

Count IV: Section 9.14 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9.14, and Section 201.175(d)(1)(C) of the Board's Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.175(d)(1)(C), by constructing and operating emission units at the Facility without registering for the Registration of Smaller Sources program with IEPA.

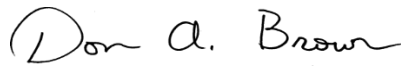
The Board finds that the complaint meets the applicable content requirements of the Board's procedural rules and accepts the complaint. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204(c).

On August 23, 2023, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and Cores 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) (2022)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2022)), 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 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). Under the proposed stipulation, Cores does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$20,000.

Unless the Board determines that a hearing is needed, the Board must cause notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. Any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If anyone timely files a written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the parties' request for relief and hold a hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b), (c). The Board directs the Clerk to provide the required notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on September 7, 2023, by a vote of 4-0.



Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board