

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Gary Riffle Manager Water Department 54 Monroe Street Lexington, TN 38351

SUBJ: Expedited Settlement Agreement Lexington Water Department Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8003(b)

Dear Mr. Riffle:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8003(b)) involving the Lexington Water department. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on today's date.

Penalty payment of \$1,990 has been received, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Enforcement Section, considers this matter closed. If you have any questions, please call Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely,

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Caron B. Falconer, Chief EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures (2)

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2007-8003(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to:

Lexington Water Department L. T. "Pie" Hay Filter Plant 700 West Church Street Lexington, Tennessee 38351

for violating the following requirement of Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act: 40 CFR § 68.65; 40 CFR § 68.67; 40 CFR § 68.69; 40 CFR § 68.71; 40 CFR § 68.79; and 40 CFR § 68.190.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by the Lexington Water Department (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 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted on August 2, 2006, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when:

Respondent did not provide evidence that it has compiled all of the necessary information pertaining to the technology of the process as required by 40 CFR § 68.65(c);

Respondent did not provide evidence that it has compiled all of the necessary information pertaining to the equipment used in the process as required by 40 CFR § 68.65(d);

Respondent did not provide evidence that it has updated and revalidated the process hazard analysis at least every five years as required by 40 CFR § 68.67(f);

Respondent did not provide evidence that it has developed and implemented written operating procedures that addressed the following elements found at 40 CFR § 68.69(a): Safety and health considerations, including (3)(i) properties of, and hazards presented by,

EPA REGION IV DTHAR 27 PH 12: 19 HEARING CLERI the chemicals used in the process, (3)(ii) precautions necessary to prevent exposure, including engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment, (3)(iii) control measures to be taken if physical contact or airborne exposure occurs, (3)(iv) quality control for raw materials and control of hazardous chemical inventory levels, and (3)(v) any special or unique hazards; and (4) Safety systems and their functions;

Respondent did not provide evidence that it has annually certified that its operating procedures are current and accurate as required by 40 CFR § 68.69(c);

Respondent did not provide evidence that it has maintained training records indicating each employee's identity, the date of training, and the means used to verify that each employee understood the training as required by 40 CFR § 68.71(c);

Respondent did not provide evidence that at least every three years, Respondent has evaluated its compliance with the prevention program requirements and certified that its procedures and practices are adequate and are being followed as required by 40 CFR § 68.79(a); and

Respondent did not provide evidence that it had reviewed, updated and submitted its Risk Management Plan within five years of the previous submittal as required by 40 C.F.R § 68.190(b)(1).

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, 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 cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$1990**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, 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 contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violation listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$1990.** Please note that payment should not be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed ESA. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$1990,** in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address: Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15262-0001

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on</u> <u>the check</u>. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

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

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violation of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

> Caron B. Falconer U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

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

FOR RESPONDENT:

_____ Date: <u>3/7/07</u> Name (print): GARY RISFIE

Title (print): <u>Map</u> Lexington Water Department

FOR COMPLAINANT:

encher for Date: 2/23/07 Beverly H. Banister

Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

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

3. July Date: March 26, 2007

Susan B. Schub **Regional Judicial Officer**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Lexington Water Department, <u>CAA-04-2007-8003(b)</u>, on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Alan Dion U. S. EPA - Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Gary Riffle Manager Water Department 54 Monroe Street Lexington, TN 38351 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 3-27-07

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk Unites States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-9511

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