

## \$5,000 Settlement of State Enforcement Action Alleging Water Pollution

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On February 18, 2010, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted the settlement in *People v. Mathews, IPCB No. 07-133*, which concerned defendant's property bordering a small unnamed stream that leads to Wonder Lake, located at the intersection of Westmoor Drive and East Oakwood Drive in Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois.

The State alleged that the defendant violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act by (1) causing, allowing or threatening to cause water pollution, and (2) depositing large piles of fill material on his property in such place and manner so as to create a water pollution hazard.

Under the terms of the settlement, the defendant does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations, but the defendant agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.

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