

Plastic Bag Manufacturer Settles State Enforcement Action Alleging Air Pollution Violations

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The Illinois Pollution Control Board recently accepted the settlement of a State enforcement action in the case of *People v. Golden Bag Co., PCB No. 06-144*. The case concerned a plastic bag manufacturing facility located at 290 Illinois Street, Dundee, Kane County, Illinois.

The State alleged that the Defendant (1) caused, threatened, or allowed the discharge or emission of a contaminant into the environment through the production of scented bags resulting in the uncontrolled emission of volatile organic materials; (2) failed to obtain the requisite construction permits for the emission sources which it constructed at the facility; (3) failed to obtain an operating permit for its new emissions sources and air pollution control equipment; (4) operated a major source without a Clean Air Act Permit Program permit; (5) failed to comply with the new source review regulations as a result of its location in a severe ozone nonattainment area; (6) failed to submit complete and accurate annual emissions reports; (7) failed to demonstrate compliance with regulations governing flexographic printing operations; and (8) failed to comply recordkeeping and reporting requirements for flexographic printing operations.

As part of the settlement, the Defendant neither admitted nor denied the alleged violations. Also, the Defendant agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$20,000.

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