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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**DOCKET NO:** CAA-10-2020-0017  
**This ESA is issued to:** Blue Bird, Inc.  
10135 Mill Road  
Peshastin, Washington 98847

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA), by its duly delegated official, and by Blue Bird, Inc. ("Respondent") pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). On February 13, 2019, EPA obtained the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice, pursuant to Section 113(d)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), to pursue this administrative enforcement action.

**ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

EPA has determined that Respondent violated the Risk Management Program (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), as noted on the enclosed Risk Management Plan Inspection Findings and Alleged Violations Summary ("Summary"), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

**SETTLEMENT**

In consideration of the penalty assessment factors set forth in Section 113(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), and upon consideration of the entire record, the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations described in the enclosed Summary for the total penalty amount of **\$2,000**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

Respondent, by signing below, waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein and in the Summary, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above.

Respondent waives its rights to contest the allegations contained herein or in the Summary, to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the CAA, 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 Respondent has corrected the violations listed in the enclosed Summary.

Respondent agrees to submit payment in full of the \$2,000 within 30 days of the filing of a fully executed copy of this ESA with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Payment instructions are included on the enclosed "Payment Instructions," which is hereby incorporated by reference.

This original ESA must be sent by certified mail to:

Javier Morales, 112(r) Enforcement Coordinator  
Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, Mail Stop: ECAD 20-C04  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, signature by EPA, filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, and timely payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil penalty action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the CAA referenced in the Summary. EPA does not waive its right to any other enforcement action for any other violations of the CAA or any other statute.

If the signed original ESA is not returned to the EPA Region 10 at the above address by Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of it (90 days if an extension is granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein and in the Summary.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

Signature: [Signature]  
Name (print): Steve Walter / C70  
Title (print): Chief Financial Officer  
Cost to correct violation(s): 2000 Penalty paid.

Date: 11/20/19

FOR COMPLAINANT:

[Signature]  
Edward J. Kowalski  
Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Date: 12/4/2019

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

[Signature]  
Richard Mednick  
Regional Judicial Officer

Date: 12/5/19



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Risk Management Program Inspection Findings and Alleged Violations Summary
Region 10

REASON FOR INSPECTION: This inspection is for the purpose of determining compliance with Section 112(r)(7) accidental release prevention requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended 1990. The scope of this inspection may include, but is not limited to: reviewing and obtaining copies of documents and records; interviews and taking of statements; reviewing of chemical storage, handling, processing, and use; taking samples and photographs; and any other inspection activities necessary to determine compliance with the Act.

Facility Name: Blue Bird, Inc.
Facility Location: 1470 Walla Walla Avenue, Walla Walla, Washington
Mailing Address: 10135 Mill Road, Peshastin, Washington 98847
Responsible Official: Larry Blakley, Facility and Food Safety Director
Facility Representative: Larry Blakley, Facility and Food Safety Director
Inspector: Javier Morales, RMP Program Coordinator
Inspection Date: 10/31/19

INSPECTION FINDINGS

IS FACILITY SUBJECT TO RMP REGULATION (40 CFR 68)? [X] YES [ ] NO
DID FACILITY SUBMIT AN RMP AS PROVIDED IN 68.150 TO 68.185? [X] YES [ ] NO
DATE RMP FILED WITH EPA: June 25, 1999 DATE OF LATEST RMP UPDATE: September 19, 2019
1) PROCESS/NAICS CODE: 115114 PROGRAM LEVEL: [ ] 1 [ ] 2 [X] 3
REGULATED SUBSTANCE: Anhydrous Ammonia MAX. QUANTITY IN PROCESS (lbs.): 23,907

DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

CAA Section 112(r) and its implementing regulations in 40 C.F.R. Part 68 require an owner or operator of a stationary source that has more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance (listed in § 68.130) in a process, to develop a Risk Management Plan (RMP) and Risk Management Program.

The owner or operator must review and update the RMP as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 68.190(b) as required by § 68.190(a). Blue Bird Inc. failed to submit an updated RMP to EPA at least once every five years as required by § 68.190(a) and (b)(1). The first submission of the RMP that EPA has on file is dated June 25, 1999. The latest RMP submission that EPA has on file is dated September 10, 2019. The five-year update was due August 14, 2019.

DID FACILITY CORRECTLY ASSIGN PROGRAM LEVELS TO PROCESSES? [X] YES [ ] NO
ATTACHED CHECKLIST(S): [ ] PROGRAM LEVEL 1 [ ] PROGRAM LEVEL 2 [X] PROGRAM LEVEL 3

Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER, In the Matter of: Blue Bird, Inc., Docket No.: CAA-10-2020-0017**, was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the addressees in the following manner on the date specified below:


The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to:

Javier Morales, RMP Coordinator  
1200 Sixth Avenue, 20-C04  
Suite 155  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt to:

Mr. Steve K. Walter  
Chief Financial Officer  
Blue Bird, Inc.  
P.O. Box 378  
Peshastin, Washington 98847

DATED this 6 day of December, 2019

  
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Teresa Young  
Regional Hearing Clerk  
EPA Region 10