

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
July 16, 2020

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
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Complainant, )  
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v. ) PCB 20-99  
) (Enforcement – Air)  
MASTER GRAPHICS, LLC, )  
an Illinois limited liability company, )  
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Respondent. )

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B.F. Currie):

On June 30, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a four-count complaint against MASTER GRAPHICS, LLC (Master Graphics). The complaint concerns Master Graphics' lithographic printing facility located at 1100 South Main Street in Rochelle, Ogle County. Accompanying the complaint was a stipulation, proposal for settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The parties therefore seek to settle the complaint without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the complaint and directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for hearing relief.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2018)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2018); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Master Graphics violated the following authorities:

**COUNT I:** Commencing construction of a new printing press at the Facility without obtaining a construction permit issued by the Illinois EPA in violation Section 9(b) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(b) (2018), and Section 201.142 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142.

**COUNT II:** Operating a new printing press without the requisite operating permit in violation of Section 201.143 of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code. 201.143, and thereby violating Section 9(b) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(b) (2018).

**COUNT III:** Failing to equip the thermal oxidizer controlling emissions from a new printing press with a functioning strip chart recorder or disk storage, and failing to manually record the combustion temperature at least one time per operating day in violation of Condition 14(b) of its Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) No. 07110044;

Failing to demonstrate that it was maintaining the thermal oxidizer combustion temperature required by Condition 8(c) of FESOP No. 07110044 in violation of Condition 8(c) of FESOP No. 07110044;

Failing to determine the volatile organic material (VOM) composite partial vapor pressure of cleaning solvents, cleaning solvent concentrates, and as-used cleaning solutions in violation of Condition 13(b) of FESOP No. 07110044;

Failing to maintain records of the names and amounts of lithographic inks, fountain solutions, other materials and clean-up solvents used in tons/month and tons/year in violation of Condition 17(a)(iv) of FESOP No. 07110044;

Failing to calculate VOM and hazardous air pollutant emissions from the printing lines as required by Condition 9(c) of FESOP No. 07110044 in violation of Condition 9(c) of FESOP No. 07110044;

Failing to submit deviation reports to the Illinois EPA for deviations from the requirements of FESOP No. 07110044 in violation of Condition 20(a) of FESOP No. 07110044;

Utilizing an ink that contained greater than 40.0% by weight VOM content, utilizing a blanket wash with a VOM content greater than 75.0% by weight, and exceeding the monthly and annual glue usage requirements contained in Condition 9(a)(i) of FESOP No. 07110044 in violation of Condition 9(a)(i) of FESOP No. 07110044; and

Utilizing a cleaning solution that had a vapor pressure greater than 10mmHg at 20°C (68°F) in violation of Condition 8(e) of FESOP No. 07110044; thereby violating Section 9(b) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(b) (2018).

**COUNT IV:** Failing to keep a keep a record of its applicability determination that showed that the Facility is not subject to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP): Paper and Other Web Coating in violation of Section 63.10(b)(3) of Subpart A of the NESHAP, 40 C.F.R. § 63.10(b)(3), and thereby also in violation of Section 9.1(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9.1(d) (2018).

The Board finds that the complaint meets the applicable content requirements of the Board's procedural rules and accepts the complaint. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(c).

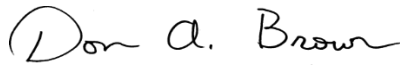
On June 30, 2020, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and Master Graphics filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2018)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2018)), which requires that the public have an opportunity to request a hearing whenever the State and a respondent propose settling an enforcement action without a public hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). Under the proposed stipulation, Master Graphics does not admit the alleged violations, but

represents it has entered into the stipulation for the purpose of settling and compromising disputed claims without having to incur the expense of contested litigation. Master Graphics agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$34,500.00.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2018); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on July 16, 2020, by a vote of 4-0.



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Don A. Brown, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board