

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
May 7, 2015

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL )  
PROTECTION AGENCY, )  
 )  
Complainant, )  
 )  
v. ) AC 13-42  
 ) (IEPA No.86-13-AC)  
JAMES and PAM GREEN, ) (Administrative Citation)  
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Respondents. )

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.A. Burke):

For the reasons below, the Board accepts the proposed settlement and dismissal of this administrative citation enforcement action. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) timely filed an administrative citation on May 9, 2013 against James and Pam Green (Respondents). The Agency alleged that on March 20, 2013, the respondents violated Sections 21(p)(1) and 55(k)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1), 55(k)(1) (2012)) by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter and causing or allowing water to accumulate in used or waste tires. The violation allegedly took place at the respondents' property located at 23280 Penrose Road in Coleta, Whiteside County. The property is commonly known to the Agency as the "Coleta (Genesee Twsp)/James Green" site and is designated with Site Code No. 1958070001.

Respondents timely filed a petition to contest the administrative citation. The Board accepted the respondents' second amended petition on September 19, 2013. On April 23, 2015, the parties filed a "stipulation of settlement and dismissal of respondents' petition for administrative review." Under its terms, the respondents admit that they violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2012)) by open dumping resulting in litter, and agree to pay the statutory civil penalty of \$1,500 for this violation. Stipulation at 2. Respondents will pay the civil penalty in \$200 installments, beginning 30 days from the date of this order and continuing monthly until paid in full. *Id.* Respondents also agree to the dismissal of their petition contesting the administrative citation. *Id.* at 3. The stipulation further states that the violations observed during the March 20, 2013 inspection are not continuing at this time. *Id.* at 2. In addition, the Agency agrees not to refer the violations that are the subject of the administrative citation to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General or any other prosecuting authority to initiate a civil enforcement action. *Id.* at 3.

The Board accepts the stipulation and proposal for settlement. Under Section 31.1(d) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31.1(d) (2012)), the Board therefore finds that the respondents violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2012)). Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2012)) establishes a civil penalty of \$1,500 for this violation. The Board accordingly assesses a civil penalty of \$1,500. To effectuate the parties' intent that the

respondents pay a total civil penalty of \$1,500, the Board dismisses the alleged violation of Section 55(k)(1) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/55(k)(1) (2012)).

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. The Board finds that James and Pam Green (Respondents) violated Section 21(p)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2012)).
3. Respondents must pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 in \$200 installments beginning no later than June 8, 2015, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order, and continuing monthly until paid in full. Respondents must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order, made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case number, case name, and the respondents' social security numbers or federal employer identification numbers must be included on the certified check or money order.
4. Respondents must send the certified check or money order to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Fiscal Services Division  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
5. Penalties unpaid within the time prescribed will accrue interest under Section 42(g) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/42(g) (2012)) at the rate set forth in Section 1003(a) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/1003(a) (2012)).
6. The Board dismisses the alleged violation of Section 55(k)(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/55(k)(1) (2012)) and the respondents' petition to contest the administrative citation.

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) (2012); *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, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above opinion and order on May 7, 2015, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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John T. Therriault, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

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JURISDICTION

This Administrative Citation is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by Section 31.1 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2010).

FACTS

1. That James & Pam Green are the current owners ("Respondents") of a facility located at 23280 Penrose Road, Coleta, Whiteside County, Illinois. The property is commonly known to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as Coleta (Genesee Twsp)/James Green.
2. That said facility is an open dump operating without an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Operating Permit and is designated with Site Code No. 1958070001.
3. That Respondents have owned said facility at all times pertinent hereto.
4. That on March 20, 2013, Shaun Newell of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's ("Illinois EPA") Rockford Regional Office inspected the above-described facility. A copy of the inspection report setting forth the results of said inspection is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5. That on 5-3-13, Illinois EPA sent this Administrative Citation via Certified Mail No. 7012 0470 0001 2998 5485.

#### VIOLATIONS

Based upon direct observations made by Shaun Newell during the course of the March 20, 2013 inspection of the above-named facility, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Respondents have violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (hereinafter, the "Act") as follows:

- (1) That Respondents caused or allowed the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, a violation of Section 21(p)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(1) (2010).
  
- (2) That Respondents caused or allowed water to accumulate in used or waste tires, a violation of Section 55(k)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 55(k)(1) (2010).

#### CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 42(b)(4-5) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(b)(4-5) (2010), Respondents are subject to a civil penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for each of the violations identified above, for a total of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). If Respondents elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board, the statutory civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than June 3, 2013, unless otherwise provided by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation by petitioning the Illinois Pollution Control Board in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1 (2010), and if the Illinois Pollution Control Board issues a finding of violation as alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondents shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental

Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Those hearing costs shall be assessed in addition to the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) statutory civil penalty for each violation.

Pursuant to Section 31.1(d)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31.1(d)(1) (2010), if Respondents fail to petition or elect not to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service, the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall adopt a final order, which shall include this Administrative Citation and findings of violation as alleged herein, and shall impose the statutory civil penalty specified above.

When payment is made, Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Trust Fund and mailed to the attention of Fiscal Services, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Along with payment, Respondents shall complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form to ensure proper documentation of payment.

If any civil penalty and/or hearing costs are not paid within the time prescribed by order of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, interest on said penalty and/or hearing costs shall be assessed against the Respondents from the date payment is due up to and including the date that payment is received. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General may be requested to initiate proceedings against Respondents in Circuit Court to collect said penalty and/or hearing costs, plus any interest accrued.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS  
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Respondents have the right to contest this Administrative Citation pursuant to and in accordance with Section 31.1 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31/1 (2010). If Respondents elect to contest this Administrative Citation, then Respondents shall file a signed Petition for Review, including a Notice of Filing, Certificate of Service, and Notice of Appearance, with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. A copy of said Petition for Review shall be filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Legal Counsel at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Section 31.1 of the Act provides that any Petition for Review shall be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation or the Illinois Pollution Control Board shall enter a default judgment against the Respondents.

  
Lisa Bonnett, Director  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Date: 5/1/13

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SITE CODE NO.: 1958070001  
COUNTY: Whiteside  
CIVIL PENALTY: \$3,000.00  
DATE OF INSPECTION: March 20, 2013

DATE REMITTED:

SS/FEIN NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, your Social Security number (SS) if an individual or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a corporation, and sign this Remittance Form. Be sure your check is enclosed and mail, along with Remittance Form, to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Attn.: Fiscal Services, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.