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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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BY HAND

September 26, 2013

Wanda Santiago Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re:

In the Matter of Ametek, Inc., Specialty Metal Products.

Docket No. TSCA-01-2013-0060

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced action, please find the original and one copy of a Complaint and Opportunity for Hearing and the original and one copy of a Consent Agreement and Final Order settling the above-referenced matter, together with a certificate of service.

Please contact me at (617) 918-1701 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Shaller

Susan Studlien, Director Office of Environmental Stewardship U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Enclosures

Gregory Nelson, VP & BU Manager, Ametek, Inc. and Specialty Metal Products

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Respondent.		

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For U.S. EPA, Region 1:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I

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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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LeAnn Jensen

Acting Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. EPA, Region 1

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COMPLAINT

I. Introduction

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- 2. This Complaint notifies Respondent that Complainant intends to assess a penalty for alleged violations of the federal regulations entitled, "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce, and Use Prohibitions" (the "PCB Regulations"), 40 C.F.R. Part 761. The alleged violations involve omissions and inaccuracies in a waste manifest for waste containing PCBs. The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing describes Respondent's option to file an Answer to the Complaint and to request a formal hearing.

II. Statutory and Regulatory Authority

3. Complainant takes this action under the authority of Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), for violations of Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, and 40 C.F.R. Part 761.

- 4. Section 15(1) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1), makes it unlawful for any person to fail to comply with any rule promulgated under Section 6 of TSCA.
- 5. The PCB Regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 761, were promulgated pursuant to Section 6(e) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2605(e).
- 6. The PCB Regulations establish "prohibitions of, and requirements for, the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use, disposal, storage, and marking of PCBs and PCB Items." See 40 C.F.R. § 761.1(a).
- 7. The PCB Regulations define "PCB" as "any chemical substance that is limited to the biphenyl molecule that has been chlorinated to varying degrees or any combination of substances which contain such substance." See 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.
- 8. Subpart K of 40 C.F.R. Part 761 sets forth the requirements for PCB waste disposal records and reports, including the requirements for storers and generators of PCB waste to have an EPA identification number, to notify EPA of PCB waste activity, and to properly prepare a PCB waste manifest. See 40 C.F.R. §§ 761.202, 205, and 207.

III. Background

- 9. Respondent is a business unit of Ametek, Inc., a global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electromechanical products with annual sales of \$3.5 billion. Ametek, Inc. is a corporation headquartered in Berwyn, Pennsylvania.
- 10. Respondent owns and operates a site located at 21 Toelles Road in Wallingford,
 Connecticut (the Site). Respondent operates three shifts and employs 105 people at the Site.

 There are three buildings on about five acres at the Site, which is in an industrial section on a well-traveled street. At the Site, this business unit manufactures bolts, nuts, rivets and washers, specializing in metal bolts; industrial instruments for control of process variables; primary metal

products, specializing in powdered iron; primary smelted or refined copper, steel wiredrawing, steel nuts and spikes, gaskets, packing and sealing devices.

- 11. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent is a "person," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, and is subject to the prohibitions set forth in TSCA and the PCB Regulations.
- 12. On June 11, 2012 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was notified by Clean Harbors, Inc. that a waste oil shipment of 950 gallons had been received on April 26, 2012 by its company, Murphy's Oil, on manifest #005339545 FLE, identifying Respondent as the generator. The oil included sludge and flush material from a pipe chase at the Site. The waste was identified by Respondent as "Petroleum Oil," "off spec used oil" and "not mixed with PCBs." The waste oil was pumped from multiple drums into the front compartment of truck #4298 which ultimately contained 2,800 gallons. Analysis of the used oil by Murphy's showed that Respondent's shipment was contaminated with PCBs at a concentration of 38 parts per million (ppm).
- 13. On May 17, 2012 Clean Harbors received a letter from Respondent indicating it did not know the source of PCB oil on manifest #005339545 FLE but that it had contacted a contractor to help investigate the source. Based on this information, on May 23, 2012 Murphy's Oil manifested the waste oil from Truck #4298, including Respondent's shipment, as non-TSCA regulated waste.
- 14. According to Respondent, on or about May 24, 2012, Respondent received sampling results from residual oil in the drums, the highest of which was 228 ppm, and then notified Clean Harbors orally of these results. Later, on June 7, 2012 Respondent notified Clean Harbors that the waste oil picked up from the Site on manifest #005339545 FLE had now been determined by

its consultant to be from a TSCA source, specifically from the pipe chase sludge, which had a PCB concentration of 3,070 ppm. Clean Harbors rerouted the shipment to a TSCA incinerator.

- 15. On June 13, 2012 EPA requested Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to inspect Respondent's Site to follow up on the improper manifest. On June 14, 2012 an inspection was conducted. During the inspection, DEEP learned that part of the waste oil shipment on manifest #005339545 FLE was sludge collected from a pipe chase; that Respondent's consultant had collected a sample of the sludge remaining in the pipe chase; and that the sample revealed PCBs at a concentration of 3,070 ppm in the sludge.
- 16. In 2006 Respondent had a prior improper manifest of PCB-regulated waste, for which a source was not determined. On September 18, 2006 United Industrial Services rejected a load of PCB contaminated oil, re-manifested it and sent it to Clean Harbors of Braintree for proper disposal. On September 21, 2006 Connecticut DEEP inspected the Site to try to determine the source of PCBs. The source of PCBs was not determined. At the time, Respondent indicated that it would sample future shipments of waste oil for PCBs.
- 17. According to Respondent, during the years following the 2006 incident,
 Respondent tested potential sources of PCBs in its equipment (i.e., transformer and gear box)
 and thus relied on "generator knowledge" to discontinue testing its oil. However, the waste that
 was shipped with manifest #005339545 FLE also included oil from an unknown, untested source
 the pipe chase.
- 18. Based on this information, a violation of Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances

 Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. Section 2605(e) and the Polychlorinated Bipheyl (PCB)

 Regulations at 40 CFR Part 761 has been documented. Respondent failed to identify the waste

material as PCB waste, failed to list the weight of the waste in kilograms, and failed to indicate its storage for disposal date as required by 40 CFR Section 761.207.

- 19. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent is a "generator of PCB waste," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.
- 20. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the 950 gallons of PCB-contaminated waste oil from the Site described above in Paragraphs 12-17, is "PCB waste," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.
- 21. Based on the Connecticut DEEP inspection described in Paragraph 15 above,
 Respondent's 2006 improper manifest described in Paragraph 16 above and other information
 provided to EPA, Complainant has determined that Respondent has violated the PCB
 Regulations and Section 15 of TSCA as set forth below.

COUNT I - Omissions and Inaccuracies on Waste Manifest (# 005339545 FLE)

- 22. Complainant realleges and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 21.
- 23. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.207(a), a generator of PCB waste who relinquishes control of that waste by offering it for transport for off-site disposal must prepare a hazardous waste manifest on EPA Form 8700-22.
- 24. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.207(a)(1), the waste manifest must specify, among other things: the identity of the PCB waste, the earliest date of removal from service for disposal, and the weight in kilograms of the PCB waste.
- 25. As described above in Paragraphs 12-14, Respondents "relinquishe[d] control" over PCB waste (i.e., the 950 gallons of PCB-contaminated waste oil) by "offering [it] for transport" for "offsite disposal."

- 26. As described above in Paragraphs 12-17, Respondents failed to indicate on Hazardous Waste Manifest # 005339545 FLE (a) that the 950 gallons of waste oil contained PCBs; (b) the earliest date of removal of the PCB-contaminated waste oil from service for disposal; and (c) the weight in kilograms of the PCB-contaminated waste oil.
- 27. Accordingly, Respondent's failure to comply with the PCB waste manifesting requirements for Hazardous Waste Manifest # 005339545 FLE constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.207(a) and Section 15 of TSCA.

IV. Proposed Civil Penalty

- 28. Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), authorizes the assessment of a civil administrative penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation described above. Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, violations that occurred between March 16, 2004 and January 12, 2009 are subject to up to \$32,500 per day of violation. Violations that occur on or after January 13, 2009 are subject to penalties up to \$37,500 per day per violation.
- 29. Complainant will calculate any proposed penalty using the penalty assessment criteria of Section 16(a)(2)(B) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B), by taking into consideration the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violations and, with respect to Respondents, their ability to pay, the effect of the proposed penalty on their ability to continue in business, any prior history of such violations, their degree of culpability, and such other matters as justice may require.
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Availability of Polychlorinated Biphenyls Penalty Policy," 55 Fed. Reg. 13955 (April 13, 1990).

A revised penalty matrix, inserted into the PCB Penalty Policy at page 9-C, takes into account inflation adjustments for violations occurring after January 12, 2009.

- 31. Any proposed civil penalty will be developed based upon the best information available to Complainant at this time and may be adjusted if Respondents establish bona fide issues of ability to pay or other defenses relevant to the amount of the proposed penalty by providing Complainant with adequate financial documentation.
- 32. By this Complaint, Complainant seeks to assess a civil penalty against Respondent of up to \$37,500 per day per violation for a violation occurring after January 12, 2009, as set forth below:

Count 1 (Improper Waste Manifest): One violation for Respondents' failure to comply with the PCB waste manifesting requirements for Hazardous Waste Manifest #005339545 FLE. The failure to properly identify PCBs in waste shipments presents a great risk of harm to human health and the environment. The shipment of PCB-contaminated waste to a facility that is not authorized to dispose of PCBs may result in the release of PCBs into the environment and/or the exposure of humans to PCBs. Once in the environment, PCBs do not readily break down and therefore may remain for long periods of time cycling between air, water, and soil. In addition, PCBs have been demonstrated to cause cancer, as well as a variety of other adverse health effects on the immune system, reproductive system, nervous system, and endocrine system.

V. Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing

33. As provided by Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 554, Respondent has the right to request a hearing on any material fact alleged in this

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For U.S. Postal Service mailings -Headquarters Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Administrative Law Judges Mail Code 1900R 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20460

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For Ametek, Inc. Specialty Metal Products

Title: VP

Company:

Date

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For U.S. EPA, Region 1:

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