the date of issuance of the final decision. However, the 35-day period may be extended for a period not to exceed 90 days by written notice from the owner or operator and the Illinois EPA within the initial 35-day appeal period. If the owner or operator wishes to receive a 90-day extension, a written request that includes a statement of the date the final decision was received, along with a copy of this decision, must be sent to the Illinois EPA as soon as possible.

For information regarding the filing of an appeal, please contact:

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Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
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For information regarding the filing of an extension, please contact:

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Attachment A
Accounting Deductions

Re: 0430905034 -- DuPage County
West Chicago / General Mills
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Incident-Claim No.: 20170702 -- 70080
Queue Date: March 13, 2019
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Citations in this attachment are from the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5) (Act) and 35 Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code).

Item # Description of Deductions

1. \$0.15, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for drilling that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

The claim exceeds the cost that was billed for the drilling.

2. \$.01, deduction for costs that are based on mathematical errors. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(bb). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable.

There is a mathematical error in the remediation section of the billing claim.

3. \$4,153.70, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for backfill that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

This deduction is also for costs for backfill, which lack supporting documentation. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(cc). Since there is no supporting documentation of costs, the Illinois EPA cannot determine that costs will not be used for activities in excess of those necessary to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. Therefore, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they may be used for site investigation or corrective action activities in excess of those required to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act.

Since backfill was not purchased, the Subpart H rate for backfill is not applicable. The IEPA has approved the charges for hauling the backfill material.

4. \$3,146.12, deduction for costs associated with any corrective action activities, services, or materials that exceed the maximum payment amounts set forth in Subpart H, Appendix D, and/or Appendix E of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734. The costs associated with Overburden are included in the excavation rate, for which a maximum rate of \$72.05 per cubic yard applies. The costs exceed the maximum payment amounts set forth in Subpart H, Appendix D, and/or Appendix E of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(zz). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable.

5. \$5,089.58, deduction for costs for groundwater remediation, which exceed the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act. Costs associated with site investigation and corrective action activities and associated materials or services exceeding the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act are not eligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(o).

The costs associated with chemical oxidizing and soil mixing exceed minimum requirements.

6. \$2,186.76, deduction for costs for groundwater removal and disposal, which lack supporting documentation. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(cc). Since there is no supporting documentation of costs, the Illinois EPA cannot determine that costs will not be used for activities in excess of those necessary to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act. Therefore, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they may be used for site investigation or corrective action activities in excess of those required to meet the minimum requirements of Title XVI of the Act.

In addition, this deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for groundwater removal and disposal are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

The amount requested exceeds the provided bill for the removal and disposal of the groundwater.

7. \$15,547.77, deduction for costs for removal, disposal, or abandonment of UST if the tank was removed or abandoned, or permitted for removal or abandonment, by the Office of the State Fire Marshal before the owner or operator provided notice to Illinois Emergency Management Agency of a release of petroleum. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.8(k) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(k).

Costs associated with a planned UST tank pull are not eligible for reimbursement.

8. \$505.60, deduction for costs of corrective action incurred before providing notification of the release of petroleum to Illinois Emergency Management Agency in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.210. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.8(k) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(n).

4 hours of time were dated prior to IEMA.

9. \$2,626.15, deduction for costs for personnel, which exceed the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act. Costs associated with site investigation and corrective action activities and associated materials or services exceeding the minimum requirements necessary to comply with the Act are not eligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(o).

21 hours of personnel that were associated with the "chemical oxidizer" task exceed the minimum requirements.

10. \$1,264.00, deduction for consulting personnel costs associated with the procurement, oversight, or payment of subcontracts or field purchases. Pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.115 "Handling Charges" mean administrative, insurance, and interest costs and a reasonable profit for the procurement, oversight, and payment of subcontracts and field purchases. Therefore, these costs are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd) or 734.630(cc).

10 hours of time associated with the task of "negotiate subcontractor and client contracts" falls within the Handling Charges.

11. None of the costs incurred from September 29, 2017 to November 4, 2017 are eligible for reimbursement. To be considered for reimbursement, early action activities must be performed within 45 days after initial notification to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency of a release plus 14 days. The costs in question were not incurred within the time allowed for reimbursement. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.210(g). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not site investigation or corrective action costs.

Based upon the above deduction, a deduction of \$2,783.88 was made. The 45 Day Report was received by the EPA on September 29, 2017.

12. \$141.75, deduction for indirect corrective action costs for personnel, materials, service, or equipment charged as direct costs. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(v). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable

3 hours of time for the task "prepare invoice for UST removal and associated activities" is considered an indirect cost to the project.

13. \$236.25, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for personnel that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

5 hours for "assembly and shipping of 45-Day Report" is excessive for this task.

14. \$53.02, deduction for site investigation or corrective action costs for shipping that are not reasonable as submitted. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630(dd).

Shipping costs that are not associated with this project.

15. \$428.82, adjustment in the handling charges due to the deduction(s) of ineligible costs. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to Section 57.1(a) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.635.

In addition, a deduction for handling charges for subcontractor costs when the contractor has not submitted proof of payment for subcontractor costs. Such costs are ineligible for payment from the Fund pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 734.630 (ii). In addition, such costs are not approved pursuant to Section 57.7(c)(3) of the Act because they are not reasonable.

All costs associated with the chemical oxidizer are ineligible for handling charges. Shipping costs not associated with this project are ineligible for handling charges. Only the down payment portion of the Gabriel Environmental Services that is verified as paid is eligible for handling charges.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that on July 31, 2019 I served true and correct copies of a REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY EXTENSION OF APPEAL PERIOD by the methods and to the persons identified below:

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