

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
January 7, 1993

PEOPLE OF THE STATE	)	
OF ILLINOIS,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PCB 92-192
	)	(Enforcement)
SK HAND TOOL CORPORATION,	)	
an Illinois corporation,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. C. Marlin):

This matter comes before the Board upon a complaint filed December 2, 1992 on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, by and through its attorney, Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, against SK Hand Tool Corporation located in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that SK Hand Tool Corporation has violated Section 9(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 $\frac{1}{2}$, pars. 1009(a), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 215.301 of the Board's rules and regulations.

Pursuant to Section 31(a)(1) of the Act, a joint Motion requesting relief from the Act's hearing requirement was filed by the parties on December 2, 1992. Notice of the waiver was published by the Board on December 10, 1992; no objection to grant of the waiver was received. Waiver of hearing is granted by the Board via today's opinion and order.

A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was filed by the parties on December 2, 1992. The Stipulation sets forth facts pertaining to the nature, operations, and circumstances surrounding the claimed violations. SK Hand Tool Corporation, neither admits nor denies to the violations. SK Hand Tool Corporation agrees to pay a civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

The Board has authority to impose a penalty where the parties have stipulated to a penalty, but not to a finding of violation. See, Chemetco, Inc. v. Illinois Pollution Control Board, 140 Ill. App.3d 283, 448 N.E.2d 639, 643 (5th Dist. 1986); and Archer Daniels Midland v. Pollution Control Board, 140 Ill. App. 3d 823, 489 N.E.2d 887 (3rd Dist. 1986).

The Board finds the Settlement Agreement acceptable under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.180. This Settlement Agreement in no way affects respondent's responsibility to comply with any federal, state or local regulations, including but not limited to the Act

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and the Board's pollution control regulations.

This opinion constitutes the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law in this matter.

ORDER

- 1) The Board hereby accepts the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement executed by the People of the State of Illinois and SK Hand Tool Corporation, concerning its operations located in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2) SK Hand Tool Corporation, shall pay the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) within 30 days of the date of this Order. Such payment must be made by certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, designated to the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, and must be sent by First Class mail to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Fiscal Services Division
2200 Churchill Road
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

SK Hand Tool Corporation, shall also write its Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number on the certified check or money order.

Any such penalty not paid within the time prescribed shall incur interest at the rate set forth in subsection (a) of Section 1003 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 120, par. 10-1003), as now or hereafter amended, from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. Interest shall not accrue during the pendency of an appeal during which payment of the penalty has been stayed.

- 3) SK Hand Tool Corporation shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

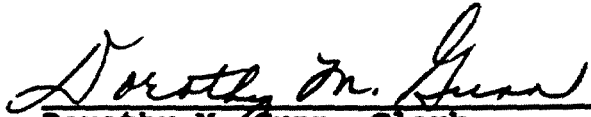
Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, Ch 111 1/2, par. 1041) provides for appeal of final orders of the Board within 35 days. The rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois establish filing requirements. (But see also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.246, Motions for Reconsideration, and Castenada v. Illinois Human Rights Commission (1989), 132 Ill. 2d 304, 547 N.E.2d 437.)

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

J. Theodore Meyer dissented.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above opinion and order was adopted on the 7th day of January, 1993, by a vote of 4-1.


Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board

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