



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

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EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)

DOCKET NO.: CAA-07-2014-0005

This ESA is issued to: Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative
At: 110 North Jefferson, Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630
for violating Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA) and Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative (Respondent), have agreed to a settlement of this action before filing of a complaint, and thus this action is simultaneously commenced and concluded pursuant to Rules 22.13(b) and 22.18(B)(2) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b), 22.18(b)(2).

The Complainant, by delegation of the Administrator of the EPA, is the Director of the Air and Waste Management Division. The Respondent is Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative, Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630.

This is an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties instituted pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), the Administrator and the Attorney General jointly determined that cases which meet the criteria set forth in EPA's policy entitled "Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Provision, 40 C.F.R. Part 68," dated January 5, 2004, are appropriate for administrative penalty action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

On November 19, 2013, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a compliance inspection of the Respondent's facility located at 110 North Jefferson, Fredericksburg, Iowa, to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the CAA. The EPA found that the Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 112(r) of the CAA by failing to comply with the regulations as noted on the enclosed Risk Management Program Inspection Findings (RMP Findings), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size of business, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the

entire record, the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations, described in the enclosed RMP Findings, for the total penalty amount of **\$2,800**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent by signing below waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein and in the RMP Findings, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above. Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed in the enclosed RMP Findings, with the exception of the ammonia tank saddles and barriers, which will be installed no later than August 1, 2014, and has sent a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "United States Treasury") in the amount of **\$2,800** in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The Docket Number of this ESA is CAA-07-2014-0005, and must be included on the check.

This original ESA, a copy of the completed RMP Findings, and a copy of the check must be sent by certified mail to:

Christine Hoard
Chemical Risk Information Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

A copy of the check must also be sent to:

Kathy M. Robinson
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

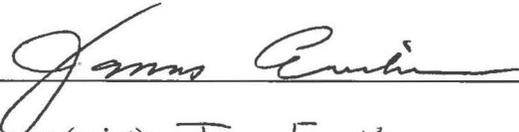
Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, the EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the CAA referenced in the RMP Findings. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the CAA or any other statute.

If the signed original ESA with an attached copy of the check is not returned to the EPA Region 7 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of it (90 days if an extension is granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein and in the RMP Findings.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:



Date: 3/18/14

Name (print): Jim Erickson

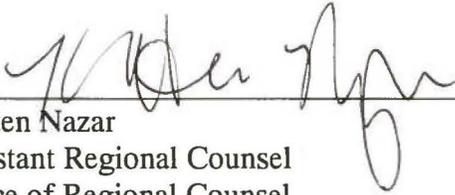
Title (print): General Manager
Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative

FOR COMPLAINANT:



Becky Weber
Director
Air and Waste Management Division
EPA Region 7

Date: 4/11/14



Kristen Nazar
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of Regional Counsel
EPA Region 7

Date: 4/8/14

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Karina Borromeo
Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

Date: 4-15-2014

Risk Management Program Inspection Findings
CAA § 112(r) Violations

Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative
110 North Jefferson
Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630
Docket No. CAA-07-2014-0005

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH THE ESA.

VIOLATIONS

PENALTY AMOUNT

Updates

Risk Management Plan [68.190(b)(1)]

\$2,000

The owner or operator failed to revise and update the RMP at least once every five years from the date of its initial submission or most recent update.

Fredericksburg Farmers Coop submitted an RMP November 18, 2013

Prevention Program

Safety Information [68.48(b)]

\$1,500

The owner or operator shall ensure the process is designed in compliance with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices.

How was this addressed: Fredericksburg Farmers Coop has updated all processes to be in compliance with the ANSI 61.1-1999 standards of design and generally accepted good engineering practices. This update was completed during inspection and a copy of the ANSI 61.1-1999 was provided. Attached is a copy of the cover page of this ANSI standard.

Total Unadjusted Penalty

\$3,500

IN THE MATTER OF Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative, Respondent
Docket No. CAA-07-2014-0005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy emailed to Attorney for Complainant:

nazar.kristen@epa.gov

Copy by First Class Mail to Respondent:

Jim Erickson, General Manager
Fredericksburg Farmers Cooperative
110 North Jefferson
Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630

Dated: 4/16/14


Kathy Robinson
Hearing Clerk, Region 7