

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
April 9, 1992

PEOPLE OF THE STATE )  
OF ILLINOIS, )  
 )  
Complainant, )  
 )  
v. ) PCB 91-255  
 ) (Enforcement)  
SEARS, ROEBUCK and COMPANY a )  
New York corporation, )  
 )  
Respondent. )

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.C. Marlin):

This matter comes before the Board upon a complaint filed December 23, 1991 on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois ("People"), by and through its attorney, Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, against Sears, Roebuck and Company located in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that Sears, Roebuck and Company has violated Sections 9(a) and (b) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111½, pars. 1009(a) and (b) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142 and 201.143 of the Board's rules and regulations.

Pursuant to Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 1/2, par. 1031(a)(1), a joint Motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement was filed by the parties on February 19, 1992. Notice of the waiver was published by the Board on March 30, 1992; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is granted by the Board via today's Opinion and Order.

A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was filed by the parties on December 23, 1991. The Stipulation sets forth facts pertaining to the nature, operations, and circumstances surrounding the claimed violations. Sears, Roebuck and Company, admits to past violations of Sections 9 (a) and (b) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142 and 201.143 and agrees to pay a civil penalty of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). Sears, Roebuck and Company further agrees to cease and desist from the alleged violations.

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 Sears, Roebuck and Company, concerning violations of Sections 9(a) and (b) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111½, pars. 1009(a) and (b), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.142 and 201.143 by Sears, Roebuck and Company's operations located in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2.) Sears, Roebuck and Company shall pay the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) 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

Sears, Roebuck and Company, shall also write its Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number on the certified check or money order.

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, (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 120, par. 10-1003) 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.

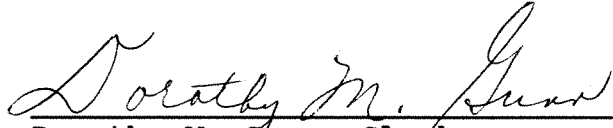
3. Sears, Roebuck and Company shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act, Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111½, par. 1041, provides for appeal of final Orders of the Board within 35 days. The Rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois establish filing requirements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

J. Theodore Meyer dissented.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1992, by a vote of 6-1.

  
Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board