

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

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Mr. Thomas Jimmie Sr., President Datom Products, Inc. 113 Monahan Ave. Dunnore, PA 18512

Re: Clean Air Act Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing EPA Docket No. CAA-03-2011-0055

Dear Mr. Jimmie:

Enclosed is a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing concerning alleged violations of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 <u>et seq.</u>, by Datom Products, Inc. (Datom) and the Wayne Highlands School District (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents") at the Honesdale High School located at 459 Terrace Street, Honesdale, PA 1843 ("the Facility"). The Complaint is based on alleged violations of the National Emission Standard for Asbestos, promulgated pursuant to Sections 112 and 114 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412 and 7414, and codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, related to the removal of asbestos from the Facility. The Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing should be read and analyzed carefully to determine the alternatives available to you in responding to the alleged violations and proposed penalty.

Unless Datom elects to resolve the proceedings as set forth in the Complaint, an Answer to this Complaint must be filed within thirty (30) days of its receipt. The Answer must specifically respond to each of the allegations in the Complaint. Failure to respond to this Complaint and Notice by specific Answer within 30 days of your receipt of this document will constitute an admission of the allegations made in the Complaint. Failure to answer shall result in the filing of a Motion for a Default Order and the possible issuance of a Default Order imposing the penalty proposed in the Complaint and Notice without further proceedings.

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Datom may be considered a "small business" under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). Please see the "Information for Small Businesses" brochure enclosed with this letter. This enclosure provides information on contacting the SBREFA Ombudsman to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities and also provides information on compliance assistance. As noted in the enclosure, any decision to participate in such program or to seek compliance assistance does not relieve Datom of its obligation to respond in a timely manner to an EPA request or other enforcement action, create any new rights or defenses under law, and will not affect EPA's decision to pursue this enforcement action. To preserve Datom's legal rights, Datom must comply with all rules governing the administrative enforcement process. The Ombudsman and fairness boards do not participate in the resolution of EPA's enforcement action.

In addition, please be advised that certain companies may be required to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission the existence of certain pending or known to be contemplated environmental legal proceedings (administrative or judicial) arising under Federal, State or local environmental laws. Please see the enclosed "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings" for more information about this requirement and to aid you in determining whether you may be subject to the same.

Sincerely,

Abraham Ferdas, Director Land and Chemicals Division

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Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Superintendent Wayne Highlands School District 474 Grove Street Honesdale, PA 18431

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IN RE:	
Datom Products, Inc.	
and	: ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
Wayne Highlands School District	: AND NOTICE OF : OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
Respondents	Docket No.CAA-03-2011-0055

Honesdale High School 459 Terrace Street Honesdale, PA 18431

Facility

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Complainant, the Division Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("EPA"), initiates this administrative action against Wayne Highlands School District ("Wayne Highlands") and Datom Products, Inc. ("Datom") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents") for violations of Section 112 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, as alleged below. The authority for issuance of this Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Complaint") is set forth in Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and 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. Part 22. The authority to issue this Complaint has been duly delegated to the signatory below.

II. APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

2. Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, requires the Administrator of EPA to publish a list of air pollutants determined to be hazardous and to promulgate regulations establishing emission standards or, where necessary, design, equipment, work practice, or operational standards for each listed hazardous air pollutant.

3. Section 114 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7414, authorizes the Administrator of EPA to require any person who owns or operates any emission source or who is otherwise subject to the requirements of the CAA to, among other things, establish and maintain such records, make such reports and provide such information as the Administrator might reasonably require to develop or determine compliance with emission standards.

4. EPA listed asbestos as a hazardous air pollutant under the authority of Section 112 of the CAA. 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Pursuant to Sections 112 and 114 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412 and 7414, EPA promulgated a National Emission Standard for Asbestos ("the asbestos NESHAP"), codified at 40 C.F.R Part 61, Subpart M, Sections 61.140 - 61.157. The asbestos NESHAP includes regulations governing, inter alia, the emission, handling, and disposal of asbestos by the owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity at an affected facility. Pursuant to Section 112(q) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(q), the above referenced standards and provisions remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding the November 15, 1990 Clean Air Act

Amendments.

5. Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to issue an administrative order assessing a civil administrative penalty whenever, on the basis of any information available to the Administrator, the Administrator finds that any person has violated, or is in violation of, any rule, plan, order, waiver, or permit promulgated, issued, or approved under, <u>inter alia</u>, Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412.

III. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "adequately wet" means to sufficiently mix or penetrate with liquid to prevent the release of particulates.

7. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of serpentinite (chrysotile), riebeckite (crocidolite), cummingtonite-grunerite, anthophyllite, and actinolite-tremolite.

8. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "asbestos-containing waste materials" means, in pertinent part, mill tailings or any waste that contains commercial asbestos and is generated by a source, subject to the provisions of the asbestos NESHAP, including friable asbestos waste material and materials contaminated with asbestos including disposable equipment and clothing.

9. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "Category I nonfriable asbestos-containing material" means asbestos-containing packings, gaskets, *resilient floor covering*, and asphalt roofing products containing more than 1 percent asbestos as determined using the method specified in appendix E, subpart E, 40 C.F.R. Part 763 section 1, Polarized Light Microscopy.

10. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "facility" means, in relevant part, any institutional,

commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building.

11. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "facility component" means any part of a facility, including equipment.

12. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "friable asbestos material" means, in pertinent part, any material containing more than one percent asbestos, that when dry, can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

13. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity" means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises a demolition or renovation operation, or both.

14. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "regulated asbestos-containing material ("RACM")" means, in pertinent part, friable asbestos material or Category I nonfriable asbestos containing material ("ACM") that has become friable or Category I nonfriable ACM that will be or has been subjected to sanding, grinding, cutting, or abrading.

15. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, "renovation" means altering a facility or one or more facility components in any way, including the stripping or removal of regulated asbestos-containing material from a facility component.

16. Section 302(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e), defines "person" to include "an individual, corporation, partnership, association...and any agency, department, or instrumentality of the United States..."

IV. <u>GENERAL ALLEGATIONS</u>

17. Respondent Datom is a corporation incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a principal place of business located at 113 Monahan Avenue, Dunmore, PA 18512. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent Datom was directly engaged in controlling, operating and supervising a renovation operation which included the removal of regulated asbestos containing material ("RACM") from Honesdale High School, a public high school located at 459 Terrace Street, Honesdale, PA 18431 ("the Facility"). The Facility is part and parcel of the Wayne Highlands School District, Wayne County, PA.

18. Respondent Wayne Highlands, officially organized in 1970 and located in central and northern Wayne County, is a Pennsylvania public school district operating and doing business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a primary business address of 474 Grove Street, Honesdale, PA 18431. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent Wayne Highlands was the owner/operator of the subject Facility and/or the owner/operator of the subject Facility and/or the owner/operator of the subject renovation operation.

19. Respondents are "persons" as that term is defined in Section 302(e) of the CAA, 42
U.S.C. § 7602(e), and within the meaning of Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d).
20. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent Datom was an "owner or operator of

a demolition or renovation activity" as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

21. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent Wayne Highlands was also an "owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity" as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

22. On or about May 27, 2010, EPA Region III received an Asbestos Abatement and

Demolition /Renovation Notification Form ("Notification") wherein Respondent Datom provided notification that it was going to conduct an asbestos renovation operation/activity involving the abatement and removal of approximately 28,600 square feet of Category 1 nonfriable ACM as well as friable asbestos material from different areas of the Facility during the period June 21, 2010 through August 2, 2010.

23. On July 20, 2010, a duly-authorized representative of EPA ("the inspector") conducted an inspection of the Facility. The purpose of this inspection was to verify Respondents' compliance with the asbestos NESHAP, 40 C.F.R. §§ 61.141 et seq.

24. At the time of the July 20, 2010 inspection, the EPA inspector inspected that part of the Facility which is known as the nurse's office work area ("work area"), wherein Datom employees were onducting asbestos removal operations. During the inspection, friable asbestos material/RACM (i.e. in the form of asbestos containing friable surfacing and friable ceiling material) was observed by the EPA inspector. Specifically, the EPA inspector observed Datom employees coming out of the work area for a break. The EPA inspector observed a large number of sealed bags in the work area. The Datom supervisor stated that most bags contained friable ceiling material that was removed the previous day. The EPA inspector opened numerous bags and found that all of the friable ceiling material was dry. The EPA inspector also found no evidence of moisture within the bags. The EPA inspector observed visible dust in the bags and dry debris throughout the work area. All suspect RACM was dry. Photos and samples were taken of the suspect RACM debris. Subsequent Polarized Light Microscopy tests of the samples taken by the EPA inspector revealed that all of the friable contained friable asbestos containing samples contained to the suspect of the samples contained friable ceiling the suspect revealed that all of the friable ceiling material was dry.

more than one percent "chrysotile" asbestos.

25. During the inspection, the EPA inspector observed that the suspect RACM debris could be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure and was therefore friable *per se.*26. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a), all of the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of 40 C.F.R § 61.145 apply to the owner or operator of a renovation activity if the combined amount of RACM is at least 80 linear meters (260 linear feet) on pipes or at least 15 square meters (160 square feet) on other facility components.

27. Before, during and following the time of the subject inspection, Respondents were engaged in the renovation of the Facility, which included the stripping, disturbing, and/or removal from the Facility of at least 1,184 square feet of RACM (i.e. Friable Asbestos Material in the form of surfacing and ceiling material). Therefore, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a), all of the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145 applied to the renovation.

28. The Facility is a "facility" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

29. The subject ceiling and surfacing material referenced in paragraph 24 and 25, above, was "friable asbestos material" as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

30. The subject surfacing and ceiling material observed by the EPA inspector at the Facility during the subject inspection constitutes "friable asbestos material," within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 because it contained more than one percent asbestos, as determined using the method specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 763, Polarized Light Microscopy and because it was able to be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to powder by hand pressure.

31. The surfacing and ceiling material observed by the EPA inspector at the Facility during

the subject inspection constitutes "RACM" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 because it was fliable asbestos material per se.

32. The activities conducted by Respondents in removing RACM from the Facility referenced above constitute a "renovation" or "renovation activity" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

V. VIOLATIONS

COUNT I

FAILURE TO KEEP STRIPPED RACM ADEQUATELY WET UNTIL COLLECTED FOR DISPOSAL

33. Complainant realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 32, above.

34. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(6)(i), owners and operators of demotion or renovation activities must adequately wet all RACM, including material that has been removed or stripped, and ensure the RACM remains wet until collected and contained or treated in preparation for disposal in accordance with the asbestos NESHAP.

35. At the time of the subject inspection, the EPA inspector determined that dry RACM, including, but not limited to, friable surfacing and ceiling material debris, which had been removed or stripped from the Facility by Respondents, was deposited in and around the Facility on the floor, in sealed trash bags and elsewhere for subsequent collection and disposal. After inspecting representative samples of the RACM awaiting collection and disposal on the subject

date of inspection, the inspector observed that all of the RACM was dry and therefore not adequately wetted pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(6)(i).

36. Respondents' failure to comply with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(6)(i) on
July 19 and 20, 2010, constitute separate "per day" violations of Section 112 of the CAA, 42
U.S.C § 7412.

COUNT II

FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY WET RACM WHILE STRIPPING

37. Complainant realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 36, above.

38. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(3), owners and operators of demotion or renovation activities must adequately wet all RACM during the stripping operation.

39. At the time of the July 20, 2010 inspection, the EPA inspector determined that RACM was being, or had been, stripped (<u>i.e.</u> taken off of or removed from the facility or facility components) while dry. After inspecting and taking representative samples of the stripped RACM on July 20, 2010, the inspector concluded that the stripped RACM was dry and therefore not adequately wetted pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(3).

40. Respondents' failure to comply with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(3) on July
20, 2010, constitutes a separate "per day" violation of Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §
7412.

VI. PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY

Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation

Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, and the subsequent EPA Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, authorize a penalty of not more than \$37,500 for each violation of the CAA that occurred after January 12, EPA proposes to assess a civil penalty of fifty one thousand, six hundred and ninety four 2009. dollars (\$51,694.00) against Respondents as follows:

Α. **Gravity Component**

<u>Count I</u>

	July 20, 2010 Failure to keep stripped RACM adequately wet until collected for disposal (>1 unit but < 10 units; second violation) 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(6)(i)	\$ 15,000
	July 19, 2010 (additional day of violation)	\$ 1,500
	<u>Count II</u>	
	July 20, 2010 Failure to adequately wet RACM while stripping (>1 unit but < 10 units; second violation) 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(c)(3)	\$ 15,000
	Size of the Violator	<u>\$5,000</u>
SUBT	OTAL	\$36,000
В.	Adjusted Gravity Component Multiplication by 1.4163 Upwards Adjustment for Inflation	
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	40 C.F.R. Part 19	\$51,694
В.	Economic Benefit	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOT		\$ 51 (0.4
TOTA	L PROPOSED PENALTY:	\$51,694

The proposed civil penalty has been determined in accordance with Section 113 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413; 40 C.F.R. Part 19; U.S. EPA's Clean Air Act Stationary Source Civil Penalty Policy, dated October 25, 1992 ("CAA Penalty Policy"), and Appendix III thereto ("Asbestos Penalty Policy"); and "Amendments to EPA's Civil Penalty Policies to Implement the 2008 Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule" (pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Effective October 1, 2004), dated December 29, 2008 ("Inflation Policy"). Copies of the CAA Penalty Policy, Asbestos Penalty Policy, and the Inflation Policy are enclosed with this Complaint. The proposed penalty is not a demand as that term is defined in the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

In determining the amount of any penalty to be assessed, Section 113(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), requires EPA to take into consideration the size of the business, the economic impact of the penalty on the business, the violator's full compliance history and good faith efforts to comply, the duration of the violation as established by any credible evidence, payment by the violator of penalties previously assessed for the same violation, the economic benefit of noncompliance, and the seriousness of the violation. To develop the proposed penalty herein, Complainant has taken into account the particular facts and circumstances of this case with specific

reference to EPA's Asbestos Penalty Policy as well as the CAA Penalty Policy, both of which were indexed for inflation in keeping with 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

EPA will consider, among other factors, Respondents' ability to pay to adjust the proposed civil penalty assessed in this Complaint. The proposed penalty reflects a presumption of Respondents' ability to pay the penalty and to continue in business based on the size of their businesses and the economic impact of the proposed penalty on their businesses. The burden of raising and demonstrating an inability to pay rests with Respondents. In addition, to the extent that facts or circumstances unknown to Complainant at the time of the issuance of the Complaint become known after issuance of the Complaint, such facts and circumstances may also be considered as a basis for adjusting the proposed civil penalty assessed in the Complaint.

EPA's applicable penalty policy represents an analysis of the statutory penalty factors enumerated above, as well as guidance on their application to particular cases. If the penalty proposed herein is contested through the hearing process described below, Complainant is prepared to support the statutory basis for the elements of the penalty policy applied in this case as well as the amount and nature of the penalty proposed.

The gravity component of the penalty accounts for the amount of asbestos involved (more than 1 Unit but less than 10 Units) and the substantive nature of the violation. No further adjustment of the penalty appears warranted under the applicable penalty policies at this time. If appropriate, further penalty adjustments may be made during settlement negotiations. EPA reserves the right to seek higher penalties if new or undiscovered evidence supports such assessment.

VII. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

Respondents have the right to request a hearing to contest any matter of law or material fact set for h in the Complaint or the appropriateness of the proposed penalty. To request a hearing, Respondents must file a written Answer to this Complaint with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region III (3RC00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029 within **thirty (30) days** of receipt of this Complaint. The Answer should clearly and directly admit, deny or explain each of the factual allegations contained in this Complaint of which Respondents have any knowledge. If Respondents have no knowledge of a particular factual allegation, the Answer should so state. That statement will be deemed a denial of the allegation. The Answer should contain: (1) the circumstances or arguments which are alleged to constitute the grounds of any defense; (2) the facts which Respondents dispute; (3) the basis for opposing any proposed relief; and (4) whether a hearing is requested. All material facts not denied in the Answer will be considered as admitted. A copy of the Answer and all other documents filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk related to this Complaint must be sent to Benjamin Cohan (3RC50), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19103-2029.

If either Respondent fails to file a written Answer within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Complaint, such failure shall constitute an admission of all facts alleged in the Complaint as to that Respondent and a waiver of the right to a hearing under Section 113 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7418. Failure to Answer may result in the filing of a Motion for Default Order imposing the penalties proposed herein without further proceedings.

Any hearing requested will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the

Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 554, and the Consolidated Rules at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. A copy of these rules is enclosed. Hearings will be held in a location to be determined at a later date pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.21(d).

VIII. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

EPA encourages settlement of proceedings at any time after issuance of a Complaint if such settlement is consistent with the provisions and objectives of the CAA. Whether or not a hearing is requested, Respondents may confer with Complainant regarding the allegations of the Complaint and the amount of the proposed civil penalty.

In the event settlement is reached, its terms shall be expressed in a written Consent Agreement prepared by Complainant, signed by the parties, and incorporated into a Final Order signed by the Regional Administrator or his designee. <u>Settlement conferences shall not affect the</u> requirement to file a timely Answer to the Complaint.

The attorney assigned to this case is Benjamin M. Cohan, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel. If you have any questions or desire to arrange an informal settlement conference, please contact Mr. Cohan at (215) 814-2618 before the expiration of the thirty (30) day period following your receipt of this Complaint. If you are represented by legal counsel, you must have your counsel contact Mr. Cohan on your behalf. Please be advised that the Consolidated Rules at 40 C.F.R § 22.8 prohibit any unilateral discussion of the merits of a case with the Administrator, members of the Environmental Appeals Board, Presiding Officer, Regional Administrator or the Regional Judicial Officer after the issuance of a Complaint.

IX. QUICK RESOLUTION

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a) of the Consolidated Rules, Respondents may resolve this proceeding at any time by paying the specific penalty proposed in this Complaint or in Complainant's prehearing exchange. If Respondents pay the specific penalty proposed in this Complaint within 30 days of receiving this Complaint, then, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(1) of the Consolidated Rules, no Answer need be filed.

If Respondents wish to resolve this proceeding by paying the penalty proposed in this Complaint instead of filing an Answer but need additional time to pay the penalty, pursuant to 40 C.F.R § 22.18(a)(2) of the Consolidated Rules, Respondents may file a written statement with the Regional Hearing Clerk within 30 days after receiving this Complaint stating that Respondents agree to pay the proposed penalty in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(1). Such written statement need not contain any response to, or admission of, the allegations in the Complaint. Such statement shall be filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk (3RC00), U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029 and a copy shall be provided to Benja nin M. Cohan (3RC10), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029. Within 60 days of receiving the Complaint, Respondents shall pay the full amount of the proposed penalty. Failure to make such payment within 60 days of receipt of the Complaint may subject the Respondents to default pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.17 of the Consolidated Rules.

Upon receipt of payment in full, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(3) of the

Consolidated Rules, the Regional Judicial Officer or Regional Administrator shall issue a final

order. Payment by Respondents shall constitute a waiver of Respondents' rights to contest the

allegations and to appeal the final order.

Payment of the penalty shall be made by sending a certified or cashier's made payable to

the Treasurer of the United States of America, in care of:

EPA Region III Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000 Contact: Eric Volck 513-487-2105

Overright delivery of a certified or cashiers check, made payable to the United States

Treasury, shall be sent to:

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 Us EPA Fines & Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101.

All payment made by check in any currency drawn on banks with no USA branches shall be addressed for delivery to:

Cincinnati Finance US EPA, MS-NWD

26 W. M.L. King Drive Cincinnati, OH 45268-0001

All electronic wire transfer payments shall be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA = 021030004 Account = 68010727 SWIFT address = FRNYUS33 33 Liberty Street New York NY 10045 Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

Payments through ACH (also known as REX or remittance express) shall be directed

to:

U.S Treasury REX/Cashlink ACH Receiver ABA 051036706 Account No. 310006 Environmental Protection Agency CTX Format Transaction Code 22 - checking

Physical location of U.S. Treasury Facility: 5700 Rivertech Court Riverdale, MD 20737

Contact: John Schmid 202-8747026 or REX, 10866-234-5681

In addition, there is now an on line, internet payment option, available through the

United States Department of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from

www.pay.gov. Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field. Open the form and complete required fields.

Payment by each Respondent shall reference Respondent's name and address, and the EPA Docket Number of the Complaint (Docket No. CAA-03-2011-0055). A copy of each Respondent's check or a copy of each Respondent's electronic fund transfer shall be sent simulaneously to: Regional Hearing Clerk (3RC00), U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029 and to Benjamin M. Cohan (3RC10), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029.

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Date

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Abraham Ferdas, Director Land and Chemicals Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and one copy of the foregoing Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (re: Docket No. CAA-03-2011-0055) was hand-delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA Region III, and that true and correct copies were mailed via certified return receipt requested first-class U.S. Mail, to the following person:

Mr. Thomas Jimmie Sr., President Datom Products, Inc. 113 Monahan Ave. Dunmore, PA 18512

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