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JUN 13 2012

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Scott Richter
Able Die Casting Corporation
3907 Wesley Terrace
Schiller Park, Illinois 60176

In the Matter of Able Die Casting Corporation
Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket No. **EPCRA-05-2012-0018**

Dear Mr. Richter:

Enclosed is a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on June 13, 2012, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$12,050 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 32 and 33. Please be certain that the number **BD 2751244E015** and the docket numbers are written on both the transmittal letter and on the check. Payment is due by July 13, 2012, (within 30 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

for Meghan Dunn
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5

In the Matter of:) Docket No. EPCRA-05-2012-0018
)
Able Die Casting Corporation) Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty
Schiller Park, Illinois,) Under Section 325(c) of the Emergency
Respondent.) Planning and Community Right-to-Know
Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)

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Consent Agreement and Final Order

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1. This is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), 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, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.
3. Respondent is Able Die Casting Corporation, a corporation doing business 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 Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

Statutory and Regulatory Background

10. Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.22 and 372.30 require the owner or operator of a facility that has 10 or more full-time employees; is covered by certain Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes; meets one of the criteria set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.22(b)(1)-(3); and manufactures, processes or otherwise uses a toxic chemical in an amount exceeding an applicable threshold quantity of that chemical listed under Section 313(f) of EPCRA and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.25 and 372.28, during the calendar year, to complete and submit a toxic chemical release inventory form (Form R) to the Administrator of EPA and to the state in which the subject facility is located by July 1 for each toxic chemical manufactured, processed or otherwise used in quantities exceeding the established threshold during the preceding calendar year.

11. As set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, except as provided in 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.27 and 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for a toxic chemical manufactured or processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 1989. The reporting threshold for a toxic chemical otherwise used at a facility is 10,000 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 1987.

12. As set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for lead manufactured, processed or otherwise used at a facility is 100 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 2001.

13. Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 2461 note (1990), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 note (1996), required federal agencies to issue regulations adjusting for inflation the maximum civil penalties that may be assessed pursuant to each agency's statutes. EPA may assess a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA that occurred after January 12, 2009 pursuant to Section 325(c)(1) and (3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1) and (3), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

Factual Allegations and Alleged Violations

14. Respondent is a "person" as that term is defined at Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

15. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent was an owner or operator of the facility located at 3907 Wesley Terrace, in Schiller Park, Illinois.

16. Respondent is a corporation doing business in the State of Illinois.

17. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent had "10 or more full-time employees," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, and was an employer at the facility.

18. Respondent's facility consists of buildings, equipment, structures and other stationary items which are located on a single site or on contiguous or adjacent sites and which are owned or operated by the same person.

19. Respondent's facility is a "facility" as that term is defined at Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4).

20. The facility has a SIC code of 3363, a covered SIC code as defined at Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.22.

Count 1

21. During calendar year 2008, Respondent's facility processed, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, copper, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in the amount of 36,297 pounds which is greater than 25,000 pounds, the threshold for reporting as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25.

22. Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois a Form R for copper for calendar year 2008, by July 1, 2009.

23. Respondent did not submit to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois a Form R for copper for calendar year 2008, by July 1, 2009.

24. Respondent submitted Form R for copper to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois on April 3, 2012, for calendar year 2008.

25. Respondent violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30 by failing to submit timely a Form R for copper to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois for calendar year 2008.

Count 2

26. During calendar year 2008, Respondent's facility processed, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, lead, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in the amount of 628 pounds which is greater than 100 pounds, the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28.

27. Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois a Form R for lead for calendar year 2008, by July 1, 2009.

28. Respondent did not submit to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois a Form R for lead for calendar year 2008, by July 1, 2009.

29. Respondent submitted Form R for lead to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois on April 3, 2012, for calendar year 2008.

30. Respondent violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30 by failing to submit timely a Form R for lead to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of Illinois for calendar year 2008.

Civil Penalty

31. Pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$12,050. In determining the penalty amount, Complainant considered the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations with respect to Respondent, and its ability to pay, prior history of violations, economic benefit or savings resulting from the violations, and any other matters as justice may require. Complainant also considered EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of EPCRA and Section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (1990) (as amended on April 12, 2001).

32. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,050 by cashier's check, certified check, electronic funds transfer, automated clearinghouse, or online payment.

For checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail: send a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

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

For checks sent by express mail: send a cashier's or certified check, payable to

"Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. Bank
Government Lockbox 979077
U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

The check must include the case name, docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

For electronic funds transfer: make the electronic funds transfer, payable to "Treasurer,

United States of America," and send to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA No. 021030004
Account No. 68010727
33 Liberty Street
New York, New York 10045
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read:
"D68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

In the comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer, include the case name, the docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

For Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) also known as REX or remittance express:

make the ACH electronic funds transfer, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," and send to:

US Treasury REX/Cashlink ACH Receiver
ABA: 051036706
Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency
CTX Format Transaction Code 22-checking

In the comment area of the electronic funds transfer, include the case name, the docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

For on-line payment: make an on-line payment by going to www.pay.gov. Use the Search Public Forms option on the tool bar and enter SFO 1.1 in the search field. Open the form and complete the required fields.

33. Respondent must send a notice of payment that states Respondent's name, complete address, the case docket number and the billing document 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

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

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

35. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty, EPA may bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of the penalty with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties and the United States enforcement expenses for the collection action. The validity, amount and

appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

36. 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 the payment was due at a rate established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. 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

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

38. 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.

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

40. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of EPCRA.

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

42. 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.

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

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

Able Die Casting Corporation, Respondent


5/7/12
Date



Scott Richter, Vice President
Able Die Casting Corporation

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

6/6/12
Date



Margaret M. Guerriero
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.

June 11, 2012
Date



Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original signed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the civil administrative action involving Able Die Casting Corporation, was filed on June 13, 2012, with the Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and that I mailed, by Certified Mail, Receipt No. 7009 1680 0000 7667 7998, a copy of the original to the Respondents:

Mr. Scott Richter
Able Die Casting Corporation
3907 Wesley Terrace
Schiller Park, Illinois 60176

and forwarded intra-Agency copies to:

John Breslin, Regional Judicial Officer, ORC/C-14J
Reza Bagherian, Counsel for Complainant ORC/C-14J
Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD



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