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EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Docket Number: CWA-01-2023-0048, NPDES Permit No. MAR1004H0

The undersigned representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Complainant) and Veolia North America, LLC, a **Delaware corporation**, (Respondent), enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (Agreement) to resolve Respondent's civil penalty liability for allegedly discharging stormwater without a permit from the Taunton Wastewater Treatment Plant construction site at 825 West Water Street, Taunton, MA.

The EPA finds that: (1) **Respondent discharged stormwater from the Site without a permit, violating Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (Act) 33 U.S.C. § 1311**; (2) Respondent is a "person" as defined in section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5); and (3) Respondent is responsible for the alleged violations specified in the attached Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet – Findings and Alleged Violations (Deficiencies Form). The Deficiencies Form is incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

The EPA also finds, and Respondent admits, that the EPA has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and 40 C.F.R. part 22. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in the Agreement.

Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$12,000 using any of the payment method provided at: <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. Respondent waives the rights (1) to contest the allegations in the Deficiencies Form and (2) to appeal any final order an EPA Regional Judicial Officer may issue to ratify this Agreement (Final Order). The civil penalty will be due no later than 10 days after the issuance of the Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the Payment Instructions, above.

By signing this Agreement, Respondent certifies that: (1) the alleged violations listed in the Deficiencies Form have been corrected and (2) consistent with section 162(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(1), Respondent will not deduct penalties paid under this Agreement for federal tax purposes.

This Agreement, upon incorporation into the Final Order and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full resolution of Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations of the Permit and section 301(a) of the Clean Water

Act alleged in the Deficiencies Form. This Agreement does not affect the right of the EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law or to issue an administrative compliance order, e.g., for any uncorrected violations listed in the Deficiencies Form. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the Act and any regulation, order, or permit issued pursuant to the Act.

Respondent agrees to acceptance of the Complainant's: (1) scanned or original signature on this Agreement and (2) service of the fully executed Agreement on the Respondent by mail or electronically by e-mail. Respondent understands that the mailing or e-mail address may be made public when the Agreement and Certificate of Service are filed and uploaded to a searchable database. Complainant agrees to acceptance of the Respondent's digital or an original signature on this Agreement.

Prior to requesting that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer issue the Final Order, the EPA will provide public notice of this Agreement and a reasonable opportunity for the public to comment on it. The EPA will address any comments on this Agreement in accordance with section 309(g)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes final thirty (30) days from the date it is signed by the Regional Judicial Officer unless a petition to set aside this Agreement is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(5), following public notice of this Agreement.

Attachment:
Deficiencies Form

APPROVED BY THE EPA:

 5/3/23

James Chow
Acting Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Kendra Morris

Title (print): President - Northeast Region

Signature: *Kendra Morris*

Date: April 28, 2023

FINAL ORDER: More than 40 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 the EPA has addressed all comments or received no comments concerning this matter.

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

Date: _____

Hon. LeAnn Jensen
Regional Judicial Officer
US EPA REGION 1 - New England






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