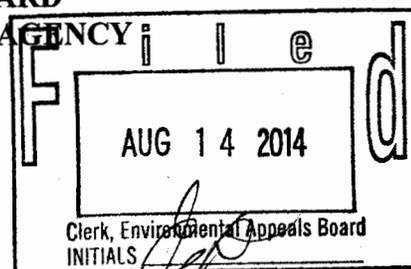


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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ENVIR. APPEALS BOARD WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re: )  
James Ikegwu and Martha Ikegwu )  
6409 Maple Ave. )  
Baltimore )  
Docket No. TSCA-03-2011-0217 )

TSCA Appeal No. 14-01

ORDER VACATING ORDER ELECTING SUA SPONTE REVIEW

On May 25, 2014, the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) issued an order electing to exercise *sua sponte* review in the above-captioned matter. The Order noted concerns the Regional Hearing Clerk raised about service of the Initial Decision and Default Order (“Default Order”) the Regional Judicial Officer (“RJO”) for U.S. EPA Region 3 (“Region”) issued against James and Martha Ikegwu (“Respondents”) for alleged violations of section 409 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). Order Electing to Exercise Sua Sponte Review (May 25, 2014). As a result, the Board gave the Regional Hearing Clerk an opportunity to re-serve the Default Order on Respondents.

On July 2, 2014, the Region filed a status report noting the Regional Hearing Clerk’s efforts to re-serve the Default Order. Complainant’s Status Report Regarding Service of Default Order (July 2, 2014). The Regional Hearing Clerk utilized the United Parcel Service (UPS) to effectuate service. According to the status report, UPS attempted delivery of the Default Order at four of the addresses associated with Respondents, including their last known residence. *Id.* at 3.

The Board has examined the Default Order and other documents in the record of this case

and has decided to vacate its order electing to exercise *sua sponte* review. Accordingly, and pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.27(c), the Default Order will become a final order 45 days after service of this order.

So ordered.<sup>1</sup>

Dated: August 14, 2014

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: Kathie A. Stein

Kathie A. Stein

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<sup>1</sup> The three-member panel deciding this matter is comprised of Environmental Appeals Judges Randolph L. Hill, Catherine R. McCabe, and Kathie A. Stein. See 40 C.F.R. § 1.25(e)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Vacating Order Electing to Exercise Sua Sponte Review, in the matter of James Ikegwu and Martha Ikegwu, TSCA Appeal No. 14-01, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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