

Printing Business Settles State Enforcement Action Alleging Air Emission Violations

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The Illinois Pollution Control Board recently accepted the parties' stipulation and proposed settlement in *People v. Avante, LLC, Case No. PCB 10-77*, which concerned the defendant's lithographic printing business formerly located at 865 North Ellsworth Avenue in Villa Park, DuPage County, Illinois and subsequently located at 1228 West Capital Drive in Addison, DuPage County, Illinois.

The State alleged that the defendant violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act by constructing and operating printing presses, which were emissions sources, without first obtaining the requisite permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA"); by failing to submit the required certification to the IEPA, keep required records, and pay construction permit fees; by failing to submit Annual Emissions Reports (AERs) for 1992 through 2005 and for 2008 and to timely submit an AER for 2006; and by operating emissions sources without submitting an operating program to control fugitive particulate matter emissions.

Under the settlement, the defendant does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations, but it agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$10,000, \$800 of which represents avoided permit fees.

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