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In the Matter of:

**Flint Group
14909 North Beck Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170**

Respondent

**Flint Group
210 Phillips Road
Lionville, Pennsylvania 19341**

Facility

Docket No. EPCRA-03-2017-0110

CONSENT AGREEMENT

**Proceeding under EPCRA § 313 and, § 325(c),
42 U.S.C. § 11023 and § 11045(c)**

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Preliminary Statement

This Consent Agreement is entered into by the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("Complainant"), and Flint Group, ("Respondent"), pursuant to Sections 313 and 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 11023 and 11045(c), the regulations implementing EPCRA § 313, as set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 372, and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and .18(b)(2) and (3), this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order (collectively, "CAFO"), simultaneously commence and conclude this proceeding to resolve violations of EPCRA § 313, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, as alleged herein, by Respondent at its facility located at 210 Phillips Road, Lionville, Pennsylvania 19341.

General Provisions

1. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this CAFO.
2. Except as provided in Paragraph 1, above, Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations and legal conclusions set forth in this CAFO.

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3. Respondent agrees not to contest the jurisdiction of EPA with respect to the execution of this Consent Agreement, the issuance of the attached Final Order, or the enforcement of this CAFO.
4. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent hereby expressly waives any right to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this Consent Agreement and any right to appeal the accompanying Final Order.
5. Respondent consents to the issuance of this CAFO and agrees to comply with its terms and conditions.
6. Respondent shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees in connection with this proceeding.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

7. In accordance with Sections 22.13(b) and .18(b)(2) of the Consolidated Rules, Complainant adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.
8. Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. Part 372 require, *inter alia*, that the owner or operator of a facility that: 1) has 10 or more employees; 2) has a primary Standard Industrial Classification (“SIC”) Code of 20 [2000] through 39[3900] (as in effect on July 1, 1987), or other SIC or industry code as set forth in 40 C.F.R. Section 372.22(b); and 3) manufactured, processed or otherwise used a toxic chemical listed in 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in excess of the threshold quantities established under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), during the calendar year for which the form is required, to complete and submit a toxic chemical release form (“Form R”) or appropriate alternative threshold report (“Form A”) for each such toxic chemical to EPA and the state in which the facility is located, by July 1 of the following calendar year.
9. Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.3 define “facility” to mean, in relevant part, all buildings, equipment, structures, and other stationary items that are located on a single site and that are owned or operated by the same person.
10. Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7), defines “person” to include any corporation.
11. Respondent is incorporated in the State of Michigan and is a “person” as defined in Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).
12. Respondent owns and operates, and at the time of the violations alleged herein, owned and operated a printing inks manufacturing plant located at 210 Phillips Road, Lionville, Pennsylvania 19341 (“Facility”).

13. Respondent's Facility is a "facility" as defined in Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §11049(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.3.
14. During the 2013 calendar year, Respondent employed 10 or more full-time employees at the Facility.
15. During the 2013 calendar year, the Facility had a SIC code of 2893, corresponding to printing ink manufacturing.
16. Respondent was required to complete and submit a Form R or Form A for each toxic chemical or toxic chemical category listed in 40 C.F.R. § 372.65 which was manufactured, processed, or otherwise used at the Facility in excess of the threshold quantity set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), during any calendar year, to EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by July 1 of the following calendar year.

Count I – Certain Glycol Ethers 2013

17. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 16, above, are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
18. "Certain Glycol Ethers" are "toxic chemicals" as defined in EPCRA §§ 313(c) and 329(10), 42 U.S.C. §§ 11023(c) and 11049(10), 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, and listed as a "toxic chemical category" in 40 C.F.R. § 372.65.
19. As set forth in Section 313(f)(1)(B)(iii) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f)(1)(B)(iii), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for certain glycol ethers processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds.
20. Respondent processed more than 25,000 pounds of certain glycol ethers at the Facility during calendar year 2013.
21. Pursuant to EPCRA § 313(a), 42 U.S.C. § 11023(a), Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by July 1 of 2014, a completed Form R or Form A for the certain glycol ethers processed at the Facility during calendar year 2013.
22. Respondent never filed a Form A for the toxic chemical category, "certain glycol ethers" processed at the Facility during calendar year 2013 with the Administrator of EPA or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
23. Respondent filed a complete Form R for the toxic chemical category, certain glycol ethers,

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processed at the Facility during calendar year 2013 with the Administrator of EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on or about November 29, 2016.

24. Respondent's failure to timely file a complete Form R or Form A to EPA or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the toxic chemical category, certain glycol ethers, processed at the Facility during calendar year 2013, by July 1, 2014, constitutes one violation of Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

Settlement

25. Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), provides that any person who violates EPCRA § 313, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation. Pursuant to the Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, violations of Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, occurring after January 12, 2009 are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 per violation.
26. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of **FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$4,254.00)** in settlement and satisfaction of all civil claims for penalties which Complainant may have concerning the violations alleged and set forth in this Consent Agreement. Such civil penalty shall become due and payable immediately upon Respondent's receipt of a true and correct copy of the CAFO. In order to avoid the assessment of interest, administrative costs and late payment penalties in connection with such civil penalty, Respondent must pay such civil penalty no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which this CAFO is mailed or hand-delivered to Respondent.
27. The civil penalty settlement amount set forth in Paragraph 26, immediately above, was determined after consideration of the statutory factors set forth in EPCRA § 325(b)(1)(C), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b)(1)(C), which include the seriousness of the violation and any good faith efforts to comply with the applicable requirements. These factors were applied to the particular facts and circumstances of this case with specific reference to EPA's *Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (1986)* (April 12, 2001). Complainant has also considered the Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, and the December 6, 2013 memorandum by EPA Assistant Administrator, Cynthia Giles, entitled, *Amendments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Civil Penalty Policies to Account for Inflation* (Effective December 6, 2013). The settlement in this proceeding is consistent with the provisions and objectives of EPCRA § 313, 42 U.S.C. § 11023 and 40 C.F.R. Part 372.
28. Respondent shall pay the civil penalty amount assessed in Paragraph 26, above, plus any interest, administrative fees, and late payment penalties owed, in accordance with Paragraphs

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29 through 32, below, by either cashier's check, certified check, or electronic wire transfer, in the following manner:

- a. All payments by Respondent shall reference Respondent's name and address, and the Docket Number of this action, *i.e.*, EPCRA-03-2017-0110;
- b. All checks shall be made payable to "United States Treasury";
- c. All payments made by check and sent by regular mail shall be addressed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Customer Service Contact: (513) 487-2091

- d. All payments made by check and sent by Private Commercial Overnight Delivery service shall be addressed and mailed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO63101

- e. All payments made by check in any currency drawn on banks with no USA branches shall be addressed for delivery to:

Cincinnati Finance
US EPA, MS-NWD
26 W. M.L. King Drive
Cincinnati, OH45268-0001

- f. All payments made by electronic wire transfer shall be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA: 021030004
Account Number: 68010727
SWIFT address: FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street

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New York, NY10045

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- g. All electronic payments made through the Automated Clearinghouse (ACH), also known as Remittance Express (REX), shall be directed to:

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

Physical location of U.S. Treasury facility:
5700 Rivertech Court
Riverdale, MD 20737

Contact: (866) 234-5681

- h. On-Line Payment Option:

<https://www.pay.gov/public/home>

Enter **SFO 1.1** in the search field, open and complete the form.

- i. Additional payment guidance is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>

- j. Payment by Respondent shall reference Respondent's name and address, and the EPA Docket Number of this CAFO.

- k. A copy of Respondent's check or a copy of Respondent's electronic fund transfer shall be sent simultaneously to:

T. Chris Minshall
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region III (3RC30)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA19103-2029

and

Ms. Lydia Guy
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region III (3RC00)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA19103-2029

29. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, EPA is entitled to assess interest and late payment penalties on outstanding debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim, as more fully described below. Accordingly, Respondent's failure to make timely payment as specified herein shall result in the assessment of late payment charges including interest, penalties, and/or administrative costs of handling delinquent debts.
30. Interest on the civil penalty assessed in this CAFO will begin to accrue on the date that a true and correct copy of this CAFO is mailed or hand-delivered to Respondent. However, EPA will not seek to recover interest on any amount of the civil penalty that is paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which such interest begins to accrue. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a).
31. The costs of the Agency's administrative handling of overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period a debt is overdue. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Pursuant to Appendix 2 of EPA's *Resources Management Directives - Cash Management*, Chapter 9, EPA will assess a \$15.00 administrative handling charge for administrative costs on unpaid penalties for the first thirty (30) day period after the payment is due and an additional \$15.00 for each subsequent thirty (30) days the penalty remains unpaid.
32. A late payment penalty of six percent per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the civil penalty that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) calendar days. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). Should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).
33. Respondent agrees not to deduct for federal tax purposes the civil monetary penalty assessed in this CAFO.

Certification

34. The individual who signs this Consent Agreement on behalf of Respondent certifies that the Facility referred to in this Consent Agreement is currently in compliance with all applicable requirements of EPCRA Section 313, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

Other Applicable Laws

35. Nothing in this CAFO shall relieve Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Reservation of Rights

36. This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order resolve only EPA's claims for civil penalties for the specific violations of EPCRA Section 313, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, alleged herein. EPA reserves the right to commence action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, public welfare, or the environment. In addition, this settlement is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 22.18(c) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice. Further, EPA reserves any rights and remedies available to it under EPCRA, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other federal laws or regulations for which EPA has jurisdiction, to enforce the provisions of this CAFO, following its filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Scope of Settlement

37. The settlement set forth in this CAFO shall constitute full and final satisfaction of Complainant's civil claims for penalties for the specific violations alleged herein. Compliance with the CAFO shall not be a defense to any action commenced at any time for any other violation of the federal laws and regulations administered by EPA.

Parties Bound

38. This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order shall apply to and be binding upon the EPA, the Respondent and the officers, directors, employees, contractors, successors, agents, and assigns of Respondent. By his or her signature below, the person who signs this Consent Agreement on behalf of Respondent is acknowledging that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to execute this Consent Agreement and to legally bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order.

Effective Date

39. The effective date of this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order is the date on which the Final Order, signed by the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region III, or his designee, the Regional Judicial Officer, is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice.

Entire Agreement

40. This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order constitute the entire agreement and understanding of the parties regarding settlement of all claims pertaining to the specific violations alleged herein and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms, or


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conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this CAFO.

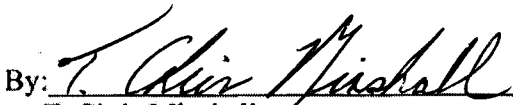
For Respondent:

Date: Feb 28, 2017

By: 
Jeffrey Adamson
Global Health, Safety & Environmental Programs
Director
Flint Group

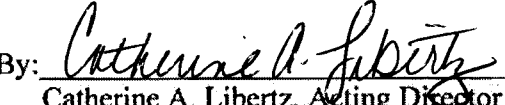
For Complainant:

3/9/2017

By: 
T. Chris Minshall
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

After reviewing the EPA Findings of the Fact, Conclusions of Law and other pertinent matters, the Land and Chemicals Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III recommends that the Regional Administrator or his designee, the Regional Judicial Officer, issue the attached Final Order.

Date: 3-16-17

By: 
Catherine A. Libertz, Acting Director
Land and Chemicals Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

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FINAL ORDER

Complainant, the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, and Respondent, Flint Group, have executed a document entitled "Consent Agreement," which I hereby ratify as a Consent Agreement in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (with specific reference to Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3)). The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are accepted by the undersigned and incorporated into this Final Order as if fully set forth at length herein.

Based on the representations of the parties in the attached Consent Agreement, the penalty agreed to therein is based upon consideration of, *inter alia*, EPA's *Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (1986)* (April 12, 2001), the statutory factors set forth in EPCRA § 325(b)(1)(C), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b)(1)(C), and the provisions and objectives of EPCRA § 313, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

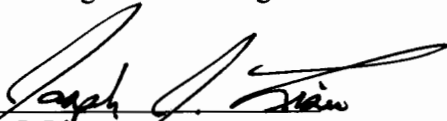
NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Section 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent pay a civil penalty of **FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$4,254.00)**, as specified in the Consent Agreement, and comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement.

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The effective date of the foregoing Consent Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date: March 21, 2017



Joseph J. Lisa
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA, Region III

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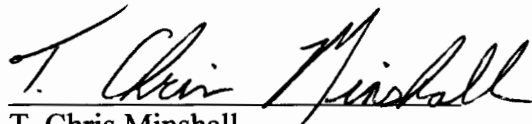
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on this 21st day of March 2017, I sent a copy of the foregoing CONSENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER by UPS, to the following person:

Jeff Adamson
Global Health, Safety & Environmental Programs Director
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