IL Pollution Control Board Penalizes Company for Open Dumping

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On January 21, 2010, the Illinois Pollution Control Board found that Info Corner Materials, Inc. ("ICM") violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and ordered ICM to pay \$3,000 in civil penalties.

The penalty resulted from an administrative citation that was filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency concerning ICM's disposal facility located on Bachmann Drive, just north of the junction of North Dirksen Parkway and Peoria Road, in Springfield Township, Sangamon County, Illinois. Illinois EPA alleged that ICM violated the Illinois Environmental Protection Act by causing or allowing the open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter. Illinois EPA also alleged that this was ICM's second open dumping violation.

To contest an administrative citation, a defendant must file a petition with the Pollution Control Board no later than 35 days after being served with the administrative citation. If the defendant fails to do so, the Pollution Control Board must find that the defendant committed the violations alleged and impose the corresponding civil penalty.

Because ICM failed to file a petition with the Pollution Control Board, the Board found that ICM committed the alleged violations and imposed the \$3,000 penalty for a second violation.

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