



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

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Mr. Sadrudin Khimji
Owner
NDP, LLC
947 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Re: Consent Agreement and Final Order No.: CWA-04-2015-4510(b)
NDP, LLC, d/b/a New Dixie Used Auto Parts, Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Khimji:

Enclosed please find a fully executed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order that has been finalized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, and the Regional Judicial Officer. Please make note of the provisions under Paragraph IV Penalty.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Tara Houda at (404) 562-9762 or via email at houda.tara@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denisse D. Diaz".

Denisse D. Diaz, Chief
Clean Water Enforcement Branch
Water Management Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James Capp
Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Mr. Tracy Hillick
City of Atlanta

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **CONSENT AGREEMENT AND**
NDP, LLC,) **FINAL ORDER**
d/b/a New Dixie Used Auto Parts)
ATLANTA, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA)
)
RESPONDENT.) **DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2015-4510(b)**

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I. Statutory Authority

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Clean Water Act (“CWA”), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and 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*, including Subpart I, published at 64 Fed. Reg. 40,176 (July 23, 1999) and codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (“C.F.R.”) Part 22.

2. The authority to take action under Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), is vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Regional Administrator, Region 4, who in turn has delegated this authority to the Director of the Water Protection Division, of the EPA, Region 4, who in turn has delegated this authority to the Chief of the NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch of the EPA, Region 4 (“Complainant”).

II. EPA’s Allegations

3. NDP, LLC, doing business as New Dixie Used Auto Parts (“Respondent”) is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is therefore a “person” within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5).

4. At all times relevant to this action, the Respondent owned and/or operated an auto salvage yard facility (“Facility”), as identified by Standard Industrial Classification (“SIC”) Code 5015, and is located at 947 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318.

5. To accomplish the objective of the CWA, defined in Section 101(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1251(a), to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters, Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), prohibits the discharge of pollutants by any person into waters of the United States except as in compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342.

6. Section 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, establishes an NPDES Permit Program authorizing the EPA or authorized states to administer the NPDES Permit Program, including the issuance of NPDES permits allowing for the discharge of pollutants, including stormwater, into navigable waters subject to specific terms and conditions. The EPA has granted the State of Georgia, through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division ("GAEPD"), approval to issue NPDES permits pursuant to Section 402(b) of the CWA.

7. GAEPD issued the *Georgia Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity*, Permit No. GAR050000, ("Permit") in accordance with the Georgia Water Quality Control Act of 1964 (O.C.G.A. Code Sections 12-5-20 *et seq.*, 1964). The Permit became effective on June 1, 2012, and will expire on May 31, 2017. Coverage under the Permit is obtained by submitting a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to GAEPD.

8. On January 29, 2015, the EPA, in conjunction with the GAEPD and the City of Atlanta, conducted a Compliance Stormwater Evaluation Inspection ("CSWEI") at the Facility to evaluate Respondent's compliance with the requirements of Sections 301 and 402(p) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311 and 1342(p); the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. § 122.26; and the Permit.

9. As a result of the CSWEI, and due to the hydrology of the Facility and historic rainfall data, the EPA has determined that from July 1, 2012, until April 6, 2015, stormwater associated with industrial activity was discharged from the Facility within the meaning of Section 402(p) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p), and its implementing regulations, through a stormwater drain located near the base of the driveway of the Facility on Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway NW, into a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") which ultimately discharges to Proctor Creek. Proctor Creek is a tributary to the Chattahoochee River, which is a "navigable water" and a "water of the United States" as defined by Section 502(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7) and its implementing regulation 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

10. On February 18, 2015, the EPA issued a Letter of Concern, Inspection Report, and Opportunity to Show Cause to the Respondent, requesting that the Respondent respond to the following comments, which are based on information obtained during the inspection:

- a. The Facility is an auto salvage yard (SIC Code 5015), which had prior permit coverage under the Industrial General Permit (1/1/2006-1/7/2011), but has not submitted a NOI for coverage under the existing Permit; and

- b. Materials were observed uncovered outdoors, along with automotive fluids on the ground.

11. On April 6, 2015, a Show Cause Meeting was held with the Respondent.

12. On April 6, 2015, Respondent submitted an NOI to GAEPD requesting coverage under the Permit at the Facility. GAEPD verified receipt of the NOI on April 30, 2015. The authorization will expire on May 31, 2017, and requires Respondent to comply with all provisions of the Permit.

13. Therefore, the EPA alleges that Respondent has violated Sections 301 and 402(p) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311 and 1342(p), due to its failure to obtain a valid NPDES permit for a facility that had stormwater discharges associated with “industrial activity” as defined by the CWA and its implementing regulations from July 1, 2012, until April 6, 2015.

III. Stipulations and Findings

14. Complainant and the 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), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CA/FO”) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

15. The purpose of this CA/FO is to settle Respondent’s failure to have an NPDES permit from July 1, 2012, until April 6, 2015, and this CA/FO covers unpermitted discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity during this time.

16. For the purposes of this CA/FO, the Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

17. The Respondent hereby waives its right to contest the allegations set out above and its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

18. The Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CA/FO and consents to the other conditions set forth in this CA/FO.

19. By signing this CA/FO, the Respondent certifies that the information it has supplied concerning this matter was at the time of submission, and is, truthful, accurate, and complete for each such submission, response and statement. The Respondent realizes that there

are significant penalties for submitting false or misleading information, including the possibility of fines and/or imprisonment for knowing submission of such information.

20. The EPA reserves the right to assess and collect any and all civil penalties for any violation described herein to the extent that any information or certification provided by the Respondent was materially false or inaccurate at the time such information or certification was provided to the EPA.

21. Complainant and the Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CA/FO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CA/FO is consistent with the applicable requirements of the CWA.

IV. Payment

22. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, and considering the nature of the violations and other relevant factors, the EPA has determined that fifteen thousand twenty one dollars and twenty seven cents (\$15,021.27) is an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action.

23. The Respondent shall submit payment of the penalty specified in the preceding paragraph in accordance with the schedule described in Paragraph 24 below via a cashier's or certified check, payable to the order of "Treasurer, United States of America." The check shall reference on its face the name of the Respondent and the Docket Number of this CA/FO. Such payment shall be tendered to:

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

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

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

and

Ms. Mary Mattox
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Protection Division
NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch
Stormwater and Residuals Enforcement Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

25. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,021.27 as follows:
- a. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.80;
 - b. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - c. Within nine (9) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - d. Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - e. Within fifteen (15) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - f. Within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - g. Within twenty one (21) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - h. Within twenty four (24) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - i. Within twenty seven (27) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - j. Within thirty (30) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - k. Within thirty three (33) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77;
 - l. Within thirty six (36) months of the effective date of this CA/FO, Respondent shall pay \$1,251.77.

26. The penalty amount specified above shall represent civil penalties assessed by the EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

27. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(9) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9), failure by the Respondent to pay the penalty assessed by the CA/FO in full by its due date may subject the Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalty plus interest (at currently prevailing rates from the effective date of this CA/FO), attorney's fees, costs for collection proceedings and a quarterly nonpayment penalty for each quarter during which such failure to pay persists. Such nonpayment penalty shall be in an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate amount of such penalty and nonpayment penalty which are unpaid as of the beginning of such quarter. In any such collection action, the validity, amount and appropriateness of the penalty and of this CA/FO shall not be subject to review.

V. General Provisions

28. This CA/FO shall not relieve the Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, or local law, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state or local permit. Other than as expressed herein, compliance with this CA/FO shall not be a defense to any actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by the EPA.

29. Issuance of this CA/FO shall not be deemed as prohibiting, altering, or in any way limiting the ability of the EPA to pursue any other enforcement actions available to it under law. Such actions may include, without limitation, any administrative, civil, or criminal action to seek penalties, fines, injunctive, or other appropriate relief, or to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, under the CWA or any other federal or state statute, regulation, or permit.

30. Except as otherwise set forth herein, this CA/FO constitutes a settlement by Complainant and the Respondent of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to the CWA with respect to only those violations alleged in this CA/FO. Except as otherwise set forth herein, compliance with this CA/FO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein.

31. Nothing in this CA/FO is intended to nor shall be construed to operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of the Respondent, or other liability resulting from violations that were not alleged in this CA/FO.

32. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CA/FO certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this CA/FO and to execute and legally bind that party to it.

33. This CA/FO applies to and is binding upon the Respondent and its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns.

34. Any change in the legal status of the Respondent, including but not limited to any transfer of assets of real or personal property, shall not alter the Respondent's responsibilities under this CA/FO.

35. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees in connection with the action resolved by this CA/FO.

36. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, the individuals below are authorized to receive service related to this proceeding:

For Complainant:

Matthew Hicks
Associate Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-9670

For Respondent:

Sadrudin Khimji
Member
NDP, LLC, d/b/a New Dixie Used Auto Parts
947 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30318
(404) 873-2400

37. The parties acknowledge and agree that this CA/FO is subject to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4), which provides a right to petition to set aside a proposed CA/FO based on comments received during the public comment period.

38. Pursuant to Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.38(b), Complainant represents that the State of Georgia was provided a prior opportunity to consult with Complainant regarding this matter.

39. Effective upon signature of this CA/FO by the Respondent, the Respondent agrees that the time period commencing on the date of its signature and ending on the date the EPA receives from the Respondent the payment required by this CA/FO shall not be included in computing the running of any statute of limitations potentially applicable to any action brought by the EPA related to the matters addressed in this CA/FO and that, in any action brought by the EPA related to the matters addressed, the Respondent will not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon principles of statute of limitations, waiver, laches, estoppel, or other defense based on the passage of time during such period. If the EPA gives notice to the


Respondent that it will not make this CA/FO effective, the statute of limitations shall begin to run again commencing ninety days after the date such notice is sent by the EPA.

VI. Effective Date

40. The effective date of this CA/FO shall be the date on which the CA/FO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

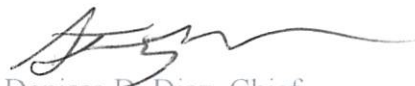
AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

For the RESPONDENT NDP, LLC, d/b/a NEW DIXIE USED AUTO PARTS:

 N.D.P LLC
{ MEMBER OFFICER.
Sadrudin Khimji
Member

Date: 8.18.2015

For COMPLAINANT, U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 4:


Denisse D. Diaz, Chief
NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch
Water Protection Division
U.S. EPA, Region 4

Date: 9/30/2015

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FINAL ORDER

In accordance with 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*, including Subpart I, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, and authorities delegated to me, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), the Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: 9-30-2015



Regional Judicial Officer

Docket No. CWA **04-2015-4510(b)**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER** in the matter of NDP, LLC, d/b/a New Dixie Used Auto Parts, **Docket No. CWA-04-2015-4510(b)** (filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on 9-30, 2015) was served on 9-30, 2015, in the manner specified to each of the persons listed below.

By hand-delivery:

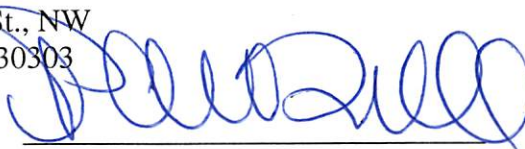
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Mr. Tracy Hillick
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