

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
November 4, 2004

CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	AC 05-24
)	(CDOE No. 04-11-AC)
RICHLAND GROUP ENTERPRISES, INC.,)	(Administrative Citation)
)	
Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.P. Novak):

On September 10, 2004, the City of Chicago Department of Environment timely filed an administrative citation against Richland Group Enterprises, Inc. (Richland Group Enterprises). See 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The City of Chicago Department of Environment alleged that on August 4, 2004 Richland Group Enterprises violated Section 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (p)(7) (2002)). The City of Chicago Department of Environment further alleges that Richland Group Enterprises violated these provisions by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in (1) litter and (2) deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris at 1800 South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Cook County.

As required, the City of Chicago Department of Environment served the administrative citation on Richland Group Enterprises within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2002); see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b). To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violations alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any inspection for review was due on October 18, 2004. Richland Group Enterprises failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Richland Group Enterprises violated Section 21(p) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating Section 21(p) is \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for a second or subsequent offense. 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations of Section 21(p) and these violations are first offenses, the total civil penalty is \$3,000. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

This opinion constitutes the Board's finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

1. Richland Group Enterprises must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than December 6, 2004, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order.
2. Richland Group Enterprises must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the City of Chicago. The case number, case name, and Richland Group Enterprises' social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Richland Group Enterprises must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

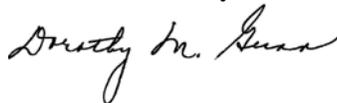
City of Chicago Department of Environment
Permitting and Enforcement Division
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2500
Chicago, Illinois 60602

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2002)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2002)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violations continue.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41(a) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that final Board orders may be appealed directly to the Illinois Appellate Court within 35 days after the Board serves the order. 415 ILCS 5/41(a) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(d)(2), 101.906, 102.706. Illinois Supreme Court Rule 335 establishes filing requirements that apply when the Illinois Appellate Court, by statute, directly reviews administrative orders. 172 Ill. 2d R. 335. The Board's procedural rules provide that motions for the Board to reconsider or modify its final orders may be filed with the Board within 35 days after the order is received. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on November 4, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board