ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD April 21, 2022

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,)
)
V.) PCB 22 - 49
) (Enforcement – Land, Water)
REID'S SERVICE CENTER, INC., an Illinois	s)
corporation, REID M. LARSON TRUST,	
BARBARA S. LARSON TRUST, and REID)
M. LARSON, as trustee of REID M. LARSON	1)
TRUST,)
)
Respondents.)

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by M. Gibson):

On March 4, 2022, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a 12-count complaint against Reid's Service Center, Inc., Reid M. Larson Trust, Barbara S. Larson Trust, and Reid M. Larson, as trustee of Reid M. Larson Trust (Respondents). The complaint concerns the Respondents' property located at 7123 Kickapoo-Edwards Road, in Edwards, Peoria County. The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2020)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board on behalf of the People to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2020); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that the Respondents violated the following provisions of the Act and Board regulations:

Count I: Open Dumping of Waste

Section 2l(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(a) (2020).

Count II: Open Dumping Resulting in Litter

Section 2l(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2020).

Count III: Conducting a Waste-Disposal Operation Without a Permit

Section 21(d)(l) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(d)(l) (2020).

Count IV: Open Dumping of Used or Waste Tires

Sections 55(a)(1) and (5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(a)(1) and (5) (2020).

Count V: Accumulation of Water in Used and Waste Tires

Sections 55(a)(3) and (k)(l) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(a)(3) and (k)(l)

(2020).

Count VI: Failure to Remove Used Tires Within 90 Days

Section 55.8(b) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55.8(b).

Count VII: Water Pollution

Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2020).

Count VIII: Water Pollution Hazard

Section 12(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(d) (2020).

Count IX: Open Dumping Resulting in Standing or Flowing Liquid Discharge from

the Dump Site

Section 2l(p)(6) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(6) (2020).

Count X: Failure to Store Used Oil in Proper Containers

Section 21(e) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(e) (2020), and Section 739.122(b)

of the Board regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 739.122(b).

Count XI: Failure to Store Used Oil in Marked Containers

Section 21(e) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(e) (2020), and Section

739.122(c)(1) of the Board regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 739.122(c)(1).

Count XII: Failure to Respond to Used Oil Release

Section 21(e) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(e) (2020), and Section 739.122(d)

of the Board regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 739.122(d).

On March 4, 2022, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and the 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) (2020)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020)), 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 III. Adm. Code 103.300(a). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in the *Peoria Journal Star* on March 18, 2022. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020); 35 III. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of the Respondents' operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2020)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The Respondents admit the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2020)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Under the

proposed settlement, the Respondents agree to pay a civil penalty of \$12,000 within 30 days after the date of this order. The People and the Respondents have satisfied Section 103.302. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

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

ORDER

- 1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
- 2. The Respondents must pay a civil penalty of \$12,000 no later than May 23, 2022, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. The Respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name and case number must appear on the certified check or money order.
- 3. The Respondents must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services #2 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62702

The Respondents must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Brian Navarrete Assistant Attorney General Environmental Bureau Illinois Attorney General's Office 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62701

- 4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2020)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2020)).
- 5. The Respondents must cease and desist from future violations of the Act and Board regulations that were the subject of the complaint.

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) (2020); see also 35 III. 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 III. 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 III. Adm. Code 101.520; see also 35 III. Adm. Code 101.902, 102.700, 102.702. Filing a motion asking that the Board reconsider this final order is not a prerequisite to appealing the order. 35 III. Adm. Code 101.902.

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I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on April 7, 2022, by a vote of 5-0.

Don A. Brown, Clerk

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