

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

August 5, 2004

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	AC 04-91
	)	(IEPA No. 308-04-AC)
EARL and NORMA MARTIN,	)	(Administrative Citation)
(May 7, 2004 inspection),	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.P. Novak):

On June 28, 2004, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation against Earl and Norma Martin (respondents). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The Agency alleged that on May 7, 2004, the respondents violated Section 21(p)(1), (p)(4), and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), (p)(4), and (p)(7) (2002)). The Agency further alleges that the respondents violated these provisions by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in (1) litter; (2) deposition of waste in standing or flowing waters; and (3) deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris at County Road 2500 North, Rio Township, Knox County.

As required, the Agency served the administrative citation on the respondents within “60 days after the date of the observed violation.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b). On July 27, 2004, the respondents timely filed a petition to contest the administrative citation. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b). The respondents allege that they did not cause or allow the violations, and that the alleged violations were the result of uncontrollable circumstances. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.206. The Board accepts the petition for hearing.

The Board directs the hearing officer to proceed expeditiously to hearing. The hearing officer will give the parties at least 21 days written notice of the hearing. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.300; *see also* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(2) (2002). By contesting the administrative citation, the respondents may have to pay the hearing costs of the Board and the Agency. *See* 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4) 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500. A schedule of the Board’s hearing costs is available at the Board’s offices and on the Board’s Web site at www.ipcb.state.il.us. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 504.

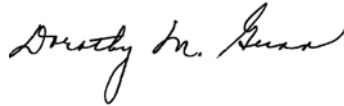
The respondents may withdraw their petition to contest the administrative citation at any time before the Board enters its final decision. If the respondents choose to withdraw its his her petition, it he she must do so in writing, unless it he she does so orally at hearing. *See* 35 Ill.

Adm. Code 108.208. If the respondents withdraw their petition after the hearing starts, the Board will require the respondents to pay the hearing costs of the Board and the Agency. *See id.* at 108.500(c).

The Agency has the burden of proof at hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(2) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.400. If the Board finds that the respondents violated Section 21(o) or Section 21(p)(x), the Board will impose civil penalties on the respondents. The civil penalty for violating Section 21(o) is \$500 for each violation Section 21(p) is \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for a second or subsequent offense. 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4) 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500. However, if the Board finds that the respondents “[have] shown that the violation resulted from uncontrollable circumstances, the Board shall adopt a final order which makes no finding of violation and which imposes no penalty.” 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(2) (2002); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on August 5, 2004, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothy M. Gunn".

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board