

Village Settles State Enforcement Action Alleging Water Pollution Violations for \$10,000

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On January 7, 2010, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted the parties' settlement in *People v. Village of Rockton, PCB No. 09-104*. The case concerned the Village of Rockton's River Street lift station located along the Rock River, which is part of the operations of the Village's waste water treatment plant ("WWTP"). The WWTP is located at 718 West Union Street in Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois.

The State alleged that the Village caused, threatened, or allowed the discharge of untreated sewage into the Rock River, thereby causing, threatening, or allowing water pollution; failing to provide a reliable alarm system at the lift station; and allowing a sanitary sewer overflow.

As part of the settlement, the Village does not affirmatively admit the alleged violations, but it has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$10,000.

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