

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
June 18, 2026

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 26-53
) (Enforcement – Air, Land, Water)
RANDY PETER and DEBRA PETER,)
individuals,)
)
Respondents.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.A. Van Wie):

On April 14, 2026, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a 16-count complaint against Randy Peter and Debra Peter (collectively, Respondents). The complaint concerns Respondents’ parcels located at 1457 N 1363rd Lane and 1333 E. 1500th Street, both in Quincy, Adams County. The parties now seek to settle without hearing. For the reasons below, the Board directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the parties’ stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2024)), 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 (2024); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Respondents violated the following provisions of the Act and Board regulations, and the following provisions of the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA) (415 ILCS 151 (2024)):

- Count I: Open Dumping (415 ILCS 5/21(a) (2024));
- Count II: Open Dumping Resulting in Litter (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(l) (2024));
- Count III: Open Dumping of General Construction or Demolition Debris (415 ILCS 21(p)(7)(i) (2024));
- Count IV: Waste Disposal at an Improper Site (415 ILCS 5/21(e) (2024));
- Count V: Open Dumping of Used or Waste Tires (415 ILCS 5/55(a)(1) (2024));
- Count VI: Open Burning of Used or Waste Tires (415 ILCS 5/55(a)(2) (2024));

- Count VII: Accumulation of Water in Used or Waste Tires (415 ILCS 5/55(k)(1) (2024));
- Count VIII: Waste Determination Violations (415 ILCS 5/21(e) (2024)); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.111, 739.122(c) and 808.121 (a));
- Count IX: Air Pollution - Open Burning (415 ILCS 5/9(a) and (c) (2024));
- Count X: Open Dumping Resulting in Open Burning (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(3) (2024));
- Count XI: Mixing of a Covered Electronic Device (CED) with Waste Intended for Disposal by Burning (415 ILCS 151/1-83(c) (2024));
- Count XII: Cause or Allow the Burning or Incineration of a CED or Other Listed Device (415 ILCS 151/1-83(d) (2024));
- Count XIII: Open Dumping Resulting in Standing or Flowing Liquid Discharge from the Dump Site (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(6) (2024));
- Count XIV: Open Dumping of Waste in Standing Waters (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(4) (2024));
- Count XV: Water Pollution (415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2024)); and
- Count XVI: Water Pollution Hazard (415 ILCS 5/12(d) (2024)).

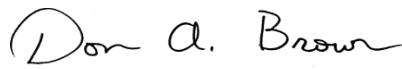
On June 10, 2026, the People and Respondents filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2024)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2024)), 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 Respondents admit to the alleged violations and agree to pay a civil penalty of \$15,000.¹

¹ The parties' stipulation and settlement includes the admission of violation for two counts under CERA, 415 ILCS 151/1-83(c) and (d) (2024). The Board recognizes that the agreement is between the parties, and the parties can agree to provisions that they see fit in negotiating a settlement. However, the Board notes that it does not have independent authority under the Act to make a finding of violation on the CERA provisions. As an administrative agency, the Board is a "creature of statute, and therefore has only the authority given to it by the Act." People v. Felker Pharmacy et al, PCB 08-17 (Dec. 18, 2008) (*quoting Granite City Div. of Nat. Steel Co. v. PCB*, 155 Ill. 2d 149, 171, 613 N.E.2d 719, 729 (1993)).

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) (2024); 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 June 18, 2026, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown".

Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board