



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Wessel
President
General Engineering Corporation, LLC
P. O. Box 1656, Kingshill
St. Croix, USVI 00851

**Re: Expedited Settlement Agreement
Whispering Hills at Estate Donoe Residential Development
Docket Number CWA-02-2017-3355**

Dear Mr. Wessel:

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) entered as part of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) issued to General Engineering Corporation, LLC (Respondent). This letter serves as a notification that the ESA is effective ("SO ORDERED"). Please note that this ESA settles any civil penalties claims against Respondent for the Clean Water Act violations cited in the CA/FO.

Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of this letter, please send a check for the amount of \$4,950.00 and a copy of the Agreement, via certified mail, to:

**Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 2
In the Matter of General Engineering Corporation, LLC
Docket Number CWA-02-2017-3355
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P. O. Box 979077
Saint Louis, MO 63197-9000**

The payment for the penalty amount must be in the form of a bank, cashiers or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" with EPA's Docket Number (CWA-02-2017-3355) of the ESA written on the check. Respondent shall submit to EPA confirmation of the transmission of the check payment via certified mail to the undersigned for our records.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mr. Jim C. Casey, Environmental Engineer, at (340) 714-2333 or casey.jim@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Carmen R. Guerrero-Pérez
Director
Caribbean Environmental Protection Division

Enclosure

cc: Norman Williams, VIDPNR-DEP (w/ copy of enclosure)
Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk (w/o enclosure)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 2

290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Docket Number: CWA-02-2017-3355

General Engineering Corporation, LLC. ("Respondent") is a "person," within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

Attached is an "Expedited Settlement Offer Deficiencies Form" ("Form"), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for the deficiencies specified in the Form.

Respondent did not comply with terms and conditions of a Territorial Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit in violation of Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a) and 1342.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Sections 301(a) and 402(p) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a) and 1342(p), and that EPA has jurisdiction over any "person" who "discharges pollutants" from a "point source" to "waters of the United States." Respondent neither admits nor denies the deficiencies specified in the Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("Agreement") under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement in order to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of \$4950. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty, and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s) specified in the Form; (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that any deficiencies identified in the Form have been corrected.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) calendar days of receiving notice from EPA that the Agreement is effective (thirty (30) calendar days from the date it is signed by the EPA Official), Respondent shall submit a bank, cashiers or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

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

A copy of the check shall be sent to the EPA address above.

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the Clean Water Act violation(s) specified in this Agreement. EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected deficiencies or violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective thirty (30) calendar days from the date it is signed by the Presiding Officer unless a petition to set aside the Order is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(C) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(C), and 40 C.F.R. Part 22 or upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

APPROVED BY EPA:

[Signature] Date: 8/11/2017
Carmen R. Guerrero-Pérez, Director
USEPA Region 2, Caribbean Environmental Protection Div.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): John R. Wessse /
Title (print): Managing Member
[Signature] Date: 5-9-17

[More than 40 calendar days have elapsed since the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.]

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law, IT IS SO ORDERED:

[Signature] Date: 8/11/2017
Carmen R. Guerrero-Pérez, Director
USEPA Region 2, Caribbean Environmental Protection Div.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

GENERAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION, LLC

P. O. Box 1656, Kingshill
St. Croix, USVI 00851

Whispering Hills at Estate Donoe Residential Development

No. 2G (ROW) & No. 2 Remainder, Estate Donoe
No. 2A New Quarter
St. Thomas, VI 00802

RESPONDENT

**CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
FINAL ORDER**

**DOCKET NUMBER
CWA-02-2017-3355**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing **Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO)**, bearing the above-reference docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

CA/FO sent via Next Day Delivery to:

Ms. Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

and

CA/FO sent via Certified Mail – Certified Mail Receipt to:

Mr. John Wessel, President
General Engineering Corporation, LLC
P. O. Box 1656, Kingshill
St. Croix, USVI 00851



Aileen Sánchez, Secretary
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8/15/2017
Date