

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
December 7, 2023

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 24-39
)	(Enforcement - Air)
FERRARA CANDY COMPANY, an Illinois)	
corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Van Wie):

On December 1, 2023, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against Ferrara Candy Company (Ferrara). The complaint concerns Ferrara’s candy production plant located at 2945 West 31st Street in Chicago, Cook County (facility). Accompanying the complaint was a stipulation, proposal for settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement. The parties therefore seek to settle the complaint without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the complaint and directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for hearing relief.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2022)), the Attorney General and the State’s Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois’ environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Ferrara violated the Section 39.5(6)(b) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/39.5(6)(b) by operating their facility without a valid Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) operating permit. 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).

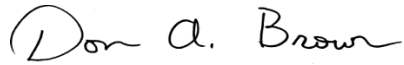
On December 1, 2023, simultaneously with the People’s complaint, the People and Ferrara filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2022)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) 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, Ferrara does not affirmatively admit the alleged violation and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$13,300.

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 December 7, 2023, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board