

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
September 26, 1991

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| PEOPLE OF THE STATE           | ) |               |
| OF ILLINOIS,                  | ) |               |
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| Complainant,                  | ) |               |
|                               | ) |               |
| v.                            | ) | PCB 91-60     |
|                               | ) | (Enforcement) |
| THOMAS STEEL CORPORATION, an  | ) |               |
| Illinois Corporation, and     | ) |               |
| BLUE TEE CORPORATION, a Maine | ) |               |
| Corporation,                  | ) |               |
|                               | ) |               |
| Respondent.                   | ) |               |

ROSEMARIE E. CAZEAU APPEARED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPLAINANT.

MICHAEL K. OHM APPEARED ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT, THOMAS STEEL CORPORATION.

TAMI J. DIAMOND APPEARED ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT, BLUE TEE CORPORATION.

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

This matter comes before the Board upon a complaint filed April 3, 1991, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois ("People"), by and through its attorney, Roland W. Burris, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, against Thomas Steel Corporation and Blue Tee Corporation ("Respondents"), located in Lemont, Cook County, Illinois. The complaint alleges that Respondents have violated Section 9(b) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), Ill. Rev. Stat. 1989, ch. 111½, pars. 1001, et. seq., and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.144 of the Board's rules and regulations.

Hearing on this matter was held on July 15, 1991, in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. At hearing, the parties submitted a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, executed by the parties. Respondents neither admit nor deny the alleged violations. Respondents agree to pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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, 488 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 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 Thomas Steel Corporation and Blue Tee Corporation, concerning Respondents' operations located in Lemont, Cook County, Illinois. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2.) Respondents shall pay the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) within 30 days of the date of this Order. Such payment shall 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 shall 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

Respondents shall also write their 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. 1989, ch. 120, par. 10-1003), as now or hereafter amended, from the date of 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.

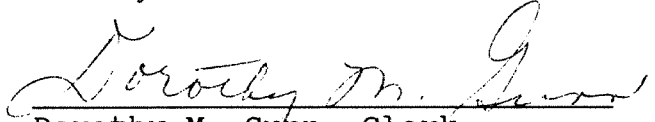
3. Respondents shall cease and desist from the alleged violations.

Section 41 of the Environmental Protection Act, Ill. Rev. Stat. 1987, ch. 111½, 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

J.D. Dumelle and 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1991, by a vote of 5-2.

  
Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board