

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
July 7, 2005

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.) AC 05-75
) (Montgomery County No. 2005-02-AC)
LAWRENCE and TINA DICKENSON,) (Administrative Citation)
)
Respondents.)

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

On May 26, 2005, the County of Montgomery timely filed an administrative citation against Lawrence and Tina Dickenson (respondents). *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency alleged that on May 4, 2005, respondents violated Section 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) and (p)(7) (2004)). The County of Montgomery further alleges that respondents violated these provisions by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in (1) litter; and (2) deposition of general construction or demolition debris or clean construction or demolition debris at the west half of the north half of Block Four and the north 30 feet of the south half of the west half of Block Four of Miller and Young's Second Addition to Nokomis, Montgomery County.

As required, the County of Montgomery served the administrative citation on respondents within "60 days after the date of the observed violation." 415 ILCS 5/31.1(b) (2004); *see also* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(b). To contest an administrative citation, a respondent must file a petition with the Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the respondent fails to do so, the Board must find that the respondent committed the violations alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty. 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.204(b), 108.406. Here, any petition for review was due on June 29, 2005. Each of respondents failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that each of respondents violated Section 21(p) of the Act.

The civil penalty for violating Section 21(p) is \$1,500 for a first offense and \$3,000 for a second or subsequent offense. 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.500(a). Because there are two violations of Section 21(p) and these violations are first offenses, the total civil penalty is \$3,000. Under Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, the Board attaches the administrative citation and makes it part of the order below.

This opinion constitutes the Board's finding of fact and conclusions of law.

ORDER

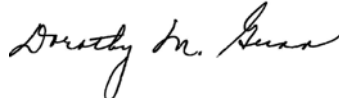
1. The Board finds that respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and (p)(7) of the Act as alleged. Respondents must pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 no later than August 8, 2005, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order.
2. Respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Montgomery County Coordinated Services. The case number, case name, and respondents' social security numbers or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Respondents must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

Christine Daniels, County Coordinator
P.O. Box 122
Hillsboro, Illinois 62049
4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2004)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2004)).
5. Payment of this penalty does not prevent future prosecution if the violations continue.

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) (2004); *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 July 7, 2005, by a vote of 4-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board