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THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD, ILLINOIS, an Illinois municipality corporation,

Complainant,

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PCB No. 04-213 (LUSTS - Cost Recovery)

BILL'S AUTO CENTER, BILL'S STANDARD SERVICE and WILLIAM KOVAR,

Respondents.

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Bill's Auto Center 330 South Main Street Lombard, Illinois 60148 Bill's Standard Service c/o William Kovar 330 South Main Street Lombard, Illinois 60148

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that today I filed with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board a copy of the ANSWER TO RESPONDENTS' AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES upon you, a copy of which is served on you/along with this notice.

One of Complainant's Attorneys

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Dated: August 17, 2004

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ANSWER TO RESPONDENTS' AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

The Complainant, VILLAGE OF LOMBARD (the "Village"), by and through its attorneys, Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd., answers the Respondents', BILL'S AUTO CENTER, BILL'S STANDARD SERVICE and WILLIAM KOVAR (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Respondents"), Affirmative Defenses as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

All of Respondents' Affirmative Defenses contain legal conclusions instead of factual allegations, and, therefore, require no answer. To the extent any factual allegations are alleged, the Village denies the same.

ANSWERS TO AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The alleged contamination, and any costs or damages incurred by complainant, were caused solely by the acts and/or omissions of a third party (or third parties) other than Respondents.

ANSWER: Denied.

- 2. Complainant's costs, if any, incurred in responding to the alleged are excessive and not recoverable from contamination Respondents.
- ANSWER: Denied.
 - 3. The alleged contamination is a preexisting condition for which Respondents are not responsible.
- Denied. ANSWER:
 - 4. Complainant suffered no losses or damages, and incurred no costs, that were proximately caused by Respondents.
- Denied. ANSWER:
 - 5. Complainant's claims are barred to the extent it has failed to mitigate its damages and costs.
- ANSWER: Denied.
 - 6. Respondents reserve their right to assert and rely upon other affirmative defenses which may become apparent during discovery of this case, and reserves its right to amend its answer to assert such further affirmative defenses.
- ANSWER: Denied.

Respectfully submitted,

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

Bv:

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