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IN THE MATTER OF:

Deltech Monomers Op Co, LLC

RESPONDENT

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Consent Agreement and Final Order
USEPA Docket No. RCRA-06-2022-0912

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") is entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 ("EPA" or "Complainant") and Respondent, Deltech Monomers Op Co, LLC ("Respondent" or "Deltech") and concerns the facility located at 11911 Scenic Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70807 (the "Facility").
2. Notice of this action has been given to the State of Louisiana, under Section 3008(a)(2) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(2).
3. For the purpose of these proceedings, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations herein; however, the Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations and conclusions of law contained in this CAFO. This CAFO states a claim upon which relief may be granted.
4. Respondent explicitly waives any right to contest the allegations or to appeal the proposed final order contained in this CAFO and waives all defenses that have been raised or could have been raised to the claims set forth in the CAFO.
5. The CAFO resolves only those violations which are alleged herein.

6. Respondent consents to the issuance of this CAFO as the most appropriate means of settling EPA's allegations without any adjudication of issues of law or fact, consents to the assessment and payment of the civil penalty in the amount and by the method set out in this CAFO, and consents to the compliance order in this CAFO.

JURISDICTION

7. This CAFO is issued by EPA pursuant to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 and is simultaneously commenced and concluded through the issuance of this CAFO under 40 Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3).
8. Respondent agrees to undertake and complete all actions required by the terms and conditions of this CAFO. In any action by EPA or the United States to enforce the terms of this CAFO, Respondent agrees not to contest the authority or jurisdiction of EPA to issue or enforce this CAFO and agrees not to contest the validity of this CAFO or its terms or conditions.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. Respondent is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana.
10. Respondent is a "person" within the meaning of Section 1004(15) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(15), and Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative Code("LAC") LAC 33:V.109 1¹,

¹ On January 24, 1985, the State of Louisiana received final authorization for its base Hazardous Waste Management Program (50 FR 3348). Subsequent revisions have been made to the Louisiana Hazardous Waste Program and authorized by the EPA. Except as otherwise provided, all citations found within this order are to the "EPA-Approved Louisiana Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Applicable to the Hazardous Waste Management Program" dated November 2015, incorporated by reference under 40 C.F.R. § 272.951(c)(1)(i) effective on December 26, 2018. 83 Fed. Reg. 66143 (December 26, 2018); 40 C.F.R. 272.951: Louisiana State-Administered Program: Final Authorization. References and citations to the "EPA-Approved Louisiana Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Applicable to the Hazardous Waste Management Program" may vary slightly from the State of Louisiana's published version. The corresponding C.F.R. citations are also provided.

[40 C.F.R. § 260.10].

11. At times relevant to this CAFO, the Facility was owned and operated by Deltech LLC. The Facility is currently owned and operated by Deltech Monomers Op Co, LLC. The current owner accepts responsibility for the findings and agrees to the terms and conditions in this CAFO. .
12. At times relevant to this CAFO, the Facility produced specialty monomers and sold bulk shipments of vinyl toluene, para-methylstyrene, tertiary-butystyrene, and divinylbenzene in North America (U.S. Canada and Mexico).
13. The Deltech Facility is a "facility" within the meaning of LAC 33:V.109, [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].
14. From December 7-10, 2020, the EPA conducted a RCRA records review of the Respondent's activities as a generator of hazardous waste including a review of the information voluntarily provided to EPA by Respondent (the "Investigation").
15. During the Investigation, EPA discovered that Respondent, at a minimum, generated and offered for transport and treatment, certain hazardous waste which were listed on the manifests as having the following waste codes: D001(Ignitability), D007 (Chromium), D008 (Lead), and D018 (Benzene).
16. The waste streams identified in Paragraph 14 are "hazardous waste" as defined in LAC 33:V.4901.B & F, and 4903.E, [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.21, 261.22, 261.24, and 261.33].
17. Respondent is a "generator" of "hazardous waste" as those terms are defined in LAC 33:V.109, [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].
18. During the Investigation, EPA determined that Deltech declared its generator status as a large quantity generator (LQG) of hazardous waste. Respondent is subject to Sections 3002 and

3010 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6922 and 6930, and the regulations set forth in Title 33 of LAC Part V, Chapters 1 through 51, [40 C.F.R Part 262 and/or 270].

19. The EPA submitted to Respondent on September 20, 2021, a Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer (“Notice”). The EPA conferred with Respondent on October 21, 2021, regarding the violations alleged herein and to provide the Respondent an opportunity to submit additional information or materials. In response to EPA’s request, Respondent submitted additional information and materials on or about November 5, 2021.

VIOLATIONS

Claim 1: Waste Determinations

20. The allegations in Paragraphs 1-19 are realleged and incorporated by reference.
21. Pursuant to LAC 33 Part V, §1751, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 265.1083(b) the owner or operator shall control air pollutant emissions from each hazardous waste management unit in accordance with standards specified in §§ 265.1085 through 265.1088, as applicable to the hazardous waste management unit. Subsection (c) states that a tank, surface impoundment, or container is exempt from standards specified in § 265.1085 through § 265.1088, as applicable, provided that the waste management unit is one of the following: A tank, surface impoundment, or container for which all hazardous waste entering the unit has an average volatile organic (VO) concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 parts per million by weight (ppmw). The average VO concentration shall be determined using the procedures specified in § 265.1084(a) of this subpart. The owner or operator shall review and update, as necessary, this determination at least once every 12 months following the date of the initial determination for the hazardous waste streams entering the unit.

22. Pursuant to LAC 33 Part V, § 1753, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 265.1084, provides the waste determination procedure necessary to determine the average VO concentration of a hazardous waste at the point of origination.
23. The EPA reviewed Respondent's records for the period from 2017 through 2020 and determined that Respondent's records failed to make adequate hazardous waste determinations for five waste profiles submitted by the Respondent identifying the solid waste streams at the Facility.
24. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the Respondent failed to make the requisite hazardous waste determinations for all waste streams containing volatile organic compounds generated at the facility and did not maintain waste profiles for those solid waste streams in violation of LAC 33: Part V §§ 1751 and 4727 [40 C.F.R. § 265.1083(b) and (c) and 40 C.F.R. § 1084].

Claim 2: Contingency Plan Requirements

25. The allegations in Paragraphs 1-19 are realleged and incorporated by reference.
26. Pursuant to LAC 33:V.1511(g) and 40 C.F.R. § 265.37(a), the owner or operator must attempt to make the following arrangements, as appropriate for the type of waste handled at his facility and the potential need for the services of these organizations: (1) Arrangements to familiarize police, fire departments, and emergency response teams with the layout of the facility, properties of hazardous waste handled at the facility and associated hazards, places where facility personnel would normally be working, entrances to roads inside the facility, and possible evacuation routes; (2) Where more than one police and fire department might respond to an emergency, agreements designating primary emergency authority to a specific police and a specific fire department, and agreements with any others to provide support to the primary emergency authority; (3) Agreements with State emergency response teams,

emergency response contractors, and equipment suppliers; and (4) Arrangements to familiarize local hospitals with the properties of hazardous waste handled at the facility and the types of injuries or illnesses which could result from fires, explosions, or releases at the facility; (b) where State or local authorities decline to enter into such arrangements, the owner or operator must document the refusal in the operating record.

27. EPA reviewed Respondent's records for the period from 2017 through 2020 and determined that Respondent failed to make arrangements from 2017 to 2020 of the Hazardous Waste Contingency (HWC) to local authorities and emergency responders and keep records of the necessary arrangements as required by LAC 33:V.1511(g) and 40 C.F.R. § 265.37(a).
28. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the Respondent failed to create and keep records of arrangements with local authorities and emergency responders as required by LAC 33:V.1511.G. and LAC 33: V. 1513.B, [40 C.F.R. § 265.37].

Claim 3: Training Requirements

29. The allegations in Paragraphs 1-19 are realleged and incorporated by reference.
30. Pursuant to LAC 33:V.1515 and 40 C.F.R. § 265.16, facility personnel must successfully complete a program of classroom instruction or on-the-job training that teaches hazardous waste management procedures, designed to ensure that facility personnel are able to respond effectively to emergencies by familiarizing them with emergency procedures, emergency equipment, and emergency systems.
31. The EPA reviewed Respondent's training records for the period 2017 - 2020 and determined that Respondent failed to provide records required personnel training for its employees as required by 40 C.F.R. § 265.16.

32. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the Respondent failed to provide and maintain certain personnel training records as required by LAC 33:V.1515, [40 C.F.R. § 265.16].

COMPLIANCE ORDER

33. Pursuant to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), Respondent is hereby ordered to take the following actions, and within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent shall provide in writing the following:
- A. Respondent shall certify that it has assessed all its solid waste streams at the facility to determine the accurate waste codes and has developed and implemented standard operating procedures ("SOPs") to ensure that Respondent is operating the facility in compliance with RCRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to, procedures for: (a) making hazardous waste determinations; (b) managing hazardous wastes; (c) reporting, transporting, and disposing of hazardous waste; (d) preparing its manifests; and (e) meeting the requirements of the land disposal requirements;
 - B. Respondent shall certify that it currently has an EPA hazardous waste identification number for the facility in compliance with RCRA Section 3010; and
 - C. Respondent shall provide, with its certification, a copy of Respondent's SOPs as described in subparagraph A above.
34. In all instances in which this CAFO requires written submission to EPA, the submittal made by Respondent shall be signed by an owner or officer of the Respondent and shall include the following certification:

"I certify under the penalty of law that this document and all its attachments were prepared by me or under my direct supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly

responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Copies of all documents required by this CAFO shall be sent to the following:

U.S. EPA, Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECDSR)
ATTN: Joyce Johnson
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102

Where possible, notice shall be sent electronically by email or facsimile to Enforcement Officer Joyce Johnson, respectively at johnson.joyce-r6@epa.gov or at 214-665-8548.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

A. Penalty Provisions

35. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928, and upon consideration of the entire record herein, including the above referenced Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which are hereby adopted and made a part hereof, upon the seriousness of the alleged violations, and Respondent's good faith efforts to comply with the applicable regulations, it is ordered that Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of **eighty thousand, two hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents, \$80,249.50.**
36. The penalty shall be paid within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this CAFO and made payable to the Treasurer United States.
37. The following are Respondent's options for transmitting the penalties: Regular Mail, U.S. Postal Mail (including certified mail) or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, the check should be remitted to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center

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P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

Overnight Mail (non-U.S. Postal Service), the check should be remitted to:

U.S. Bank
Government Lockbox 979077
U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
314-418-1028

Wire Transfer:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA: 021030004
Account No. 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10045

The case name and docket number (In the Matter of Deltech LLC, Docket No. RCRA-06-2022-0912 shall be clearly documented on or within the chosen method of payment to ensure proper credit.

38. The Respondent shall send a simultaneous notice of such payment to the following:

U.S. EPA, Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECDSR)
ATTN: Joyce Johnson
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102

Respondent's adherence to this request will ensure proper credit is given when penalties are received by EPA.

39. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, unless otherwise prohibited by law, EPA will assess interest and late payment penalties on outstanding debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest on the civil penalty assessed in this CAFO will begin to accrue on the effective date of the CAFO and will be recovered by EPA on any amount of the civil penalty that is not paid within thirty (30) calendar days of the civil penalty's due date and 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).

40. Moreover, the costs of the Agency's administrative handling overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period the debt is overdue. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). EPA will also assess a \$15.00 administrative handling charge for administrative costs on unpaid penalties for the thirty (30) day period after the payment is due and an additional \$15.00 for each subsequent thirty (30) day period the penalty remains unpaid. In addition, a penalty charge of up to six percent (6%) per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the debt which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Should a penalty charge on the debt be required, it shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d). Other penalties for failure to make a payment may also apply.

B. Costs

41. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees. Furthermore, Respondent specifically waives its right to seek reimbursement of its costs and attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (5 U.S.C. § 504), as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (P.L. 04-121), and any regulations promulgated pursuant to those Acts.

C. Termination and Satisfaction

42. When Respondent believes that it has complied with all the requirements of this CAFO, including compliance with the Compliance Order and payment of the civil penalty, Respondent shall also certify this in writing and in accordance with the certification language set forth in Section IV (Compliance Order), Paragraph 38. Unless the EPA, Region 6 objects in writing within sixty (60) days of EPA's receipt of Respondent's certification, then this CAFO is terminated on the basis of Respondent's certification.

D. Effective Date of Settlement

43. This CAFO shall become effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

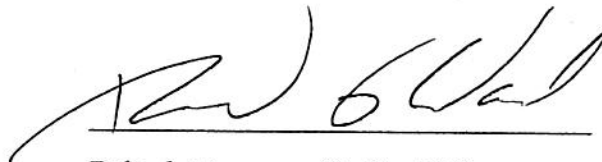
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THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES CONSENT TO THE ENTRY OF THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER:

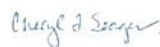
FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Date: 11/8/2022



Deltech Monomers Op Co, LLC

FOR THE COMPLAINANT:



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Director
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Compliance Assurance Division
U. S. EPA Region 6, Dallas

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing CAFO is hereby ratified. This Final Order shall not in any case affect the right of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. This Final Order shall resolve only those causes of action alleged herein. Nothing in this Final Order shall be construed to waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's (or its officers, agents, servants, employees, successors, or assigns) obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, including the regulations that were the subject of this action. Respondent is ordered to comply with the terms of settlement and the civil penalty payment instructions as set forth in the CAFO. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b) this Final Order shall become effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

THOMAS RUCKI

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order was delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA - Region 6, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102, and that a true and correct copy was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy via Email to Complainant:

mcdonald.ashley@epa.gov

Copy via Email to Respondent:

KBrignac@deltech.com, and

kyle@beall.law

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Ms. Lori Jackson
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