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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)**

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EPA REGION VI

Docket No: **CAA 06-2019-3361**

This complaint is issued to: **DCP Midstream LP - Wilcox Gas Plant**

At: **404 Private Road 1045, Hallettsville, TX 77964**

For: **Violating Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act**

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This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, by its duly delegated official, the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, and by DCP Midstream LP - Wilcox Gas Plant (Respondent) pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). EPA and the United States Department of Justice have jointly determined that EPA may pursue this type of case as an administrative penalty action under Section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1).

From June 27-28, 2019, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a compliance inspection of the subject facility (Respondent) to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r). EPA found that the Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 112(r) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r) by failing to comply with the regulations as noted below:

1) 40 C.F.R. § 68.67(f), "At least every five (5) years after the completion of the initial process hazard analysis, the process hazard analysis shall be updated and revalidated by a team meeting the requirements in paragraph (d) of this section, to assure that the process hazard analysis is consistent with the current process. Updated and revalidated process hazard analyses completed to comply with 29 CFR 1910.119(e) are acceptable to meet the requirements of this paragraph."

The Respondent completed their process hazard analysis (PHA) on October 18, 2013 and did not revalidate the PHA until April 12, 2019, which is longer than the five-year update allowed and is in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 68.67(f).

**SETTLEMENT**

In consideration of the factors set forth in Section 113(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), including 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 above for the total penalty amount of **\$2500**. 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 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 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 violation listed above and has sent a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$2500** 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, MO 63197-9000

**Or**

For wire transfer, the payment should be remitted to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA: 021030004  
Account: 68010727  
SWIFT address: FRNYUS33  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fed-wire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency" with a phone number of (412) 234-4381.

The DOCKET NUMBER OF THIS ESA must be included on the certified check. (The DOCKET NUMBER is located at the top of this ESA.). This original Settlement Agreement and a copy of the certified check must be sent by certified mail to:

Carlos Flores  
Enforcement Officer  
Chemical Accident Enforcement Section (ECDAC)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6  
1201 Elm St. Suite 500  
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102

Respondent's full payment of the penalty as provided in this Settlement Agreement shall resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violation and facts alleged above. EPA does not waive any enforcement action by EPA for any other past, present, or future violations under the Act or any other statute.

If the Settlement Agreement with an attached copy of the certified check is not returned to the EPA Region 6 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of the receipt of this Settlement Agreement, the Complaint and ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file additional enforcement actions for the violations identified in this Settlement Agreement.

Respondent has the right to request a hearing on any material fact or on the appropriateness of the penalty contained in this complaint pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.14. Upon signing and returning of this Settlement Agreement to EPA, the Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A).

This Settlement Agreement is binding on the EPA and the Respondent. By signing below, the Respondent waives any objections to EPA's jurisdiction with respect to the Settlement Agreement and consents to EPA's approval of this Settlement Agreement without further notice. This Settlement Agreement is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**SIGNATURE BY RESPONDENT:**

Signature: 

Date: 8/16/19

Name (print): Chad Starns

Title (print): Wilcox Plant Supervisor

Cost of Corrective Actions: N/A

Respondent's Brief Description of Complying Action: \_\_\_\_\_

The 5 year PHA revalidation compliance requirement will be tracked in an electronic database. Alerts will be sent to key personnel of the upcoming compliance task.

If you need additional space or would like to provide additional supporting documentation, please attach to this document.

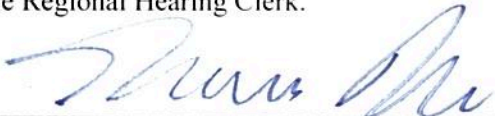
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**SIGNATURE BY EPA:**

  
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Cheryl T. Seager, Director  
Enforcement and  
Compliance Assurance Division

Date: 9/11/19

It is so ORDERED. This Order shall become effective upon filing of the fully executed Complaint and  
ESA with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

  
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Thomas Rucki  
Regional Judicial Officer

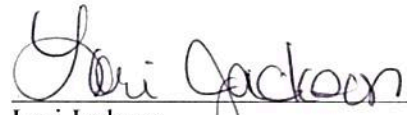
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2019, the original of the foregoing Final Order of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(r) Expedited Settlement Agreement was hand delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U. S. EPA, Region 6 (ORC), 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102, and that a true and correct copy was placed in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

**Mr. Chad Starns**  
**Plant Supervisor**  
**DCP Midstream LP - Wilcox Gas Plant**  
**404 Private Road 1045**  
**Hallettsville, TX 77964**

  
Lori Jackson  
Office of Regional Counsel  
US EPA - Region 6

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