

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

August 8, 2024

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PCB 23-115
)	(Enforcement – Air)
JAY SHRI GANESHA INC., an Illinois)	
corporation, d/b/a Shivam Energy, Inc., and)	
d/b/a Marathon Gas,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B.F. Currie):

On March 29, 2024, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a one-count, second amended complaint against Jay Shri Ganesha Inc., doing business as Shivam Energy, Inc. and Marathon Gas (Respondent). The complaint concerns Respondent's gasoline dispensing facility located at 399 W. Liberty Street, Wauconda, in Lake 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 (2022)), 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 (2022); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that the Respondent violated Section 9(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2022)) and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A) and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations by failing to timely submit a notice of intent to decommission, failing to timely decommission its vapor collection and control system, failing to timely submit a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and causing, threatening, or allowing the discharge or emission of volatile organic compounds into the environment so as to violate Board regulations.

On June 17, 2024, the People and the Respondent 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). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in the *Lake County News-Sun* on June 25, 2024. 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) (2022); 35 Ill. 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 Respondent's 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) (2022)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The Respondent admits the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2022)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Under the proposed settlement, the Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 within 30 days after the date of this order. The People and the Respondent 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 Respondent must pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 no later September 9, 2024, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. The Respondent 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 Respondent must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

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

Cara Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Illinois Attorney General
69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60602

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2022)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2022)).

5. Respondent must cease and desist from future violations of the Environmental Protection 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) (2022); *see also* 35 Ill. 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 Ill. 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 Ill. Adm. Code 101.520; *see also* 35 Ill. 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 Ill. 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 August 8, 2024, by a vote of 4-0.



Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board