

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
May 7, 1998

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) PCB 97-133
) (Enforcement - EPCRA)
DOUGLAS FURNITURE OF)
CALIFORNIA, INC., a California)
corporation,)
)
Respondent.)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Theodore Meyer):

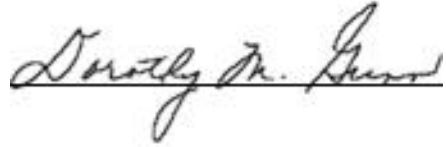
On February 7, 1997, the Illinois Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, filed a formal complaint naming as a respondent Douglas Furniture of California, Inc., a California corporation, formerly located at 5020 West 73rd Street, Bedford Park, Cook County, Illinois. On April 17, 1998, 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) (1996).

Section 31(c)(2) of the Act provides that whenever a complaint has been filed on behalf of 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) (1996). 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.

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 have 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 7th day of May 1998 by a vote of 7-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothy M. Gunn", is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board