

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
December 18, 2014

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PCB 15-78
	)	(Enforcement - Water)
SUN AG, INC., an Illinois Corporation.	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by D. Glosser):

On October 23, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General, on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois (People), filed a three-count complaint against Sun Ag, Inc. (Sun Ag). The complaint concerns the overturning of an agricultural pesticide truck owned by Sun Ag and operated by one of its employees near 2301 Sheridan Road, Pekin, Tazewell County. Sun Ag operates an agricultural chemical retail operation located at 24480 Allentown Road, Tremont, Tazewell 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 (2012)), 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 (2012); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 103. In this case, the People allege that Sun Ag violated Sections 12(a) and (d) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/12(a) and (d)(2012)); as well as Sections 302.203 and 302.210 of the Board's Water Pollution Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 302.203 and 302.210). The complaint alleges that Sun Ag violated these provisions by causing or allowing water pollution resulting in a water pollution hazard and offensive conditions.

On October 23, 2014, simultaneously with the People's complaint, the People and Sun Ag 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) (2012)). This filing is authorized by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2012)), 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 *Pekin Daily Times* on November 14, 2014. 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) (2012); 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 Sun Ag's 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) (2012)), which bears on the reasonableness of the circumstances surrounding the alleged violations. Sun neither admits nor denies the alleged violations. The stipulation also addresses the factors of Section 42(h) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2012)), which may mitigate or aggravate the civil penalty amount. Sun Ag agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$6,000. The People and Sun Ag 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. Sun Ag, Inc. (Sun Ag) must pay a civil penalty of \$6,000 no later than January 20, 2015, which is the first business day following the 30th day after the date of this order. Sun Ag must pay the civil penalty by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for deposit into the the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. The case name, case number, and Sun Ag's federal employer identification number or federal tax identification number must appear the face of the certified check or money order.

3. Sun Ag 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

Sun Ag must send a copy of the certified check or money order, and any transmittal letter to:

Amanda Kimmel  
Environmental Bureau  
Illinois Attorney General's Office  
500 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

4. 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)).

5. Sun Ag 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) (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 order on December 18, 2014, by a vote of 4-0.



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John T. Therriault, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board