ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD October 21, 2004

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Complainant,))
v.) PCB 04-164
THE FIELDS OF LONG GROVE HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, an Illinois	(Enforcement - Public Water Supply))
corporation,	
Respondent.)

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

On March 18, 2004, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a complaint against the Fields of Long Grove Home Owner's Association (Fields of Long Grove). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.204. The complaint concerns the Fields of Long Grove's public water supply facility north of Lake Zurich, at Long Grove, in south-central Lake County. The parties now seek to settle. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq. (2002)), 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 (2002); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that the Fields of Long Grove violated Section 15(a) and 18(a) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/15(a) and 18(a) (2002)) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602.101(a) and 602.102 by installing and operating a phosphate feed system and a chlorine chemical solution tank without a permit.

On September 10, 2004, the People and the Fields of Long Grove 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) (2002)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2002)), 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 from hearing. The Board published newspaper notice in the *Lake Zurich Courier/Pioneer Press* on September 16, 2004. 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) (2002); 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. 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

Fields of Long Grove'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) (2002)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations.

The Fields of Long Grove neither admits nor denies the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2002), as amended by P.A. 93-575, (eff. Jan. 1, 2004), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. The Fields of Long Grove agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$3,000, which the parties stipulate is at least as great as the Fields of Long Grove's economic benefit from delayed compliance, if any.

The People and the Fields of Long Grove 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 Fields of Long Grove must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than November 20, 2004, which is the 30th day after the date of this order. The Fields of Long Grove must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, payable to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and the Fields of Long Grove's federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
- 3. The Fields of Long Grove must send the certified check or money order to:

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

- 4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2002)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2002)).
- 5. The Fields of Long Grove must cease and desist from the alleged violations.

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) (2002); 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.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on October 21, 2004, by a vote of 5-0.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk

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