

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 7, 2024

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 24-47
)	(Enforcement - Air)
ADVANTAGE AUTOMATION MIDWEST,)	
INC., an Illinois corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

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

On January 11, 2024, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count complaint against Advantage Automation Midwest, Inc. (AAM). The complaint concerns AAM’s equipment manufacturing plant located at 225 North Hilton Street in Decatur, Macon County. The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board directs the Clerk to provide public notice of the parties’ stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief from the hearing requirement.

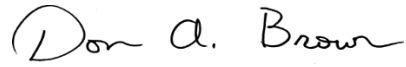
Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2022)), the Attorney General and the State’s Attorneys may bring actions before the Board to enforce Illinois’ environmental requirements on behalf of the People. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that AAM violated Section 201.302(a) of the Board’s Air Pollution Rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.302(a)), Section 254.132(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s Air Pollution Rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.132(a)), and Section 9(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022)) by failing to submit an Annual Emissions Report for calendar year 2020 by May 1, 2021.

On February 26, 2024, the People and AAM 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, AAM admits the alleged violation and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$10,500.

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 March 7, 2024, 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