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### NICOLE COOMER DOBBS, GORHAM, FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

On July 15, 2020, the Illinois Pollution Control Board entered judgment against Nicole Coomer Dobbs of Gorham (Sand Ridge Township), Illinois, for violating the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/21(p), the State's Attorney for Jackson County, Illinois, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

The Administrative Citation filed by the Jackson County Health Department presented evidence of multiple instances of open burning and the accumulation of debris and waste at a residence, beginning in April 2019. Return inspections on numerous occasions over the course of a twelve-month period revealed that the illegal dumping and burning had not ceased.

Coomer Dobbs was assessed a monetary penalty of \$4,500.00.

This case was investigated by the Jackson County Health Department. Assistant State's Attorney Gene A. Turk, Jr. was responsible for the prosecution.