

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
MADISON COUNTY

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HOLIDAY SHORES SANITARY DISTRICT,)
et al.)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, INC., AND)
GROWMARK, INC.,)
)
Defendants.)

Cause No. 2004-L-710

**OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' SUBPOENAS
BY BRIMFIELD AGRI SERVICES, INC.**

Brimfield Agri Services, Inc. (the "Company") has reviewed the requests in the subpoenas served upon its President in this case and objects as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

A. In general, the timing on the deposition and production of documents is unreasonable. This subpoena was recently served. The deposition is set for early August and the production is due at the same time. The Company and its employees are in their busiest season. In some instances, planting and spraying may still be on going.

B. Additionally, this subpoena, while asking for company records, was not served on the Company itself, but was instead served on the Company's President. The records, to the extent they exist, belong to the Company and not the individual employees.

C. The checks sent with the subpoenas are not sufficient to cover the cost of copying the documents requested by plaintiffs. Plaintiffs must bear the cost of copying the records.

D. The requests may call for documents or information protected by the Attorney-Client Privilege, Work Product Doctrine, or Joint Defense Privilege.

E. The ten year time period for records requested by the subpoena is unreasonable, overbroad and unduly burdensome.

F. The Company objects to the deposition proceeding at its facility.

1. All documents regarding each purchase by you of any atrazine-containing product within the last ten years, including but not limited to all records of the date of the purchase, the name, address and telephone number of the seller, and the identity (including but not limited to EPA Registration Number and brand name) and quantity of the product purchased.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here. The Company objects to this request as unduly burdensome and overbroad. The Company is just starting their investigations, but does not believe that ten years of purchase documents or data are even available. This request also asks for "all" documents, which would encompass paper records as well as electronic records that may exist. This request also seemingly would include electronic mail, which would be overly burdensome for the Company to produce. The Company also objects on the ground that this request calls for confidential, proprietary or trade secret information. The Company understands that there is a Protective Order in this case but may require further protections for its purchase data.

2. All documents that any state or federal law or regulation concerning restricted-use pesticides required you to collect or keep in connection with each purchase by you of any atrazine-containing-product within the last ten years.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here. This request is unduly burdensome and calls for a legal conclusion.

3. All documents regarding each sale by you of any atrazine-containing product within the last ten years, including but not limited to all records of the date of the sale, the name, address and telephone number of the buyer, the identity of the product sold (including but not limited to the identity of the manufacturer, dealer or distributor from which the product was purchased, the EPA Registration Number and the brand name), the quantity of the product sold, the location at which the product was to be applied, and the rate at which and method by which the product was to be applied.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here. The Company objects to this request as unduly burdensome and overbroad. The Company is just starting its investigation, but does not believe that ten years of sales documents or data is even available. This request also asks for "all" documents, which would encompass paper records as well as electronic records that may exist. This request also seemingly requests electronic mail, which would be overly burdensome for the Company to produce. The Company also objects on the ground that this request calls for confidential, proprietary or trade secret information. The Company also objects on the ground that this request calls for private customer information that may be protected by various laws. The Company understands that there is a Protective Order in this case but may require further protections.

4. All documents that any state or federal law or regulation concerning restricted-use pesticides required you to collect or keep in connection with each sale by you of any atrazine-containing-product within the last ten years.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here. This request is unduly burdensome and calls for a legal conclusion.

5. All documents regarding each application by you of any atrazine-containing product within the last ten years, including but not limited to all records of the date of the application, the name, address and telephone number of the person who performed the application, the identity of the product applied (including but not limited to the identity of the manufacturer, dealer or distributor from which the product was purchased, the EPA Registration Number and the brand name), the quantity of the product applied, the rate of application, the method of application, the location of the application, and the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity for whom the application was performed.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here. The Company objects to this request as overbroad and unduly burdensome. The Company has varying numbers of employees who hold applicator or operator licenses, any one of whom could have applied atrazine or an atrazine-containing product. The Company also objects on the ground that this request calls for confidential, proprietary or trade secret information. The Company also objects

on the ground that this request calls for private customer information that may be protected by various laws. The Company understands that there is a Protective Order in this case but may require further protections.

6. All documents that any state or federal law or regulation concerning restricted-use pesticides required you to collect or keep in connection with each application by you of any atrazine-containing-product within the last ten years.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here.

This request is unduly burdensome and calls for a legal conclusion.

7. All documents and information regarding your or your customers' training, registration, licensing or certification to formulate, distribute, sell, purchase or apply atrazine-containing products.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here.

The Company objects to this request because it is not bound by any time period and it is overbroad.

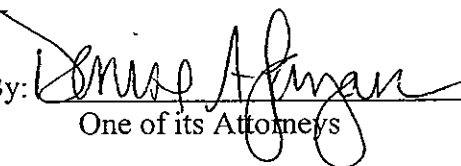
8. All written warnings, instructions and other product information regarding atrazine or any atrazine-containing product that you have received from any manufacturer, distributor or dealer of such products within the last ten years.

Objection: The General Objections are incorporated by reference as if fully stated here.

The Company objects to this request because warnings, instructions and product information are publicly available and are as available to the plaintiffs as they are to the Company.

Dated: July 22, 2011

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