

Waste Management Settles State Enforcement Action Alleging Water Pollution Violations

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On December 17, 2009, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted the settlement of a State enforcement action in the case of *People v. Waste Management of Illinois, Inc., No. PCB 10-29*. The case concerns a site located in Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois.

The State's complaint alleged that Waste Management (1) discharged material containing solids and liquids of obvious color from a garbage truck into a storm sewer inlet, which caused, allowed or threatened a water pollution hazard, offensive discharges into waters of the State, (2) discharged contaminants so as to cause water pollution, and (3) discharged contaminants into waters of the State from a point source without coverage under an National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

As part of the settlement, Waste Management admits the alleged violations and agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$9,500.00.

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