

EPA ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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Name of Case Attorney

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in the ORC (RAA) at 918-1113
Office & Mail Code Phone number

Case Docket Number EPCRA-01-2012-0020

Site-specific Superfund (SF) Acct. Number _____

This is an original debt This is a modification

Name and address of Person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment:

Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.
23 Sycamore Avenue
Medford, MA 02155

Total Dollar Amount of Receivable \$ 17,000 Due Date: 10/30/12

SEP due? Yes _____ No _____ Date Due _____

Installment Method (if applicable)

INSTALLMENTS OF:

1st \$ 8,500 on 5/30/12

2nd \$ 8,600 on 10/30/12

3rd \$ _____ on _____

4th \$ _____ on _____

5th \$ _____ on _____

For RHC Tracking Purposes:

Copy of Check Received by RHC _____ Notice Sent to Finance _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number _____

If you have any questions call: _____
in the Financial Management Office

Phone Number _____



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NEW ENGLAND OFFICE
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

BY HAND

Date: April 30, 2012

Wanda I. Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
5 Post Office Square
Mail Code: ORA18-1
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Re: *In the Matter of Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.*
Docket Number: EPCRA-01-2012-0020

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and one copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order and Certificate of Service pertaining to the above-matter. The mailing address for the respondent is as follows:

James Covelluzzi, President and CEO
c/o William Cataldo, Controller and Registered Agent
Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.
23 Sycamore Avenue
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1171 should you have any questions regarding the enclosed.

Sincerely,

Yen P. Hoang

cc: James Covelluzzi, President and CEO, c/o William Cataldo, Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.
Leonard Wallace, EPA
Karen McGuire, EPA

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IN THE MATTER OF)

Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.)
23 Sycamore Avenue)
Medford, MA 02155)

Proceeding under Section 325(c) of Title III)
of the Superfund Amendments and)
Reauthorization Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c))
_____)

Docket No: EPCRA-01-2012-0020

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Region 1 (“Region 1”) and Respondent Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc., (“Crystal Cold Storage”) enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) by mutual consent. By this CAFO, Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty for alleged violations of Section 312(a) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (“EPCRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 11022(a), and the federal regulations that set out in greater detail these statutory requirements, 40 C.F.R. Part 370.¹

This CAFO simultaneously commences and concludes the cause of action described herein, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b) and Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c). Complainant and Respondent (the “Parties”) agree that settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that entry of this CAFO without further litigation is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter.

¹ Part 370 of 40 C.F.R. was revised on November 30, 2008 (73 Fed. Reg. 65478). The current regulations are cited herein, with a cross-reference to the regulations in effect at the time of the alleged violations.

NOW THEREFORE, before any hearing or the taking of any testimony, without adjudication of any issue of fact or law, the Parties agree to comply with the terms of this CAFO.

II. General Allegations

1. Respondent is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts with an office located at 50 Crystal Street, Malden, Massachusetts 02148.
2. Respondent is a “person” within the meaning of Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7) and 40 C.F.R. § 370.66 (formerly § 370.2).
3. Respondent is the owner or operator of a “facility,” located at 23 Sycamore Avenue, Medford, Massachusetts 02155 (“the Facility”), as that term is defined by Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4), and 40 C.F.R. §370.66 (formerly § 370.2).

III. EPCRA Violations

4. Under Section 312(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022(a), and 40 C.F.R. §§ 370.20 and 370.40, any facility that is required to prepare or have available a material safety data sheet (“MSDS”) for a hazardous chemical under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (“OSHA”) and regulations promulgated thereunder must prepare and submit an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (“LEPC”), the State Emergency Response Commission (“SERC”) and the local fire department. The Tier I or Tier II form must be submitted annually on or before March 1st of each year and must contain information reflecting the preceding calendar year. Facilities in Massachusetts must submit Tier II forms instead of Tier I forms.

5. Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §11045(c), authorizes EPA to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day of violation for violations of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Rule, 40

C.F.R. Part 19, as mandated by the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, authorizes the assessment of civil administrative penalties of up to \$32,500 per day for each violation of Section 312 of EPCRA that occurred after March 15, 2004 through January 12, 2009 and \$37,500 per day for each violation that occurs after January 12, 2009.

6. Ammonia and sulfuric acid are considered “hazardous chemicals” under OSHA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq., and in its regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200(c). Ammonia and sulfuric acid are also “extremely hazardous substances,” as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 370.66 (formerly § 370.2).

7. At all times relevant to the allegations cited herein, Respondent was required, pursuant to the OSHA and regulations promulgated thereunder, to prepare or have available a MSDS for ammonia and sulfuric acid stored at the Facility.

8. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a) (formerly § 370.20(b)), EHS chemicals are subject to a 500 pounds minimum threshold level (“MTL”), while other hazardous chemicals are subject to a higher MTL of 10,000 pounds. Therefore, the MTL for Tier II reporting for ammonia and sulfuric acid is 500 pounds.

9. At all times relevant during the calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009 the Respondent stored the following EHS chemicals in quantities exceeding MTL of 500 pounds, as set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10 (formerly § 370.20(b)), at the Facility: ammonia (5,500 pounds) and sulfuric acid (6,262 pounds).

10. Respondent was therefore subject to the reporting requirements of Section 312(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022(a), and 40 C.F.R. §§ 370.10, 370.20, 370.40 and 370.42 (formerly §§ 370.20 and 370.25) for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009.

11. Accordingly, on or before March 1 of 2008, 2009, and 2010 Respondent was required to prepare and submit to the SERC, LEPC and the local fire department Tier II forms containing chemical information for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively.

12. Based on an EPA inspection of the Facility on November 30, 2010, Complainant determined that:

- a. Respondent failed to submit Tier II forms for the calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009 to the SERC, LEPC and local fire department.
- b. Respondent's failure to prepare and submit Tier II forms on or before the reporting deadline of March 1st of the subsequent year for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009 constitute violations of Section 312(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022(a), and 40 C.F.R. §§ 370.10, 370.20, 370.40 and 370.42 (formerly §§ 370.20 and 370.25).

IV. Terms of Settlement

13. Respondent certifies that it has corrected the alleged violations cited in this CAFO and that it is now operating the Facility in compliance with Section 312(a) of EPCRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

14. Respondent stipulates that EPA has jurisdiction over the subject matter alleged in herein and that the allegations in this CAFO state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Respondent hereby waives any defenses it might have as to jurisdiction and venue.

15. Respondent waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing or appeal on any issue of law or fact set forth herein and waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

16. Without admitting or denying the allegations herein, Respondent consents to the terms and issuance of this CAFO and agrees to the payment of a civil penalty for the purpose of settlement of this action.

17. This CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, successors and assigns.

18. Pursuant to Section 325(c)(1) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1), and in light of the nature of the violations and other relevant factors, Complainant has determined an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$17,000.

19. Respondent shall pay the total penalty of \$17,000, plus interest (calculated at 3%) on any payment amounts not paid within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Final Order, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b), according to the following schedule:

- a. \$8500 within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the Final Order;
and
- b. \$8,606 (i.e. \$8500 principal, plus \$106 in interest) within six (6) calendar months of the effective date of the Final Order;
- c. Acceleration Clause: If Respondent fails to pay any installment of the civil penalty as described above, all remaining installments shall become immediately due and payable as of the missed payment date. Interest on such unpaid penalty amounts shall accrue from the missed payment date.

20. Respondent shall make all payments by cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," with the title and docket number of the action ("In the Matter of Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc., EPCRA-01-2012-0020) noted on the check.

21. The payments shall be mailed via regular U.S. Postal Service mail to:

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

22. Respondent shall simultaneously submit notice of payment of the civil penalty and copies of the check to:

Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (Mail Code: ORA18-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912

and

Karen McGuire
Regulatory Legal Office Manager
Office of Environmental Stewardship
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (Mail Code: OES04-3)
Boston, MA 02109-3912

23. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as prohibiting, altering or in any way limiting the ability of EPA to seek any other remedies or sanctions available by virtue of Respondent's violation of this agreement or of the statutes and regulations upon which this agreement is based.

24. 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. In the event that any partial payment of the civil penalty, plus interest thereon, is not paid when due without demand, the penalty plus accrued interest shall be payable with

additional interest from the original due date to the date of payment, at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 31 C.F.R. §901.9(b)(2). In addition, a penalty charge of six (6) percent per year compounded annually will be assessed on any portion of the debt which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due. Any such non-payment penalty charge on the debt will accrue from the date the penalty payment becomes due and is not paid. See 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d). In any collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

25. All penalties, interest, and charges payable pursuant to this CAFO shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes. Respondent further agrees not to use these payments in any way as, or in furtherance of, a tax deduction under federal, state or local law.

26. The terms of this CAFO constitute a full settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties for the violations alleged in this CAFO. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any other actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by EPA for matters not addressed in this CAFO, and it is the responsibility of Respondent to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local law. Nothing in this CAFO is intended to nor shall be construed to operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of Respondent. Nothing in the CAFO shall be construed to limit the authority of the United States to undertake any action against Respondent in response to conditions that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, welfare, or the environment. This CAFO does not operate as a waiver of any defenses in governmental or third party actions against the Respondent for matters not addressed in this CAFO.

27. Respondent shall bear its costs in connection with the action resolved by this CAFO, including attorney's fees. Respondent specifically waives any right to recover such costs from the Complainant pursuant to the Equal Access for Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504, or other applicable laws.

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

29. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

For Respondent Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.




WILLIAM P. CATALDO
Print Name:

Date: 4/9/2012

Title: CONTROLLER

For Complainant U.S. EPA, Region 1



Joanna Jerison, Legal Enforcement Manager
Office of Environmental Stewardship
U.S. EPA, Region 1

Date: 4/25/12

V. **FINAL ORDER**

The foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the above Consent Agreement, effective on the date it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date: _____

4/26/12



LeAnn Jensen
Acting Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 1

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1

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Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42)	
U.S.C. § 11045(c))	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order has been sent to the following persons on the date noted below:

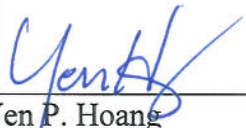
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Copy by Certified Mail-
Return Receipt Requested

James Covelluzzi, President and CEO
c/o William Cataldo, Registered Agent
Crystal Cold Storage and Warehouse, Inc.
23 Sycamore Avenue
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Date: 4/30/2012



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