

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 4, 2021

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 21-57
) (Enforcement - Water)
CRYSTAL COLD, LLC, an Illinois limited)
liability company,)
)
Respondent.)

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

On February 8, 2021, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a five-count complaint against Crystal Cold, LLC (respondent). The complaint concerns respondent's property located at 338N County Road 475E, in Arthur, Douglas 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.

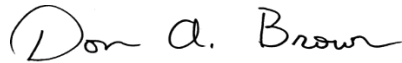
Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2018)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2018); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that respondent violated Sections 12(a), (d), 21(a), (e), (p)(1), (p)(4), and (p)(6) of the Act, (415 ILCS 5/12(a), (d), 21(a), (e), (p)(1), (p)(4), and (p)(6) (2018)). In addition, the People allege respondent violated Sections 302.212(a), 304.105, and 304.106 of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.212(a), 304.105, and 304.106). The People allege respondent violated these provisions by improperly operating a sewage filtration system so as to cause water pollution and open dumping of waste. 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 February 8, 2021, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and respondent 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, the respondent does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$12,500.

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 comment or demand for hearing within 30 day 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 March 4, 2021, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board