



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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March 31, 2015

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Mr. Mike Schmitt
Ag View FS, Inc.
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Consent Agreement and Final Order In the Matter of
Ag View FS, Inc., Docket No. **FIFRA-05-2015-0036**

Mr. Schmitt

Enclosed please find a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on March 31, 2015 with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$19,948 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 48 and 49. Please be certain that the docket number is written on both the transmittal letter and on the check.

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meghan Dunn".

Meghan Dunn
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

Enclosure

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5

In the Matter of:

Bureau Service Company
d/b/a Ag View FS, Inc.
Princeton, Illinois

Respondent.



Docket No. FIFRA-05-2015-0036

Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty
Under Section 14(a) of the Federal
Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide
Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)

Consent Agreement and Final Order

Preliminary Statement

1. This is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), and Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules) as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.
2. The Complainant is the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5.
3. Respondent is Bureau Service Company (d/b/a Ag View FS, Inc.), a corporation incorporated in the State of Illinois.
4. Where the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, the administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order (CAFO). 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
5. The parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.

6. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO, and to the terms of this CAFO.

Jurisdiction and Waiver of Right to Hearing

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CAFO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CAFO.

8. Respondent waives its right to request a hearing as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c), any right to contest the allegations in this CAFO and its right to appeal this CAFO.

9. Respondent certifies that it is complying with FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §§ 136-136y.

Statutory and Regulatory Background

10. Under FIFRA, no person shall produce any pesticide unless the establishment in which it is produced is registered with U.S. EPA. Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a).

11. The term “person” means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or any organized group of persons whether incorporated or not. Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s).

12. The term “produce” means to manufacture, prepare, compound, propagate, or process any pesticide, or to package, repack, label, relabel or otherwise change the container of any pesticide. Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

13. The terms “pesticide” and “pesticidal product” mean any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

14. The term “establishment” means any site where a pesticide or pesticidal product is produced, or held, for distribution or sale. Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

15. The term “to distribute or sell” means to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, release for shipment, or receive and (having so received) deliver or offer to deliver. Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg).

16. Section 14(a)(1), 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(1), provides that any registrant, commercial applicator, wholesaler, dealer, retailer or other distributor who violates any provision of FIFRA may be assessed a civil penalty by EPA of not more than \$5,000 for each offense. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 note, and its implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 19 increased this amount to \$7,500 for each offense occurring after January 12, 2009.

Factual Allegations and Alleged Violations

Count 1 – Varna Facility

17. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 2194 State Route 17, Varna, Illinois 61375 (Varna facility).

18. Respondent “produced” the following products at the Varna facility in 2013, within the meaning of Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3:

- a. “Halex GT,”
- b. “Bicep II Mangum,” and
- c. “Mon 58494.”

19. Each of the products in Paragraph 18, above, constitutes a “pesticide” and “pesticidal product,” within the meaning of Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

20. The Varna facility constitutes an “establishment,” within the meaning of Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

21. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the establishment identified in Paragraph 17 was not registered with EPA.

22. Respondent violated Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a) by producing a pesticide at the unregistered establishment identified in Paragraph 17.

Count 2 – Lamoille Facility

23. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 26943 Illinois Highway 34, Lamoille, Illinois 61330 (Lamoille facility).

24. Respondent “produced” the following products at the Lamoille facility in 2013, within the meaning of Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3:

- a. “GF-1279,”
- b. “Halex GT,”
- c. “Lexar EZ,”
- d. “Touchdown Total,” and
- e. “Extreme.”

25. Each of the products in Paragraph 24, above, constitutes a “pesticide” and “pesticidal product,” within the meaning of Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

26. The Lamoille facility constitutes an “establishment,” within the meaning of Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

27. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the establishment identified in Paragraph 23 was not registered with EPA.

28. Respondent violated Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a) by producing a pesticide at the unregistered establishment identified in Paragraph 23.

Count 3 – Amboy Facility

29. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 902 Illinois Route 26, Amboy, Illinois 61310 (Amboy facility).

30. Respondent “produced” the following products at the Amboy facility in 2013, within the meaning of Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3:

- a. “GF-1279,”
- b. “Nufarm Credit,”
- c. “Dupont Breakfree ATZ,”
- d. “Aatrex 4L,” and
- e. “Lexar EZ.”

31. Each of the products in Paragraph 30, above, constitutes a “pesticide” and “pesticidal product,” within the meaning of Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

32. The Amboy facility constitutes an “establishment,” within the meaning of Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

33. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the establishment identified in Paragraph 29 was not registered with EPA.

34. Respondent violated Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a) by producing a pesticide at the unregistered establishment identified in Paragraph 29.

Count 4 – Toulon Facility

35. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 1001 East Main, Toulon, Illinois 61483 (Toulon facility).

36. Respondent “produced” the following products at the Toulon facility in 2013, within the meaning of Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3:

- a. “Nufarm Credit,”
- b. “Aatrex 4L,”
- c. “Bicep II Magnum,”
- d. “Roundup Original II Herbicide,”
- e. “RD 1617.”

37. Each of the products in Paragraph 36, above, constitutes a “pesticide” and “pesticidal product,” within the meaning of Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

38. The Toulon facility constitutes an “establishment,” within the meaning of Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

39. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the establishment identified in Paragraph 35 was not registered with EPA.

40. Respondent violated Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a) by producing a pesticide at the unregistered establishment identified in Paragraph 35.

Count 5 – Ashton Facility

41. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent owned or operated a facility located at 2290 Quarry Road, Ashton, Illinois 61006 (Ashton facility).

42. Respondent “produced” the following products at the Ashton facility in 2013, within the meaning of Section 2(w) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(w); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3:

- a. “Dupont Cinch,”
- b. “Lexar EZ,”
- c. “Touchdown Total,”
- d. “Roundup Original II Herbicide,” and
- e. “Harness Xtra 5.6L.”

43. Each of the products in Paragraph 42, above, constitutes a “pesticide” and “pesticidal product,” within the meaning of Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

44. The Ashton facility constitutes an “establishment,” within the meaning of Section 2(dd) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(dd); and 40 C.F.R. § 167.3.

45. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the establishment identified in Paragraph 41 was not registered with EPA.

46. Respondent violated Section 7(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20(a) by producing a pesticide at the unregistered establishment identified in Paragraph 41.

Civil Penalty

47. Pursuant to Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$19,948. In determining the

penalty amount, Complainant considered the appropriateness of the penalty to the size of Respondent's business, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violations. Complainant also considered EPA's FIFRA Enforcement Response Policy, dated December 2009.

48. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a \$19,948 civil penalty for the FIFRA violations by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. EPA
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
Post Office Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The check must note "Bureau Service Company, d/b/a Ag View FS, Inc." and the docket number of this CAFO.

49. Respondent must send a notice of payment that states Respondent's name, complete address, and the case docket number to EPA at the following addresses when it pays the penalty:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J)
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Meghan Dunn (LC-8J)
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Eaton R. Weiler (C-14J)
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

50. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.

51. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty, EPA may refer the matter to the Attorney General who will recover such amount by action in the appropriate United States district court under Section 14(a)(5) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(5). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

52. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue from the date payment was due at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.

General Provisions

53. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the CAFO.

54. This CAFO does not affect the rights of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law.

55. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with FIFRA and other applicable federal, state and local laws.

56. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of EPA's FIFRA Enforcement Response Policy.

57. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors and assigns.

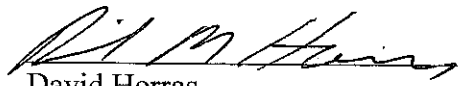
58. Each person signing this agreement certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

59. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorneys fees, in this action.

60. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

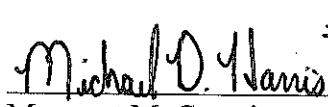
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David Horras
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Bureau Service Company

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

3/27/2015
Date

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Director
Land and Chemicals Division

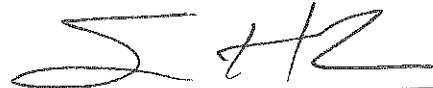
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Final Order

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

3/27/2015

Date



Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5

In the matter of: Ag View FS, Inc.
Docket Number: FIFRA-05-2015-0036

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Consent Agreement and Final Order*, which was filed on March 31, 2015, in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy by Certified Mail
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Dated:

March 31, 2015 

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