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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

In the Matter of:

Docket No. CAA-09-2011-0\(\infty\)

BUTTE-GLENN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DISTRICT AND BETH'S CONSTRUC
TION, INC.,

Respondents.

ORDER PURSUANT TO 40 C.F.R.

\$\\$ 22.13 and 22.18

I. CONSENT AGREEMENT

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX ("EPA"), and the Butte-Glenn Community College District ("District") and Beth's Construction, Inc. ("BCI") (collectively "Respondents") agree to settle this matter and consent to the entry of this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO"), which simultaneously commences and concludes this matter in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b).

A. AUTHORITY AND PARTIES

1. This is a civil administrative penalty action instituted against Respondents pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or the "Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), for violation of Sections 112 and 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412 and 7414, and implementing federal regulations

at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.

- 2. Complainant is the Director of the Air Division, EPA, Region IX, who has been duly delegated the authority to initiate this action and to sign a consent agreement settling this action.
- 3. Respondent District is a community college district with offices located on the Butte College campus at 3536 Butte Campus Drive in Oroville, California and Respondent BCI is a California corporation located at 1158 Boole Road in Applegate, California.

B. APPLICABLE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY SECTIONS

- 4. Pursuant to Sections 112 and 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. \$\\$ 7412 and 7414, the EPA Administrator promulgated regulations that govern the emission, handling, and disposal of asbestos and associated record-keeping and notification requirements, which are known as the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants ("NESHAP") for asbestos and codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.
- 5. Section 302(e) of CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e), defines "person" as an individual, corporation, partnership, association, state, municipality, political subdivision of a State, and any agency, department, and instrumentality of the United States and any officer, agent, or employee thereof.
- 6. "Facility" means any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including any structure, installation, or building

- 7. "Demolition" means the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or the intentional burning of any facility. 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.
- 8. "Owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity" means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation, or both. 40 C.F.R. \$ 61.141.
- 9. An owner or operator of a demolition activity must provide EPA with a written notice of intention to demolish at least ten working days before demolition begins. 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(1)(i).
- 10. In a facility being demolished, the notification requirements of \S 61.145(b) apply even if there is no asbestos. 40 C.F.R. $\S\S$ 61.145(a)(1) and (2).

C. ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Respondents are each a "person" as that term is defined in Section 302(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e).
- 12. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent
 District owned the Butte College Administrative Annex Building

located on the Butte College campus in Orovile, California (the "Building").

- 13. The Building is a "facility" as defined at 40 C.F.R. \$61.141.
- 14. Respondent District hired Respondent BCI to remove the Building from its foundation and relocate it to another part of the Butte College campus, which Respondent BCI did in or around early-January 2010.
- 15. The movement of the Building from its foundation to a new location constitutes a "demolition," as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. & 61.141.
- 16. On January 13, 2010, inspectors from the California Air Resources Board and EPA conducted an inspection at the Butte College campus and discovered that the Building had been moved.
- 17. Respondents are each an "owner or operator of a demolition activity," as defined at 40 C.F.R. §61.141.
- 18. Respondents did not submit a written notice of their intention to "demolish" the Building to EPA before demolition began.
- 19. Respondents' failure to submit a written notice of their intention to "demolish" the Building to EPA before demolition began constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. \$61.145(b)(1)(i).

D. RESPONDENT'S ADMISSIONS

20. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and for the purpose of this proceeding, Respondents (i) admit that EPA

has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this CAFO and over Respondents; (ii) neither admit nor deny the specific factual allegations contained in Section I.C of this CAFO; (iii) consent to any and all conditions specified in this CAFO and to the assessment of the civil administrative penalty under Section I.E of this CAFO; (iv) waive any right to contest the allegations contained in Section I.C of this CAFO; and (v) waive the right to appeal the proposed final order contained in this CAFO.

E. CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

- 21. Respondents agree to the assessment of a penalty in the amount of NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$9,940) as final settlement of the civil claims against Respondents arising under the Act as alleged in Section I.C of this CAFO.
- 22. Respondents shall pay the assessed penalty no later than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this CAFO. Payment shall be made by cashier's or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," accompanied by a transmittal letter indicating Respondents' names, the case title, and the docket number, or paid by one of the other methods listed below and sent as follows:

Regular Mail:

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

Wire Transfers:

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Wire transfers must be sent directly to the Federal Reserve
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     Bank in New York City with the following information:
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     Federal Reserve Bank of New York
     ABA = 021030004
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     Account = 68010727
     SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
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     33 Liberty Street
     New York, NY 10045
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     Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727
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     Overnight Mail:
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     U.S. Bank
     1005 Convention Plaza
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     Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
     ATTN Box 979077
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     St. Louis, MO 63101
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     ACH (also known as REX or remittance express):
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     Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency
     PNC Bank
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     808 17th Street, NW
     Washington, DC 20074
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     ABA = 051036706
     Transaction Code 22 - checking
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     Environmental Protection Agency
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     remittance is needed, contact the EPA Cincinnati Finance Center
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methods listed above, including proof of the date payment was made, shall be sent to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
Office of Regional Counsel (ORC-1)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Chief, Air Enforcement Office Air Division (AIR-5) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Carol Bussey
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of Regional Counsel (ORC-2)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

- 23. Payment of the above civil administrative penalty shall not be used by Respondents or any other person as a tax deduction from Respondents' federal, state, or local taxes.
- 24. If Respondents fail to pay the assessed civil administrative penalty specified in Paragraph 21 by the deadline specified in Paragraph 22, then Respondents shall pay to EPA the stipulated penalty of FOURTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$14,200) rather than the assessed penalty, which shall become due and payable upon EPA's written request. Such failure by Respondents may also subject Respondents to a civil action to collect any unpaid portion of the assessed penalty, together with interest, handling charges, and nonpayment penalties as set forth in Paragraph 25 below. In any such collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of this CAFO or the penalty assessed hereunder are not subject to review.

- a. <u>Interest</u>: Any unpaid portion of the assessed penalty shall bear interest at the rate established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2) from the effective date of this CAFO, provided, however, that no interest shall be payable on any portion of the assessed penalty that is paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- b. <u>Handling Charge</u>: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(1), a monthly handling charge of \$15 shall be paid for any month in which any portion of the assessed penalties is more than 30 days past due.
- Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(5), if Respondents fail to pay on a timely basis the full amount of the assessed penalty, interest, and handling charges, it shall be liable for the United States' enforcement and collection expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney fees and costs incurred by the United States for collection proceedings, and a quarterly nonpayment penalty for each quarter during which such failure to pay persists. Such nonpayment penalty shall be ten percent (10%) of the aggregate amount of Respondents' outstanding or overdue penalties and nonpayment penalties accrued from the beginning of such quarter.

F. RETENTION OF RIGHTS

26. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), this CAFO only resolves Respondents' liability for federal civil penalties for the violation and facts specifically alleged in

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Section I.C of this CAFO. Nothing in this CAFO is intended to or shall be construed to resolve (i) any civil liability for violations of any provision of any federal, state, or local law, statute, regulation, rule, ordinance, or permit not specifically alleged in Section I.C of this CAFO; or (ii) any criminal liability. EPA specifically reserves any and all authorities, rights, and remedies available to it (including, but not limited to, injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions) to address any violation of this CAFO or any violation not specifically alleged in Section I.C of this CAFO.

27. This CAFO does not exempt, relieve, modify, or affect in any way Respondents' duty to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, and permits.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

28. Except as set forth in Paragraph 25(c) above, each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in this proceeding.

Η. EFFECTIVE DATE

29. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b)(3) and 22.31(b), this CAFO shall be effective on the date that the final order contained in this CAFO, having been approved and issued by either the Regional Judicial Officer or Regional Administrator, is filed.

I. BINDING EFFECT

The undersigned representative of Complainant and the 30. undersigned representatives of Respondents each certifies that

he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this CAFO and to bind the party he or she represents to this CAFO.

- 31. The provisions of this CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondents and their officers, directors, employees, agents, trustees, servants, authorized representatives, successors, and assigns.
- 32. This Consent Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties resolving this matter arising under the CAA.
- 33. This document constitutes an "enforcement response" as that term is used in EPA's Penalty Policy for the purposes of determining Respondents' "full compliance history" as provided in Section 113(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e).

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II. FINAL ORDER

Complainant and Respondents, having entered into the foregoing Consent Agreement,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this CAFO (Docket No. CAA-09-2011-DOO3) be entered, and that Respondents shall pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$9,940) and comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Agreement.

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STEVEN L. JAWGIEŁ Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order for Beth's Construction, Inc., and Butte-Glenn Community College was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region IX and that a copy was sent by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Andrew Suleski
Vice President for Administration
Butte-Glenn Community College District
3536 Butte College Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

Att: Kimberly A. Jones
Facilities Planning and Management

Certified Mail No. 7010 1870 0001 5596 5760

Beth N. Foust President Beth's Construction, Inc. P.O. Box 610 Applegate, CA 95703

Certified Mail No. 7010 1870 0001 5596 5753

Carol Bussey, Esq.
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street (ORC-2)
San Francisco, CA 94105

Date: 9/29/11

Regional Hearing Clerk



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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James Ryden
Director
Enforcement Division
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mr. Ryden:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a Consent Agreement and Final Order regarding Beth's Construction, Inc., and Butte-Glenn Community College District for a violation of the Asbestos NESHAP during demolition/relocation of a structure located at the Butte Community College in Oroville, California.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Trotter of my staff at (415) 972-3989.

Sincerely,

Director, Air Division

Enclosure



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Certified Mail No. 7010 1870 0001 5596 5753 Return Receipt Requested

Docket No. CAA 09-2011- 0603

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Beth N. Foust President Beth's Construction, Inc. P.O. Box 610 Applegate, CA 95703

Dear Ms. Foust:

Enclosed is your copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order filed for the Butte-Glenn Community College District and Beths's Construction, Inc.

If you have any questions on the Agreement, please feel free to call Carol Bussey at (415)972-3950.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jordan

Director, Air Division

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cc: California Air Resources Board



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75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Certified Mail No. 7010 1870 0001 5596 5760 Return Receipt Requested

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Andrew Suleski Vice President for Administration Butte-Glenn Community College District 3536 Butte College Drive Oroville, CA 95965

Dear Mr. Suleski:

Enclosed is your copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order filed for the Butte-Glenn Community College District and Beths's Construction, Inc.

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