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Michael M. Thomas Registered Agent for Old Orchard, LLC 406 Main Ave, Suite 200 P. O. Box 2686 Fargo, ND 58108-2686

Brent C. Olson Registered Agent for Meridian Commercial Construction, LLC 73 Broadway P. O. Box 932 Fargo, ND 58107-0932

> Re: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Civil Penalty against Old Orchard, LLC and Meridian Commercial Construction, LLC

Dear Mr. Thomas and Mr. Olson:

Enclosed is a second copy of Consolidated Rules of Practice (40 C.F.R. part 22) which I believe I originally sent to you with only every other page included. My apologies for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

Susan McDowell

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approve or disapprove the State issued statement, in accordance with the requirements of §21.5.

(2) The Regional Administrator will periodically review State program performance. In the event of State program deficiencies the Regional Administrator will notify the State of such deficiencies.

(3) During that period that any State's program is classified as deficient, statements issued by a State shall also be sent to the Regional Administrator for review. The Regional Administrator shall notify the State, the applicant, and the SBA of any determination subsequently made, in accordance with §21.5, on any such statement.

(i) If within 60 days after notice of such deficiencies has been provided, the State has not taken corrective efforts, and if the deficiencies significantly affect the conduct of the program, the Regional Administrator, after sufficient notice has been provided to the Regional Director of SBA, shall withdraw the approval of the State program.

(ii) Any State whose program is withdrawn and whose deficiencies have been corrected may later reapply as provided in §21.12(a).

(g) Funds appropriated under section 106 of the Act may be utilized by a State agency authorized to receive such funds in conducting this program.

§21.13 Effect of certification upon authority to enforce applicable standards.

The certification by EPA or a State for SBA Loan purposes in no way constitutes a determination by EPA or the State that the facilities certified (a) will be constructed within the time specified by an applicable standard or (b) will be constructed and installed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted in the application, will be operated and maintained properly, or will be applied to process wastes which are the same as described in the application. The certification in no way constitutes a waiver by EPA or a State of its authority to take appropriate enforcement action against the owner or operator of such facilities for violations of an applicable standard.

40 CFR Ch. I (7-1-08 Edition)

PART 22—CONSOLIDATED RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND THE REV-OCATION/TERMINATION OR SUS-PENSION OF PERMITS

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