

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 3, 1994

PEOPLE OF THE STATE)
OF ILLINOIS,)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.) PCB 93-259
) (Enforcement)
 WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE, INC.,)
 a Delaware Corporation,)
)
 Respondent.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.A. Manning):

This matter comes before the Board upon a two-count complaint filed December 21, 1993, by Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the People of the State of Illinois, against World's Finest Chocolate, Inc., a Delaware Corporation with a plant located at 4801 South Lawndale, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that World's Finest Chocolate, Inc. violated Sections 9(a) and 9(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a), 5/9(b)) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code §§201.142 and 201.143.

Pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(1), the parties filed a joint motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement December 21, 1993. The Board published a notice of the waiver on December 29, 1993; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is hereby granted.

The parties filed a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on December 21, 1993. The Stipulation sets forth facts relating to the nature, operations and circumstances surrounding the claimed violations. World's Finest Chocolate, Inc. admits to the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).

The Board finds the settlement agreement acceptable under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.180. This settlement agreement in no way affects respondent's responsibility to comply with any federal, state or local regulations, including but not limited to the Act and the Board's pollution control regulations.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law in this matter.

ORDER

- 1) The Board hereby accepts the Stipulation and Settlement

Agreement executed by the People of the State of Illinois and World's Finest Chocolate, Inc. concerning its facility located at 4801 South Lawndale, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

- 2) World's Finest Chocolate, Inc. shall pay the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) within 30 days of the date of this Order. Such payment shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, designated to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, and shall be sent by First Class mail to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
2200 Churchill Road
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

The certified check or money order shall clearly indicate on its face, World's Finest Chocolate, Inc.'s Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number and that the payment is directed to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

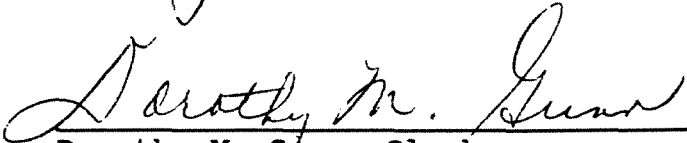
Any such penalty not paid within the time prescribed shall incur interest at the rate set forth in subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, (35 ILCS 5/1003), as now or hereafter amended, from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. Interest shall not accrue during the pendency of an appeal during which payment of the penalty has been stayed.

- 3) World's Finest Chocolate, Inc. shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/41) provides for the appeal of final Board orders within 35 days of the date of service of this order. (See also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, "Motions for Reconsideration.")

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 3rd day of February, 1994, by a vote of 7-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board