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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)**

**DOCKET NO.:** CAA-07-2009-0017

**This ESA is issued to:** River Valley Cooperative-Olin  
At: 3897 Highway 38, Olin, Iowa 52320  
for violating Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA) and River Valley Cooperative-Olin, 3897 Highway 38, Olin, Iowa 52320 (Respondent), have agreed to a settlement of this action before filing of a complaint, and thus this action is simultaneously commenced and concluded pursuant to Rules 22.13(b) and 22.18(B)(2) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b), 22.18(b)(2).

The Complainant, by delegation of the Administrator of EPA, is the Director of the Air, and Waste Management Division. The Respondent is River Valley Cooperative-Olin, 3897 Highway 38, Olin, Iowa 52320.

This is an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties instituted pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act. Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), the Administrator and the Department of Justice jointly determined that in cases where the first alleged date of violation occurred more than one year before initiation of an administrative action and which meets the criteria set forth in EPA's policy entitled "Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Provision, 40 C.F.R. Part 68," dated January 5, 2004, are appropriate for administrative penalty action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

On February 12, 2009, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a compliance inspection of the Respondent's facility located at 3897 Highway 38, Olin, Iowa 52320, to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The EPA found that the Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act by failing to comply with the regulations as noted on the enclosed Risk Management Program Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations and Proposed Penalty Sheet (RMP Findings), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size of business, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record, the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations, described in the enclosed RMP Findings, for the total penalty amount of **\$805.00**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent by signing below waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein and in the RMP Findings, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above. Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed in the enclosed RMP Findings and has sent a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "United States Treasury") in the amount of **\$805.00** in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Fines and Penalties  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
P.O. Box 979077  
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The Docket Number of this ESA is CAA-07-2009-0017, and must be included on the check.

This original ESA, a copy of the completed RMP Findings, and a copy of the check must be sent by certified mail to:

Deanna Smith  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

A copy of the check must also be sent to:

Kathy M. Robinson  
Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Clean Air Act referenced in the RMP Findings. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Clean Air Act or any other statute.

If the signed original ESA with an attached copy of the check is not returned to the EPA Region 7 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of it (90 days if an extension is granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein and in the RMP Findings.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

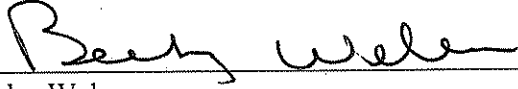
  
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Date: 9/9/2009

Name (print): Thomas L. Hedberg

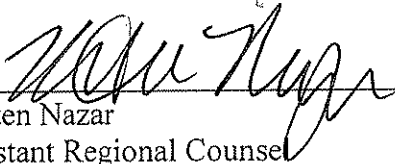
Title (print): General Manager / C.E.O.  
River Valley Cooperative-Olin

FOR COMPLAINANT:



Becky Weber  
Director  
Air and Waste Management Division  
EPA Region 7

Date: 9/27/09



Kristen Nazar  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
Office of Regional Counsel  
EPA Region 7

Date: 9/18/09

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Karina Borromeo  
Karina Borromeo  
Regional Judicial Officer

Date: Sept. 29, 2009

Risk Management Program Inspection Findings

River Valley Cooperative-Olin  
3897 Highway 38  
Olin, Iowa 52320  
Docket No. CAA-07-2009-0017

CAA §112(r) Violations

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH THE ESA.

VIOLATIONS

PENALTY AMOUNT

Prevention Program  
Compliance Audits [§ 68.58(e)] \$ 150.00

The owner or operator failed to retain the two most recent compliance audit reports.

*How was this addressed:*

*we now have the most current audit on site.  
we plan to update our audit in early 2010.*

Risk Management Plan [§ 68.195(b)] \$1,000.00

The owner or operator failed to correct the emergency contact information, beginning June 21, 2004, within one month of any change in that information required under § 68.160(b)6).

*How was this addressed:*

*this change was updated immediately following  
the inspection when we became aware of it.*

TOTAL \$1,150.00

Calculation of Adjusted Penalty

1st Reference the multipliers for calculating proposed penalties for violations found during RMP inspection matrix. Finding the row for 51-100 employees and the column for >10 times the Threshold Quantity amount gives a multiplier factor of 0.7.

2nd Adjusted Penalty = \$1,150.00 (Unadjusted Penalty) X 0.7 (Size-Threshold Multiplier)  
Adjusted Penalty = \$805.00

3rd An Adjusted Penalty of \$805.00 would be assessed to River Valley Cooperative-Olin for violations found during the RMP Compliance Inspection. This amount will be found in the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA).

TOTAL ADJUSTED PENALTY \$ 805.00

PROVIDE THE COST TO THE FACILITY TO CORRECT THE ABOVE VIOLATIONS.

The approximate cost to correct the above items: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Compliance staff name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



IN THE MATTER OF River Valley Cooperative - Olin, Respondent  
Docket No. CAA-07-2009-0017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to  
Attorney for Complainant:

Kristen Nazar  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
Region VII  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Thomas L. Leiting, General Manager/CEO  
River Valley Cooperative-Olin  
3897 Highway 38  
Olin, Iowa 52320

Dated:

9/29/09



Kathy Robinson  
Hearing Clerk, Region 7