

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
June 5, 1997

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 97-93
) (Enforcement - Air)
ASHLAND, INC., a Kentucky corporation,)
)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

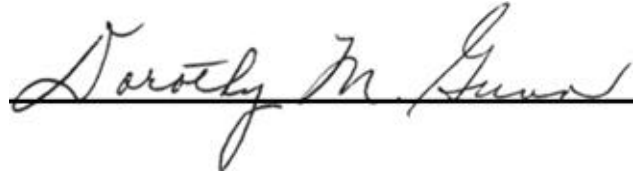
On November 25, 1996 the Illinois Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency), filed a formal complaint naming as a respondent Ashland, Inc., a Kentucky corporation, regarding its gasoline dispensing facilities located at 22 West 275 North Avenue, Glen Ellyn, DuPage County, 8716 Ogden Avenue, Lyons, Cook County, 15301 South Harlem, Oak Forest, Cook County, 855 East Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines, Cook County, 8000 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, Cook County, 1021 North Rand Road, Arlington Heights, Cook County, and 1010 North Milwaukee, Deerfield, Lake County. On May 16, 1997 the parties filed a stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for relief from the requirement of Section 31(c)(2) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) that proposed stipulated settlements be presented at public hearing. (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (Supp.1997).)

Section 31(c)(2) of the Act provides that whenever a complaint has been filed on behalf of the Agency or by the People of the State of Illinois, the parties may file with the Board a stipulation and proposal for settlement accompanied by a request for relief from the requirement of a hearing. (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (Supp.1997).) The Board is required to cause notice of the stipulation, proposal, and request for relief to be published, unless the Board, in its discretion, concludes that a hearing is necessary. The notice is required to include a statement that any person may file a written demand for hearing within 21 days after receiving the notice. If any person files a timely written demand for hearing, the Board will deny the request for relief from a hearing and hold a hearing.

The Board accordingly directs the Clerk of the Board to cause publication of the required newspaper notice. The Board will reserve ruling on the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement until after the statutory 21 days has passed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 5th day of June, 1997 by a vote of 7-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy M. Gunn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board