

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
July 12, 2012

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
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v.	)	PCB 12-93
	)	(Enforcement - Water)
KIMBLE SEPTIC, INC., an Illinois	)	
corporation, and CLEVELAND KIMBLE, an	)	
individual,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by C.K. Zalewski):

On December 6, 2011, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a four-count complaint against Kimble Septic, Inc. and Cleveland Kimble (respondents). The complaint concerns the respondents' septic tank cleaning and repair service business located at 636 Patterson Road in Joliet, Will County. The parties now seek to settle without a hearing. For the reasons below, the Board accepts the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement.

Under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5 (2010)), the Attorney General and the State's Attorneys may bring actions before the Board on behalf of the People to enforce Illinois' environmental requirements. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31 (2010); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that the respondents violated Sections 12(a), 12(d), and 12(f) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a), 12(d), 12(f) (2010)) and Sections 302.203 and 309.102(a) of the Board's water pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203, 309.102(a)). According to the complaint, the respondents violated these provisions by: (1) causing, threatening, and allowing the discharge of septic wastewater from the respondents' site so as to cause water pollution; (2) discharging septic wastewater with a sewer odor into waters of the State; (3) depositing contaminants on the land so as to cause a water pollution hazard; and (4) failing to submit a permit application for coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and to obtain an NPDES permit for point source discharges at the respondents' site.

On May 16, 2012, the People and the respondents filed a stipulation and proposed settlement, accompanied by a request for relief from the hearing requirement of Section 31(c)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2010)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2010)), which requires that the public have an opportunity to request a hearing whenever the State and a respondent propose settling an enforcement action without a public hearing. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(a). The Board provided notice of the stipulation, proposed settlement, and request for relief. The newspaper notice was published in the *Joliet Herald-News* on June 15, 2012. The Board did not receive any requests for hearing. The Board

grants the parties' request for relief from the hearing requirement. *See* 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2010); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.300(b).

Section 103.302 of the Board's procedural rules sets forth the required contents of stipulations and proposed settlements. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103.302. These requirements include stipulating to facts on the nature, extent, and causes of the alleged violations and the nature of the respondents' operations. Section 103.302 also requires that the parties stipulate to facts called for by Section 33(c) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2010)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. The respondents admit the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2010)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. The respondents agree to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000. The parties have satisfied Section 103.302. The Board accepts the stipulation and proposed settlement.

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

### **ORDER**

1. The Board accepts and incorporates by reference the stipulation and proposed settlement.
2. Respondents Kimble Septic, Inc. and Cleveland Kimble must pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 no later than August 13, 2012, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. The respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name, case number, and Kimble Septic's federal tax identification number must appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
3. The respondents must submit payment of the civil penalty to:

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

The respondents must send a copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter to:

Nancy J. Tikalsky  
Assistant Attorney General  
Environmental Bureau  
Illinois Attorney General's Office  
69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1800  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

4. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2010)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2010)).
5. The respondents must cease and desist from future violations of the Environmental Protection Act and Board regulations that were the subject of the complaint.

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) (2010); *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, John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on July 12, 2012, by a vote of 5-0.



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John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board