



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7, 11201 RENNER BOULEVARD, LENEXA, KANSAS 66219

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EXPEDITED SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In the matter of Quality Liquid Feeds, Inc.
Docket No. CWA-07-2025-0042

On April 30, 2024, an authorized representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") conducted an inspection of Quality Liquid Feeds, Inc.'s ("Respondent") facility at 107 Remsen Street, Dunlap, Iowa 51529 to determine compliance with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. § 1321(j)), (the "Act" or "CWA"). EPA determined that Respondent, as owner or operator of the facility, violated regulations implementing Section 311(j) of the Act by failing to comply with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations as noted on the attached Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan ("SPCC") Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations, and Proposed Penalty Form ("Violations Form") which is hereby incorporated by reference. By its signature below, EPA ratifies the inspection findings and alleged violations set forth in the Violations Form.

The parties enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("ESA") in order to settle the civil violations described in the Violations Form for a penalty of \$2,050. The parties are authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement under the authority of Section 311(b) (6) (B) (i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b) (6) (B) (i), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and § 22.18(b)(2)-(3).

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

EPA finds the Respondent is subject to the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations and has violated the regulations as further described in the Violations Form. Respondent admits it is subject to the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations and that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as described in the Violations Form. Respondent admits to the facts in the first paragraph of this Settlement Agreement and waives any objections it may have to EPA's jurisdiction. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty stated above. Respondent does not contest the inspection findings and neither admits nor denies the allegations in the Form.

Respondent further certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the violations identified in the Violations Form have been corrected and the facility is

now in full compliance with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations.

Respondent certifies that, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Final Order, Respondent will submit electronic payment via: www.pay.gov or submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

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P.O. Box 979078
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

The payment made pursuant to this ESA is a penalty within the meaning of Section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f), and, therefore, Respondent shall not claim it as a tax deductible expenditure for purposes of federal, state or local law.

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 Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order and its right to appeal this Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order. By signing this Expedited Settlement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of this Expedited Settlement Agreement. Moreover, in entering into this ESA, the Respondent agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees related to this ESA.

Failure by Respondent to pay the penalty assessed by this ESA in full by its due date may subject Respondent to civil action to collect the assessed penalty plus interest, attorney's fees, costs and additional quarterly nonpayment penalty pursuant to CWA § 311(b)(6)(H), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(H). In any such collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

This Expedited Settlement is binding on the parties signing below and is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b). Each person signing this ESA certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party who he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms. The parties consent to service of this Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order by e-mail at the following valid e-

mail addresses: moreno.sarah@epa.gov (for IT IS SO ORDERED:
Complainant) and the e-mail noted below for Respondent.

Once the Expedited Settlement is signed by the Regional
Judicial Officer, the original Expedited Settlement will be
filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk. A copy of the
Expedited Settlement will also be emailed to the
Respondent.

Regional Judicial Officer

Effective Date: See Notice of Filing for Effective Date

If Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited
Settlement as presented within 30 days of the date of its
receipt, or within an extension timeframe approved by the
EPA, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn
without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other
enforcement action for the violations identified in the
Violations Form.

After this Expedited Settlement becomes effective, EPA
will take no further civil penalty action against
Respondent for the alleged violations of the Oil Pollution
Prevention regulations described in the Violations Form
through the order date of this Expedited Agreement.
However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any
enforcement action for any other past, present, or future
violations by Respondent of the Oil Pollution Prevention
regulations or of any other federal statute or regulations.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Cory Berg

Title (print): CEO

Email: Cory@QLF.com

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2-19-25

APPROVED BY EPA:

Delegated Official Date: _____