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Rudy Steiner
FM Meat Products
19798 NE Highway 315
Ft. McCoy, Florida 32134

Re: FM Meat Products
Consent Agreement and Final Order
Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2015-2032(b)

Dear Mr. Steiner:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

Please refer to Section V of the CAFO for penalty information and payment requirements. To ensure proper processing, your facility's name and Docket Number for this case, identified above and in the CAFO, should be noted on any cashier's or certified check submitted in payment of the penalty.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts FM Meat Products on notice of its potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. Where used in the document "SEC" refers to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Should you have any questions about this matter or your client's compliance status in the future, please contact Mrs. Kerry Platt of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony G. Toney".

Anthony G. Toney
Chief

Chemical Safety & Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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 FM Meat Products) Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2015-2032(b)
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 Respondent.)
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is FM Meat Products.

2. The authority to take action under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under EPCRA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 22-3-A, dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 22-3-A, dated November 8, 1994. Pursuant to that delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.

3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

4. Respondent is FM Meat Products, a corporation doing business in the State of Florida.

5. Respondent is a "person" and is the "owner or operator" of a "facility" as those terms are defined in Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7), and Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21), Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9), and Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4), respectively.

6. Respondent's facility is located at 19789 NE Highway 315, Ft. McCoy, Florida.

III. EPA's Allegations of Violations

7. Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 370, provide that the owner or operator of a facility that is required to prepare or have available a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for hazardous chemicals under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and regulations promulgated under that Act, shall submit to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and the fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, on or before March 1 annually, a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II) as described in 40 C.F.R. Part 370, containing the information required by that part for hazardous chemicals present at the facility at any one time in the calendar year in amounts equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds and containing the information required by that part for extremely hazardous substances (EHS) present at the facility at any one time in amounts equal to or greater than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) or 500 pounds, whichever is less.

8. At some time during calendar year 2013, ammonia was present at the facility in an amount equal to or greater than 500 pounds.

9. Ammonia is an "extremely hazardous chemical" as defined by Section 329(3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(3), for which Respondent is required to prepare or have available an MSDS under OSHA at its facility.

10. Respondent failed to submit a completed Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form for ammonia to the SERC, the LEPC, and fire department with jurisdiction over the facility for calendar year 2013 by March 1 of the following year.

11. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, at its facility for calendar year 2013 and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

12. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$37,500 for each violation of Section 312 that occurred after December 6, 2013. Each day a violation of Section 312 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

IV. Consent Agreement

13. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.
14. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
15. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
16. Respondent agrees to complete the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) set forth in this CAFO.
17. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of EPCRA at the facility.
18. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), compliance with this CAFO only resolves Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the allegations in Section III of this CAFO and does not affect the right of the EPA or U.S. to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. This CAFO does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of EPCRA, CERCLA or other applicable laws and regulations.
19. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of EPCRA.

V. Final Order

20. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **SEVENTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS (\$17,301)**, for the EPCRA violation alleged in Section III. Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.
21. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to one of the following addresses:

BY MAIL

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

BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Bank
Government Lockbox 979077
U.S. EPA Fines & Penalties
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 418-1818

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

22. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Kerry Platt
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Saundi Wilson
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Office of Environmental Accountability
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

23. For the purposes of state and federal income taxes, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.

VI. Supplemental Environmental Project

24. Respondent shall undertake and complete the following Emergency Planning and Preparedness project within 45 days of the effective date of this CAFO. Respondent shall expend no less than **EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THREE DOLLARS (\$8,843)** for the purchase of the following equipment and donation to the Marion County Fire Department:

Quantity	Description
1	Draeger X-AM 5000 Multi-Gas Nirmh Multi gas Detector (EX, O2 & Dual CO/H2S)
1	Draeger XXS NH3 Sensor Detector 0-300 ppm 1 ppm
1	Draeger X-AM 7000 CAT EX XS-2 O2 H2S
1	Draeger Installed Sensor HCN (XS)
1	Draeger Ammonia Cal Gas 50 ppm N2 58 Liter
1	Draeger Cal Gas
1	Level "A" Encapsulated Chemical Protective Clothing (PPE)

25. This CAFO shall not be construed to constitute EPA's endorsement of the equipment or technology to be purchased by Respondent in connection with the SEP undertaken pursuant to the Agreement.

26. Respondent certifies that:

a. all cost information provided to the EPA in connection with the EPA's approval of the SEP described in paragraph 24 is complete and accurate and that Respondent in good faith estimates that the cost to implement the SEP is \$8,843, and

b. the SEP is not a project that Respondent was planning or intending to construct, perform, or implement other than in settlement of the claims resolved in this CAFO.

27. Respondent also certifies that:

a. It is not a party to any open federal financial assistance transaction that is funding or could fund the same activity as the SEP described in paragraph 24; and

b. It has inquired of the Marion County Fire Department whether the Marion County Fire Department is a party to an open federal financial assistance transaction that is funding or could fund the same activity as the SEP and has been informed by the Marion County Fire Department that it is not a party to such a transaction.

28. Respondent further certifies that, as of the date this CAFO is signed, it is not required to perform or develop any part of the SEP by any federal, state or local law, regulation, permit or order, or by any agreement or grant, or as injunctive relief awarded in any other action in any forum. Respondent further certifies that, as of this date, it has not received and is not negotiating to receive, credit for any part of the SEP in any other enforcement action of any kind, and Respondent will not receive reimbursement for any portion of this SEP from another person or entity.

29. Respondent agrees that in order to receive credit for the SEP, it must fully and timely complete the SEP in accordance with Paragraph 24.

30. If Respondent fails to timely and fully complete any part of the SEP, including failure to spend the minimum amount of **EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THREE DOLLARS (\$8,843)**, Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty of the difference between \$8,843 and the actual amount expended on the SEP.

31. For purposes of Paragraphs 29 and 30, the determination as to whether Respondent has fully and timely completed the SEP shall be the sole discretion of EPA.

32. Any public statement, oral or written, by Respondent making any reference to the SEP shall include the following language:

“This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violation of Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).”

33. No later than sixty (60) calendar days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent shall submit to EPA a SEP Completion Report. The Report shall be sent to the EPCRA Enforcement Section, to the attention of Kerry Platt at the address provided above. The Report shall include the following:

- (a) an affidavit from an authorizing company official, attesting that the SEP has been completed or explaining in detail any failure to complete it; and**
- (b) copies of appropriate documentation, including invoice receipts, showing a total expenditure of no less than \$8,843, was spent on the Emergency Planning and Preparedness SEP described in Paragraph 24; and**
- (c) documentation proving that the equipment was donated to and received by the Marion County Fire Department.**

Respondent shall send EPA any additional documentation requested by EPA.

34. If Respondent fails to timely submit a SEP Completion Report as required by this CAFO, Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty of \$100 for each calendar day that the report is late.

35. Respondent shall pay any stipulated penalties that accrue under this CAFO within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt by Respondent of written demand from EPA for such penalties. Such penalties shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth above for the payment of the civil penalty.

36. For Federal Income Tax purposes, Respondent agrees that it will neither capitalize into inventory or basis nor deduct any costs or expenditures incurred in performing the SEP.

37. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the effective date of this CAFO if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.

38. **Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.**

39. **This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.**

40. **The following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:**

**Robert W. Bookman
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 562-8988**

41. **Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.**

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Effective Date

42. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date upon which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:


FM Meat Products

By:  Date: 8/6/15

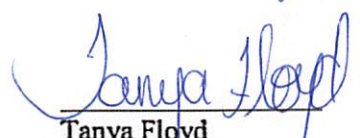
Name: Ruby Steiner (Typed or Printed)

Title: GENERAL MANAGER (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 8-13-15
Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 18th day of August 2015.


Tanya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

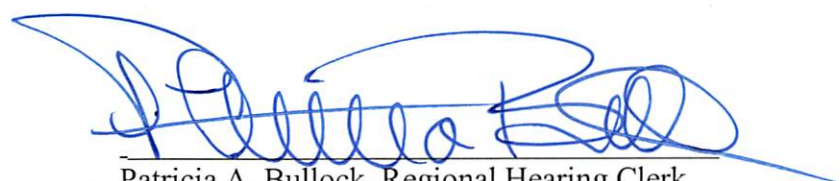
I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of FM Meat Products, Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2015-2032(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Robert W. Bookman (Via EPA's internal mail)
U.S. EPA, Region 4
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61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Robert Caplan (Via EPA's internal mail)
Senior Attorney
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Office of Environmental Accountability
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Rudy Steiner (Via Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested)
FM Meat Products
19798 NE Hwy 315
Ft. McCoy, FL 32134

Date: 8-20-15



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
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