

US Environmental Protection Agency

Region 1

5 Post Office Square, Suite 100

Boston, MA 02109-3912

12/3/2012

RE: In the Matter of Allen Enterprises Rental Properties, et al.

Docket Number TSCA-01-2012-0110

Attn: Wanda Santiago (or other representative)

Open Arms Outreach, Inc. is a 501©3 charitable organization, Tax ID # 02-0489875.

We at Open Arms Outreach, Inc. are responding within the thirty days allotted to the complaints of the EPA referenced in Docket Number TSCA-01-2012-0110.

Our financial position is such that we have a hardship to even hire a lawyer to represent us, but desire to diligently answer the salient features of the claim in the following narrative to show our good faith with a straightforward reply. The lawyer for Allen Enterprises has given the proper procedural reply and our position is one of agreement with the content of AE legal defense as regards the rentals in our building, since it was his sole responsibility as our Agent to fulfill all legal requirements regarding rentals. All building revenues and bills and contracts were dealt with by the office of Allen Enterprises during the time frames in question, and Mr. Allen volunteered his services.

To the infractions of missing paperwork on 758 Union Ave. Apt. #1, our agent, Allen Enterprises found in their archives the lease with the signed notifications. We were in compliance with the legal procedure and Allen Enterprises has furnished the proof to your office.

As to the rental of 758 Union Ave. Apt. #3 we have been made aware that Allen Enterprises took a referral from Lutheran Refugee Resettlement of Northern New England. It is logistically impossible to have foreigners sign, after getting off an international plane in the middle of the night, a truly informed consent about lead conditions in the apartment and building before moving in. The notification was signed after a period of time when the language barrier was overcome and informed consent was possible. Our reply is that this was done outside of our purview, since Allen Enterprises was our volunteer agent. Is it possible to offer a waiver to the rule, due to the mitigating circumstances?

The timing of this thirty day extension gave us little time to develop a more thorough, exhaustive response. Please forgive us. We hope the underlying issues are simple enough to address in this friendly manner. Our goal is to cooperate but with limited resources we must represent ourselves.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Peters

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