



BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	PCB No. 06-177
v.	)	(Enforcement - Land)
	)	
SHERIDAN SAND & GRAVEL CO.,	)	
an Illinois corporation,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT

NOW COMES Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2006), moves that the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") grant the parties in the above-captioned matter relief from the hearing requirement imposed by Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2006). In support of this motion, Complainant states as follows:

1. The Complaint in this matter alleges violations of Sections 55(d)(1), 55(e), 55(g), 55.6(b), and 21(k) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(d)(1), 55(e), 55(g), 55.6(b), and 21(k) (2006).

2. Complainant is filing this Motion and a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement with the Board.

3. The parties have reached agreement on all outstanding issues in this matter.

4. This agreement is presented to the Board in a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement filed this same date.

5. All parties agree that a hearing on the Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement is not necessary, and respectfully request relief from such a hearing as allowed by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2006).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, hereby requests that the Board grant this motion for relief from the hearing requirement set forth in Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2006).

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

LISA MADIGAN  
Attorney General  
State of Illinois

BY: 

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Environmental Bureau  
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DATE: January 22, 2008.

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ex rel. LISA MADIGAN,	)	
Attorney General of the State	)	
of Illinois,	)	
	)	
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STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by LISA MADIGAN, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), and SHERIDAN SAND & GRAVEL CO., an Illinois corporation ("Respondent"), have agreed to the making of this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement ("Stipulation") and submit it to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") for approval. The parties agree that the statement of facts contained herein represents a fair summary of the evidence and testimony which would be introduced by the parties if a hearing were held. The parties further stipulate that this statement of facts is made and agreed upon for purposes of settlement only and that neither the fact that a party has entered into this Stipulation, nor any of the facts stipulated herein, shall be introduced into evidence in any other proceeding regarding the claims asserted in the Complaint

except as otherwise provided herein. If the Board approves and enters this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to be bound by the Stipulation and Board Order and not to contest their validity in any subsequent proceeding to implement or enforce their terms.

### **I. JURISDICTION**

The Board has jurisdiction of the subject matter herein and of the parties consenting hereto pursuant to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.* (2006).

### **II. AUTHORIZATION**

The undersigned representatives for each party certify that they are fully authorized by the party whom they represent to enter into the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and to legally bind them to it.

### **III. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

#### **A. Parties**

1. On May 22, 2006, a Complaint was filed on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois by Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on her own motion and upon the request

of the Illinois EPA, pursuant to Section 31 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31 (2006), against the Respondent.

2. The Illinois EPA is an administrative agency of the State of Illinois, created pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2006).

3. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent was and is an Illinois corporation, duly authorized to transact business in Illinois.

**B. Site Description**

At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent owned and operated a sand and gravel mine located at 2679 North 4201 Road, Sheridan, LaSalle County, Illinois ("Site"). The Site consists of approximately 291.56 acres

**C. Allegations of Non-Compliance**

Complainant contends that the Respondent has violated the following provisions of the Act and Board regulations:

Count I: Failure to register as tire storage site, in violation of Section 55(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(d)(1) (2006);

Count II: Improper storage of used or waste tires, in violation of Section 55(e) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(e) (2006), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 848.202(b)(4) and (5);

- Count III: Failure to comply with tire storage notification and recordkeeping requirements, in violation of Section 55(e) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(e) (2006), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 848.304(a) and (c) and 848.305;
- Count IV: Failure to pay registration fee, in violation of Sections 55.6(b), 55(d)(1) and 21(k) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55.6(b), 5/55(d)(1) and 5/21(k) (2006); and
- Count V: Failure to comply with tire transporter requirements, in violation of Section 55(g) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/55(g) (2006), and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 848.601(a)(1) and (2).

**D. Admission of Violations**

The Respondent represents that it has entered into this Stipulation for the purpose of settling and compromising disputed claims without having to incur the expense of contested litigation. By entering into this Stipulation and complying with its terms, the Respondent does not affirmatively admit the allegations of violations within the Complaint and referenced within Section III.C herein, and this Stipulation shall not be interpreted as including such admission.

**IV. APPLICABILITY**

This Stipulation shall apply to and be binding upon the Complainant and the Respondent, and any officer, director, agent, or employee of the Respondent, as well as any successors or

assigns of the Respondent. The Respondent shall not raise as a defense to any enforcement action taken pursuant to this Stipulation the failure of any of its officers, directors, agents, employees or successors or assigns to take such action as shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Stipulation.

No change in ownership, corporate status or operator of the Site shall in any way alter the responsibilities of the Respondent under this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement. In the event of any conveyance of title, easement or other interest in the Site, the Respondent shall continue to be bound by and remain liable for performance of all obligations under this Stipulation.

**V. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

This Stipulation in no way affects the responsibilities of the Respondent to comply with any other federal, state or local laws or regulations including, but not limited to, the Act and the Board regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitles A through H.

**VI. IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC RESULTING FROM ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE**

Section 33(c) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2006), provides as follows:



In making its orders and determinations, the Board shall take into consideration all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges, or deposits involved including, but not limited to:

1. the character and degree of injury to, or interference with the protection of the health, general welfare and physical property of the people;
2. the social and economic value of the pollution source;
3. the suitability or unsuitability of the pollution source to the area in which it is located, including the question of priority of location in the area involved;
4. the technical practicability and economic reasonableness of reducing or eliminating the emissions, discharges or deposits resulting from such pollution source; and
5. any subsequent compliance.

In response to these factors, the parties state the following:

1. The alleged violations potentially threatened human health and the environment by allowing conditions to exist that could attract and support mosquito larvae.
2. The Site has a social and economic benefit.
3. The Site is suitable for the area in which it is located.

4. It is both technically practicable and economically reasonable to properly store used tires in compliance with the Act and Board regulations.

5. Respondent has subsequently complied with the Act and the Board Regulations.

#### **VII. CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 42(h) FACTORS**

Section 42(h) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2006), provides as follows:

In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be imposed under . . . this Section, the Board is authorized to consider any matters of record in mitigation or aggravation of penalty, including but not limited to the following factors:

1. the duration and gravity of the violation;
2. the presence or absence of due diligence on the part of the respondent in attempting to comply with requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to secure relief therefrom as provided by this Act;
3. any economic benefits accrued by the respondent because of delay in compliance with requirements, in which case the economic benefits shall be determined by the lowest cost alternative for achieving compliance;
4. the amount of monetary penalty which will serve to deter further violations by the respondent and to otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this Act by the respondent and other persons similarly subject to the Act;
5. the number, proximity in time, and gravity of previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the respondent;

6. whether the respondent voluntarily self-disclosed, in accordance with subsection i of this Section, the non-compliance to the Agency; and
7. whether the respondent has agreed to undertake a "supplemental environmental project," which means an environmentally beneficial project that a respondent agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action brought under this Act, but which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform.

In response to these factors, the parties state as follows:

1. Complainant has alleged that the violations continued from at least April 19, 2005 until approximately June 6, 2005.
2. Respondent was diligent in removing the accumulation of used tires once the Illinois EPA notified it of its noncompliance.
3. No economic benefit was obtained from Respondent's non-compliance.
4. Complainant has determined, based upon the specific facts of this matter, that a penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will serve to deter further violations and aid in future voluntary compliance with the Act and Board regulations.
5. To Complainant's knowledge, Respondent has no previously adjudicated violations of the Act.
6. Respondent did not self-disclose the violations alleged in the Complaint to the Illinois EPA.

7. The settlement of this matter does not include a supplemental environmental project.

VIII. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

A. Penalty Payment

1. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) within thirty (30) days from the date the Board adopts and accepts this Stipulation. The penalty described in this Stipulation shall be paid by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois EPA, designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and submitted to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Fiscal Services Section  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

The name and number of the case and Respondent's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) shall appear on the check. A copy of the certified check or money order shall be sent to:

VANESSA VAIL  
Assistant Attorney General  
Environmental Bureau  
69 W. Washington Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

PAUL JAGIELLO  
Assistant Counsel  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
9511 West Harrison Street  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

2. Pursuant to Section 42(g) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2006), interest shall accrue on any payment not paid within the time period prescribed above at the maximum rate allowable under Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act, 35 ILCS 5/1003 (2004). Interest on any unpaid payment shall begin to accrue from the date the payment is due and continue to accrue until the date payment is received. When partial payment(s) are made, such partial payment shall be first applied to any interest on unpaid payment then due and owing. All interest on payment owed shall be paid by certified check or money order, payable to the Illinois EPA, designated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and delivered to the address and in the manner described above.

3. For purposes of payment and collection, Respondent may be reached at the following address:

Branko Vardijan  
President  
Ravenswood Disposal Services, Inc.  
221 North Washtenaw  
Chicago, Illinois 60612

*With copy to:*  
Kenneth Anspach, Esq.  
8 South Michigan Avenue  
Suite 3400  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

4. In the event of default of this Section VIII.A, the Complainant shall be entitled to all available relief including, but not limited to, reasonable costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees.

**B. Cease and Desist**

The Respondent shall cease and desist from future violations of the Act that were the subject matter of the Complaint as outlined in Section III.C ("Allegations of Non-Compliance") of this Stipulation.

**C. Release from Liability**

In consideration of the Respondent's payment of the \$10,000.00 penalty and any specified costs and accrued interest, its commitment to Cease and Desist as contained in Section VIII.B and upon the Board's acceptance and approval of the terms of this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, the Complainant releases, waives and discharges the Respondent from any further liability or penalties for violations of the Act that were the subject matter of the Complaint herein. The release set forth above does not extend to any matters other than those expressly specified in Complainant's Complaint filed on May 22, 2006. The Complainant reserves, and this Stipulation is without prejudice

to, all rights of the State of Illinois against the Respondent with respect to all other matters, including but not limited to, the following:

- a. criminal liability;
- b. liability for future violation of state, federal, local, and common laws and/or regulations;
- c. liability for natural resources damage arising out of the alleged violations; and
- d. liability or claims based on the Respondent's failure to satisfy the requirements of this Stipulation.

Nothing in this Stipulation is intended as a waiver, discharge, release, or covenant not to sue for any claim or cause of action, administrative or judicial, civil or criminal, past or future, in law or in equity, which the State of Illinois or the Illinois EPA may have against any person, as defined by Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315, or entity other than the Respondent.

**D. Right of Entry**

In addition to any other authority, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, her agents and representatives, shall have the right of entry into and upon the Respondent's Site which is the subject of this

Stipulation, at all reasonable times for the purposes of carrying out inspections. In conducting such inspections, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, her employees and representatives may take photographs, samples, and collect information, as they deem necessary.

**E. Enforcement of Board Order**

1. Upon the entry of the Board's Order approving and accepting this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, that Order is a binding and enforceable order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board and may be enforced as such through any and all available means.

2. Respondent agrees that notice of any subsequent proceeding to enforce the Board Order approving and accepting this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement may be made by mail and waives any requirement of service of process.

3. The parties agree that, if the Board does not approve and accept this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, then neither party is bound by the terms herein.

4. It is the intent of the Complainant and Respondent that the provisions of this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement and any Board Order accepting and approving such shall be severable, and should any provision be declared by a court of



competent jurisdiction to be inconsistent with state or federal law, and therefore unenforceable, the remaining clauses shall remain in full force and effect.

**F. Execution of Document**

This Stipulation shall become effective only when executed by all parties and the Board. This Stipulation may be executed by the parties in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

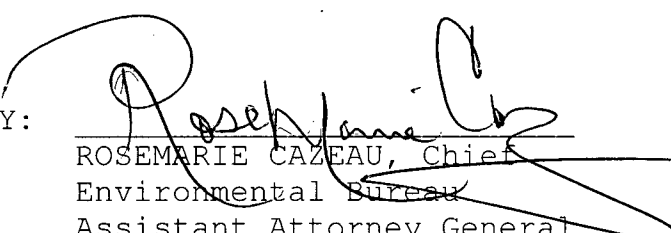
WHEREFORE, Complainant and Respondent request that the Board adopt and accept the foregoing Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement as written.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

LISA MADIGAN  
Attorney General  
State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief  
Environmental Enforcement/  
Asbestos Litigation Division

BY:

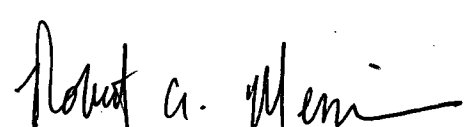
  
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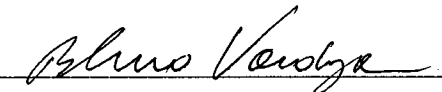
  
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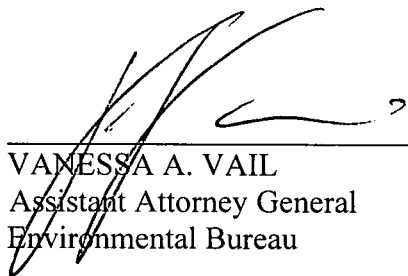
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Name: BRANKO VRDJIC

Title: President

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, VANESSA A. VAIL, an Assistant Attorney General, do certify that I caused to be mailed this 22nd day of January 2008, true and correct copies of the Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, Motion to Request Relief from Hearing Requirement and Notice of Filing by certified mail with return receipt requested to the person listed on the said Notice of Filing, and depositing same with the United States Postal Service located at 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602.



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VANESSA A. VAIL  
Assistant Attorney General  
Environmental Bureau