

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
October 6, 2005

COUNTY OF PERRY, )  
)  
Complainant, )  
)  
v. ) AC 06-5  
) (County No. PC 05-13)  
DEBBIE MELVIN, ) (Administrative Citation)  
)  
Respondent. )

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

On August 15, 2005, the County of Perry timely filed an administrative citation against Debbie Melvin. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31.1(c) (2004); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 108.202(c). The County of Perry alleged that on August 1, 2005, Debbie Melvin violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2004)). The County of Perry further alleges that Debbie Melvin violated this provision by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner that resulted in litter at 1564 North Division, DuQuoin, Perry County.

As required, the County of Perry served the administrative citation on Debbie Melvin 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 violation 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 September 19, 2005. Debbie Melvin failed to timely file a petition. Accordingly, the Board finds that Debbie Melvin 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 is one violation of Section 21(p) and this violation is a first offense, the total civil penalty is \$1,500. 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 Debbie Melvin violated Sections 21(p)(1) of the Act as alleged. Debbie Melvin must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 no later than November 6, 2005, which is the first business day after the 30th day after the date of this order.

2. Debbie Melvin must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Perry County Treasurer's Office. The case number, case name, and Debbie Melvin's social security number or federal employer identification number must be included on the certified check or money order.
3. Debbie Melvin must send the certified check or money order and the remittance form to:

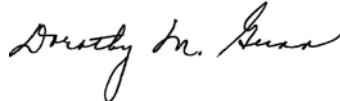
Bill Taylor, Perry County Treasurer  
Perry County Government Building  
P.O. Box 158  
Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274

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 violation continues.

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 October 6, 2005, by a vote of 4-0.



Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board