



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Mr. Michael R. Anderson, Sr.  
President  
Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc.  
205 West Main Street  
Statesboro, Georgia 30458

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3033(b)  
Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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 CFR Part 22.

As stated in Section IV of the CAFO, the initial payment of \$1,490.02 of the assessed penalty of \$5,850 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Section IV also provides information on when remaining payments are due. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company and the docket number of this case.

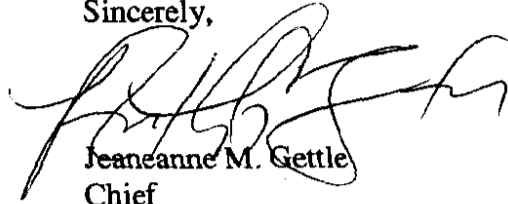
Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Mr. Phillip Beard at (404) 562-9012.

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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 you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeaneanne M. Gettle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Jeaneanne M. Gettle  
Chief  
Pesticides and Toxic  
Substances Branch

Enclosures

cc: Tommy Gray, Director, Georgia Department of Agriculture

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of: )  
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Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc. ) Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3033(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 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (hereinafter "FIFRA"), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA). Respondent is Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR § 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 CFR § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

## II. Preliminary Statements

3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14 dated May 11, 1994.
4. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Phillip Beard  
Pesticides Section  
U.S. EPA – Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960  
(404) 562-9012.

5. The Respondent is Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc., a Georgia corporation located at 250 West Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.
6. Respondent is a “person” as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
7. Respondent is registered as an EPA Establishment and has been assigned EPA Establishment Number 83984-GA-001.
8. On or about June 13, 2006, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc., 205 West Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia, 30458.
9. During the aforementioned inspection, Respondent sold and distributed the “SUR-GRO 36-0-0” product as a custom blend fertilizer.
10. The “SUR-GRO 36-0-0” product is a pesticide as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u). The definition of pesticide includes any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Respondent, “distributes or sells” pesticides. The term “to distribute or sell” as defined

by Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), includes to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment

11. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
12. At the time of the inspection, the "SUR-GRO 36-0-0" fertilizer failed to meet the scope of the custom blender policy and therefore the blend is required to be registered. The custom blender policy was not met in that the blend, as delivered to the end-user, failed to include: (1) a copy of the end-use labeling of the pesticide used in the blend, and; (2) a statement specifying the composition of the mixture.
13. Under Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person in any State to distribute or sell any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
14. Respondent distributed and sold the pesticide on at least two occasions as described below:

Invoice #7390 dated April 5, 2006 to the Georgia Turf and Tractor, Inc.

Invoice #7608 dated April 11, 2006 to the Willow Lake Golf Club

15. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
16. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
17. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation.
18. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$5,850), plus interest at three percent per annum, against the Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

### III. Consent Agreement

19. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
20. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the consent agreement.
21. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
22. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.

23. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.
24. 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 FIFRA.

IV. Final Order

25. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$5,850), plus interest at three percent per annum, which shall be paid according to the schedule agreed upon, as shown in this section.
26. **The first installment payment of \$1,490.02 shall be made on July 1, 2009, or within 30 days from the date this CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, whichever is later.**

The remaining three installment payments will be made as set forth below:

DATE	AMOUNT
October 1, 2009	\$1,490.02
January 1, 2010	\$1,490.02
April 1, 2010	\$1,490.02.

27. Respondent shall remit the penalty by either cashier's or certified checks on or before the due dates payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall mail the checks via U.S. mail to the following address:

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

**Each check shall reference on its face the name of the  
Respondent and the Docket Number assigned to this CAFO.**

28. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of each check and a written statement that the payment is being 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  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Phillip Beard  
Pesticides Section  
U.S. EPA – Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

and

Saundi Wilson  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA – Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

29. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, 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.
30. 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 date



of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principle amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

31. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
32. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
33. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.


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V. Effective Date

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

**AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**


**Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc.**  
**Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3033(b)**

By:  (Signature) Date: 3-26-09

Name: MICHAEL R. ANDEASON, JR. (Typed or Printed)

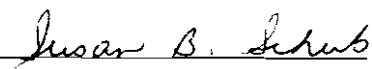
Title: PRESIDENT (Typed or Printed)

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

By:  Date: 4/20/09

Carol L. Kemker, Acting Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics  
Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

  
Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc., Docket Number: FIFRA-04-2009-3033(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Michael R. Anderson, Sr.  
President  
Bulloch Fertilizer Company, Inc.  
205 West Main Street  
Statesboro, GA 30458

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

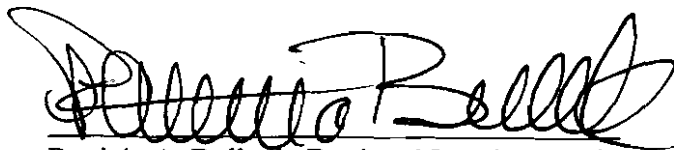
Phillip Beard  
Pesticides Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

Robert Caplan  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

Date: 4-28-09



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth St., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-9511

**EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:**

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Saundi Wilson on 4/24/09  
(Name) (Date)

in the Region 4, ORC, OEA at (404) 562-9504  
(Office) (Telephone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree<br>DOJ COLLECTS      | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:<br>Sent with bill              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sent with bill  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required                             |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a modification  |

PAYEE: Bulloch Fertilizer Co., Inc  
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 5850  
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: FIFRA 04 2009 3033(b)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: \_\_\_\_\_

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Financial Management Section at: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTION:**

**A. JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER should be mailed to:

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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer<br>Environmental Enforcement Section<br>Department of Justice RM 1647<br>P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station<br>Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)<br>3. Designated Program Office |
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**B. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

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| 1. Originating Office<br>2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 3. Designated Program Office<br>4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |
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