



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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August 27, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Richard A. Verkler
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Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 S. Ashland Ave.
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Re: Consent Agreement and Final Order
Illinois Central Railroad Company
Docket No: **RCRA-05-2020-0013**

Dear Mr. Verkler:

Attached please find a copy of the signed, fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in resolution of the above case. The original was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on August 27, 2020.

Please pay the civil penalty in the amount of \$110,000 in the manner prescribed in paragraphs 56 through 61 of the CAFO, and in the comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer state the case title and the docket number RCRA-05-2020-0013. Your payment is due within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the CAFO. Also, attached is a *Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrant's Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings*. Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Spiros Bourgikos, of my staff, at 312-886-6862.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL
CUNNINGHAM

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Michael Cunningham, Chief
RCRA Compliance Section 1

Attachments

cc: Todd Marvel, Illinois EPA, (todd.marvel@illinois.gov) (w/attachments)
James Jennings, Illinois EPA (James.m.jennings@illinois.gov) (w/attachments)
Todd Hall, Illinois EPA (todd.hall@illinois.gov) (w/attachments)

NOTICE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REGISTRANTS' DUTY TO DISCLOSE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Securities and Exchange Commission regulations require companies registered with the SEC (e.g., publicly traded companies) to disclose, on at least a quarterly basis, the existence of certain administrative or judicial proceedings taken against them arising under Federal, State or local provisions that have the primary purpose of protecting the environment. Instruction 5 to Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.103) requires disclosure of these environmental legal proceedings. For those SEC registrants that use the SEC's "small business issuer" reporting system, Instructions 1-4 to Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-B (17 CFR 228.103) requires disclosure of these environmental legal proceedings.

If you are an SEC registrant, you have a duty to disclose the existence of pending or known to be contemplated environmental legal proceedings that meet any of the following criteria (17 CFR 229.103(5)(A)-(C)):

- A. Such proceeding is material to the business or financial condition of the registrant;
- B. Such proceeding involves primarily a claim for damages, or involves potential monetary sanctions, capital expenditures, deferred charges or charges to income and the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds 10 percent of the current assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; or
- C. A governmental authority is a party to such proceeding and such proceeding involves potential monetary sanctions, unless the registrant reasonably believes that such proceeding will result in no monetary sanctions, or in monetary sanctions, exclusive of interest and costs, of less than \$100,000; provided, however, that such proceedings which are similar in nature may be grouped and described generically.

Specific information regarding the environmental legal proceedings that must be disclosed is set forth in Item 103 of Regulation S-K or, for registrants using the "small business issuer" reporting system, Item 103(a)-(b) of Regulation S-B. If disclosure is required, it must briefly describe the proceeding, "including the name of the court or agency in which the proceedings are pending, the date instituted, the principal parties thereto, a description of the factual basis alleged to underlie the proceedings and the relief sought."

You have been identified as a party to an environmental legal proceeding to which the United States government is, or was, a party. If you are an SEC registrant, this environmental legal proceeding may trigger, or may already have triggered, the disclosure obligation under the SEC regulations described above.

This notice is being provided to inform you of SEC registrants' duty to disclose any relevant environmental legal proceedings to the SEC. This notice does not create, modify or interpret any existing legal obligations, it is not intended to be an exhaustive description of the legally applicable requirements and it is not a substitute for regulations published in the Code of Federal Regulations. This notice has been issued to you for information purposes only. No determination of the applicability of this reporting requirement to your company has been made by any governmental entity. You should seek competent counsel in determining the applicability of these and other SEC requirements to the environmental legal proceeding at issue, as well as any other proceedings known to be contemplated by governmental authorities.

If you have any questions about the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, please contact the SEC Office of the Special Senior Counsel for Disclosure Operations at (202) 942-1888.