



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JAN 27 2016

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL: 7014 2870 0001 9578 3273
RETURNED RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. & Mrs. Bowan
TLC Construction
5150 Gas Lite Court
Rockford, Illinois 61111

Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the Matter of
TLC of Rockford: Docket No. **TSCA-05-2016-0005**

Mr. & Mrs. Bowman:

Enclosed please find a copy of a fully executed Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order (ESA) in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on January 27, 2016 with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraph 3. 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 that reads "Meghan Dunn".

Meghan Dunn
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

Enclosure

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5

IN THE MATTER OF:
TLC of Rockford
Respondent.



Docket No. **TSCA-05-2016-0005**

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT AND
FINAL ORDER

MICRO-BUSINESS EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency alleges that TLC of Rockford (Respondent) failed to comply with regulations promulgated under Section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2682, in violation of Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689.
2. On or after October 1, 2010, Respondent performed, offered, or claimed to perform renovations of target housing or child occupied facilities without being certified by EPA under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89 to conduct renovation, repair, and/or painting activities in target housing and/or child-occupied facilities, as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.81(a)(2)(ii) and 745.89(a), in violation of Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689.
3. EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of two-hundred dollars (\$200) is in the public interest.
4. EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order (Agreement) pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
5. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a) and 40 C.F.R. § 745.89; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein; (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; and (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty.
6. By its signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making false submissions to the United States Government, that: (1) it has applied to EPA for certification under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89; and (2) along with this Agreement Respondent is submitting proof of its application for certification in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 745.89, including a signed copy of its "Application for Firms" and proof of payment of its application fee.
7. Within 120 days after the effective date of this Agreement, Respondent shall submit to EPA a notice of certification that states Respondent's name, complete address, and the case docket number, along with proof of its certification in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.81(a)(2)(ii) and 745.89, at the following addresses:

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

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

8. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreement, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two-hundred dollars (\$200) for the TSCA violations identified in this Agreement 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
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The check must state the case title ("In the Matter of: TLC of Rockford"), and the docket number of this Agreement.


9. Respondent must send a notice of payment that states Respondent's name, complete address, and the case docket number (along with a photocopy of the check) to EPA at the addresses listed in paragraph 7 above, when it pays the penalty.
10. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.
11. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty, EPA may refer this matter to the Attorney General who will recover such amount, plus interest, in the appropriate district court of the United States under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.
12. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this Agreement. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue 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.
13. This Agreement resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in the Agreement.

14. This Agreement 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.
15. EPA reserves all of its rights to take enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of TSCA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
16. This Agreement does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*, and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.
17. Respondent certifies that it is complying with Section 402 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2682, and its implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 745.
18. The terms of this Agreement bind Respondent, and its successors and assigns.
19. 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.
20. Upon signing and returning this Agreement to EPA, Respondent waives any and all remedies, claims for relief and other available rights to judicial or administrative review Respondent may have with respect to any issue of fact or law set forth in this Expedited Settlement Agreement, including the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and any right of judicial review under Chapter 7 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701 -706.
21. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
22. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b) is effective upon filing.

IT IS SO AGREED.

NAME (print): JOHN BOWMAN

TITLE (print): CO-OWNER TLC CONSTRUCTION

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 1/5/16

APPROVED BY EPA:



DATE: 1/19/16

Margaret M. Guerriero, Director
 Land and Chemicals Division
 United States Environmental Protection Agency
 Region 5

FINAL ORDER

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

1/25/14
Date

Robin A. Kyrh / Fou
Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5

In the matter of: TLC of Rockford
Docket Number: **TSCA-05-2016-0005**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Expedited Settlement Agreement**, which was filed on 1/27/2016, this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy by certified mail
Return-receipt requested:

Mr. & Mrs. Bowman
TLC of Rockford
5150 Gas Lite Court
Rockford, Illinois 61111

Copy by e-mail to
Attorney for Complainant:

Robert Peachey
Peachey.robert@epa.gov

Copy by e-mail to
Regional Judicial Officer:

Ann Coyle
coyle.ann@epa.gov

Dated: January 27, 2016

LaDawn Whitehead
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Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5