

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
ex rel. LISA MADIGAN, Attorney
General of the State of Illinois,

Complainant,

v.

ACI ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION, an
Illinois corporation, and ASBESTOS
CONTROL, INC., an Illinois
corporation,

Respondents.

PCB 05-180
(Enforcement-Air)

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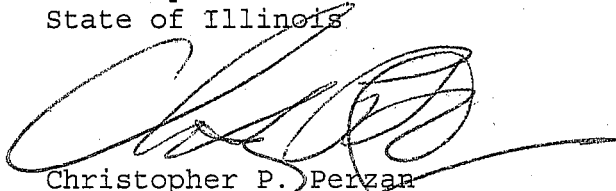
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Financing to correct the violations alleged may be available through the Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act 20 ILCS 3515/1, et seq.

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COMPLAINT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, complains of Respondent, ACI ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION and Respondent ASBESTOS CONTROL, INC., as follows:

COUNT I

AIR POLLUTION

1. This Complaint is brought by the Attorney General against Respondent ACI ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION on her own motion and ASBESTOS CONTROL, INC., (collectively "Respondents") on her own motion and upon the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31 (2002).

2. The Illinois EPA is an administrative agency of the State of Illinois, created pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2002), and charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act.

3. Respondent ACI ENVIRONMENTAL CORP. is an Illinois corporation and is located at 501 W. Carboy, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Respondent ASBESTOS CONTROL, INC. is an Illinois corporation at 145 Weiler Road, Arlington Heights, Cook County, Illinois.

4. In August 2003, the Respondents engaged in a renovation in the boiler room of the Oak Meadows Golf Course country club, located at 900 Wood Dale Road, Addison, DuPage County, Illinois ("facility").

5. On or about August 15, 2003, the Illinois EPA received a Notification of Demolition and Renovation that indicated that a renovation was to occur at the facility starting on August 26, 2003. The Notification indicated that the asbestos removal contractor was ACI ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION. The Notification further indicated that regulated asbestos containing material of 80 linear feet from pipes and 600 square feet from surface area were to be removed at the facility.

6. The Respondents conducted an asbestos abatement in the boiler room of the facility in late August 2003.

7. On August 27, 2003, the Illinois EPA conducted an inspection of the facility to determine compliance with the asbestos regulations. Respondents were actively stripping and removing materials at the facility at the time of the inspection.

8. The Illinois EPA observed that the asbestos-containing material in two bags was in dry, friable condition.

9. The Illinois EPA also observed that asbestos-containing materials removed from two boilers in the facility was located on the floor in dry, friable condition.

10. A sample of the material in one of the bags indicated that the material contained 20% amosite and 2% chrysotile asbestos.

11. A sample of the material located on the floor indicated that the material was 20% amosite and 2% chrysotile asbestos.

12. When managed as alleged above, asbestos fibers can and will become airborne such that persons may inhale the fibers.

13. Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2002), provides as follows:

No person shall:

- a. Cause, threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any contaminant into the environment of any state so as to cause or tend to cause air pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Board under this Act;

14. Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2002), provides the following definition:

"PERSON" is any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm company, limited liability company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, state agency, or any other legal entity, or their legal representative, agent or assigns.

15. The Respondents each constitute a "person" as that term is defined in Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2002).

16. Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2002), provides the following definition:

"CONTAMINANT" is any solid, liquid, or gaseous matter, any odor, or any form of energy from whatever source.

17. Section 201.102 of the Illinois Pollution Control Board Air Pollution Regulations ("Board regulations"), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.102, provides the following definition:

"Air Pollution": the presence in the atmosphere of one

or more air contaminants in sufficient quantities and of such characteristics and duration as to be injurious to human, plant or animal life, to health, or to property, or to unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property.

18. Section 201.141 of the Board regulations, 35 Ill. Adm.

Code 201.141, provides as follows:

No person shall cause or threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any contaminant into the environment in any State so as, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, to cause or tend to cause air pollution in Illinois, or so as to violate the provisions of this Chapter, or so as to prevent the attainment or maintenance of any applicable ambient air quality standard.

19. Asbestos is a contaminant as defined in Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2002).

20. Asbestos is a known human carcinogen and can be injurious to human health when inhaled.

21. The emission of asbestos as alleged constituted air pollution.

22. On at least August 27, 2003 Respondents, by their actions as alleged herein, violated of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2002) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.141.

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully requests that the Board enter an order for Complainant and against Respondents with respect to this Count I:

1. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondents will be required to answer the allegations alleged herein;

2. Finding that Respondents wilfully, knowingly and

repeatedly violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2002), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.141;

3. Ordering Respondents to cease and desist from further violations of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2002), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.141;

4. Assessing against Respondents a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for each violation of the Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with an additional penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each and every day of violation;

5. Ordering Respondents to pay all costs including attorney, expert witness and consultant fees expended by the State in pursuit of this action; and

6. Granting such additional relief as the Board deems appropriate and just.

COUNT II

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NATIONAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS

1. - 12. Complainant realleges and incorporates by reference herein paragraphs 1 through 12 of Count I as paragraphs 1 through 12 of Count II.

13. Section 9.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9.1(2002), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

- (b) The provisions of Section 111 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 USC 7411), as amended, relating to standards of performance for new stationary sources,

and Section 112 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 USC 7412), as amended, relating to the establishment of national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants are applicable in this State and are enforceable under this Act.

* * *

(d) No person shall:

- (1) violate any provisions of Sections 111, 112, 165 or 173 of the Clean Air Act, as now or hereafter amended, or the federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto;

14. Subpart M of Part 61, Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") was adopted pursuant to the Section 112 of the Clean Air Act as part of the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants ("NESHAP"). Subpart M contains the National Emission Standard for Asbestos and is enforceable in the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 9.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9.1 (2002).

15. 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 (2002) provides the following pertinent definitions:

Asbestos means the asbestiform varieties of serpentinite (chrysotile), reibeckite (crocidolite), cummingtonitegrunerite, anthophyllite, and actinolite-tremolite.

Asbestos-containing waste materials means mill tailings or any waste that contains commercial asbestos and is generated by a source subject to the provisions of this subpart. This term includes filters from control devices, friable asbestos waste material, and bags or other similar packaging contaminated with commercial asbestos. As applied to demolition and renovation operations, this term also includes regulated asbestos-constraining material waste and materials

Category I nonfriable asbestos containing material (ACM) means asbestos-containing packings, gaskets, resilient floor covering, and asphalt roofing products continuing

more than 1 percent asbestos as determined using the method specified in appendix E, subpart E, 40 CFR 763, section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy.

Category II nonfriable ACM means any material, excluding Category I Nonfriable ACM, containing more than 1 percent asbestos as determined using the methods specified in appendix E, subpart E, 40 CFR part 763, section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy that, when dry, cannot be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

Friable asbestos material means any material containing more than 1 percent asbestos as determined using the method specified in appendix E, subpart E, 40 CFR part 763, section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy, that, when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure

Owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation, or both.

Regulated asbestos containing material (RACM) means (a) Friable asbestos containing material, (b) Category I nonfriable ACM that has become friable, (c) Category I nonfriable ACM that will be or has been subjected to sanding, grinding, cutting, or abrading, or (d) Category II nonfriable ACM that has a high probability of becoming or has become crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by the forces expected to act on the material in the course of demolition or renovation operations regulated by this subpart.

Renovation means altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including stripping or removal of RACM from a facility component. Operations in which load-supporting structural members are wrecked or taken out are demolitions.

16. Respondents engaged in a renovation of the facility as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 (2002).

17. Respondents were operators of a renovation activity as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 (2002).

18. The material disturbed during the renovation contained more than 1 per cent asbestos.

19. The material disturbed in the course of the renovation constituted RACM as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 (2002).

20. The RACM removed during the renovation, as well as materials contaminated with asbestos through contact with RACM, constituted asbestos-containing waste materials ("ACWM") as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 (2002).

21. 40 C.F.R. § 61.145 (2002) provides as follows:

- (a) *Applicability.* To determine which requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section apply to the owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity and prior to the commencement of the demolition or renovation, thoroughly inspect the affected facility or part of the facility where the demolition or renovation operation will occur for the presence of asbestos, including Category I and Category II nonfriable ACM. The requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section apply to each owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity, including the removal of RACM as follows:

* * *

- (4) In a facility being renovated, including any individual nonscheduled renovation operation, all the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section apply if the combined amount of RACM to be stripped, removed, dislodged, cut, drilled, or similarly disturbed is
 - (i) At least 80 linear meters (260 linear feet) on pipes or a least 15 square meters (160 square feet) on other facility components, or
 - (ii) At least 1 cubic meter (35 cubic feet) off facility components where the length or area could not be measure previously.

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- (c) *Procedures for asbestos emission control.* Each owner or operator of a demolition activity to whom this paragraph applies, according to paragraph (a) of this section, shall comply with the following procedures:

* * *

- (3) When RACM is stripped from a facility component while it remains in place in the facility, adequately wet the RACM during the stripping operation.

* * *

- (6) For all RACM, including material that has been removed or stripped:

- (i) Adequately wet the material and ensure that it remains wet until collected and contained or treated in preparation for disposal in accordance with § 61.150; and
- (ii) Carefully lower the material to the ground and floor, not dropping, throwing, sliding, or otherwise damaging or disturbing the material.

* * *

22. The amount of RACM disturbed, dislodged or removed during the renovation exceeded 160 square feet, 260 linear feet or 35 cubic feet.

23. The Respondents failed to ensure that the RACM was wet during its removal, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(3) (2003).

24. The Respondents failed to ensure that the RACM remained wet until collected and contained for disposal, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(6) (2003).

25. Each violation of the provisions of Part 61, Subpart M, of Title 40 of the C.F.R. cited above constitutes a violation of

Section 9.1(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9.1(d) (2002).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully requests that the Board enter an order for Complainant and against Respondents with respect to this Count II:

1. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondents will be required to answer the allegations alleged herein;

2. Finding that Respondents wilfully, knowingly and repeatedly violated Section 9.1(d) of the Act and 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c) (3) & (6) (2002);

3. Ordering Respondents to cease and desist from further violations of Section 9.1(d) of the Act and 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c) (3) & (6) (2002);

4. Assessing against Respondents a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for each violation of the Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with an additional penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each and every day of violation;


5. Ordering Respondents to pay all costs including attorney, expert witness and consultant fees expended by the State in pursuit of this action; and

6. Granting such additional relief as the Board deems appropriate and just.

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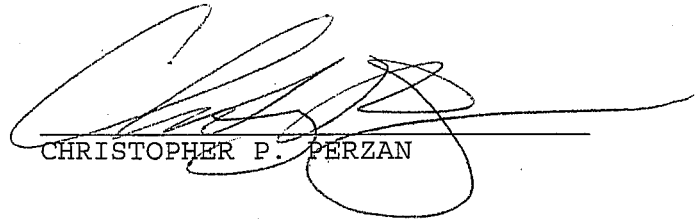

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CHRISTOPHER P. PERZAN, an Assistant Attorney General, certify that on the 29th day of March, 2005 I caused to be served by Registered Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, the foregoing Complaint to the parties named on the attached service list, by depositing same in postage prepaid envelopes with the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601.



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