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Pollution Control Board

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

GEORGE R. STRUNK

(Insert your name(s) on lines above),

Complainant,

v.

WILLIAMSON ENERGY LLC
POND CREEK MINE #1
199859AAF

(Insert names of alleged polluter(s) on lines above),

Respondent.

PCB 07-135
(For use by the Board)

1. Your Name, Address and Phone:

GEORGE R. STRUNK
16172 LIBERTY SCHOOL ROAD
MARION, ILL. 62959

Phone 618-983-8818

2. Place where you can be contacted during normal business hours (if different from above):

Phone 618-983-8818

3. Name and Address of Respondent (Alleged Polluter)

WILLIAMSON ENERGY LLC.

P.O. BOX 99

OR

JOHNSTON CITY, ILL. 62951

LIBERTY SCHOOL ROAD

MARION, ILL. 62959

Phone 618-983-3020
(if known)

4. Describe the type of business or activity which you allege (believe) is causing pollution (for example, manufacturing company, grain elevator, home repair shop)

COAL MINE AND PREP PLANT AND
SHIPPING FACILITY

5. List specific Sections of the Environmental Protection Act and/or Board regulations which you allege (believe) are being violated. (415 ILCS 5/8) FROM CH. 111 1/2 PAR 1008)

TITLE II AIR
SEC. 8 / SEC. 9-a-b / SEC. 9.5 (C) /
TITLE III WATER
SEC. 12 (a)(b)(d) /
TITLE VI NOISE
SEC. 23 / SEC. 24 / (UNKNOWN - LIGHTS -)

6. Describe the type of alleged pollution (for example air, odor, noise, water, drinking water, sewer back-ups) and the location of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as possible in describing the pollution discharge or emission. I: DUST FROM COAL STACK & REFUSE

Pile & HAULAGE ROADS AROUND MINE SITE. SMELL

II WATER CONTAMINATION FROM RUN OFF OF COAL STACK & REFUSE. ODOR

III NOISE IN PLANT OPERATIONS - BELTS AND TRANSFER POINTS - MOBILE EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS (DOZER TRACK AND BACKUP ALARMS) TRUCKS FOR REFUSE & COAL TRANSPORT - TRAIN NOISE & ODOR

IV LIGHTS: AT NIGHT LIGHTS DIRECTED OUT OF MINE SITE AT MY HOME MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SLEEP

7. Describe the duration and frequency of the alleged pollution. Be as specific as possible about when you first noticed the alleged pollution, how frequently it occurs, and whether it is still continuing; include dates and/or times of day if available.

I FIRST NOTICED WHEN MINE CONSTRUCTION STARTED AND IT HAS GOTTEN WORSE SINCE COAL PRODUCTION HAS STARTED. WHEN THE WINDS BLOW (SLIGHTEST BREEZE) IT CARRIES DUST FROM COAL PILE & ~~STACK~~ REFUSE ARE TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF MINE MAKE A LOT OF DUST & NOISE. I BELIEVE RUN OFF IS CAUSING WATER POLLUTION TO CREEKS AND WATER WAYS. THE NOISE IS VERY DISTURBING AT ALL TIMES OF DAY AND NIGHT WHEN MINE IS OPERATING. THE LIGHTS ON EVERY NIGHT ARE DIRECTED 'OUT' AND TOWARD MY HOME, LIGHTING UP THE DARKNESS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO SLEEP OR ENJOY THE NIGHT SKY.

8. Describe any bad effects which you believe the alleged pollution has on human health, plant or animal life, or the environment.

I KNOW THAT THE COAL DUST IS HARMFUL TO HUMAN - ANIMAL & PLANT LIFE. IT ALSO HARMS THE FINISH ON HOMES AND BARNs AND AUTOS. THE NOISE DISTURBS OUR PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE WE ONCE KNEW CAUSING UNREST AND STRESS ON HUMANS & WILDLIFE. THE SMELL OF OLD COAL & REFUELS IS SICKENING AND DIESEL FUMES FROM TRAINS AND EQUIPMENT IS NARROWING THE LIGHTS KEEP ME AWAKE OFTEN AND INVADE MY PRIVACY.

9. Describe the relief you wish the Board to grant (for example, an order that the Respondent stop polluting, perform a specific action, make a specific change in its operation, and/or pay a money penalty; the Board cannot order Respondent to pay you money damages, attorney's fees or any out-of-pocket expenses which you incur by filing this complaint.

I WANT THE BOARD TO ORDER MINING OPERATIONS TO BE STOPPED UNTIL ALL MY COMPLAINTS ARE CORRECTED THEREBY GIVING ME BACK THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT I HAD BEFORE THE MINE STARTED.

10. State whether you know if there is any court or other forum in which you are or anyone else is suing or complaining against this Respondent for the same alleged pollution discharge or emission.

I KNOW OF NO OTHER COMPLAINTS BEING FILED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, I'M SURE THERE WILL BE SOME FROM MY NEIGHBORS NEAR THE MINE IN THE FUTURE.

11. CERTIFICATION (Optional but encouraged)

I GEORGE R. STRUNK having read the above do hereby swear and attest that I have read the foregoing and I have filled out the above form accurately and to the best of my knowledge.

George R. Strunk

Subscribed to and Sworn
before me this _____ day
of _____, 19____.

Melissa A. Tanner
Notary Public

My Commission Expires

9.12.2007

