

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Mr. Mark Donahue Owner Peach Contractors, Inc. 3127-A Damascus Road Augusta, Georgia 30909

SUBJ: Docket No. CAA-04-2010-1508(b) Peach Contractors, Inc.

Dear Mr. Donahue:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section 22 of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$8,834.16, which includes applicable interest, is due in accordance with the penalty schedule included in the CAFO. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified checks includes the name of the company and the docket number of this case.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Parnela McIlvaine at (404) 562- 9197.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document

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puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely,

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Jeaneanne M. Gettle Chief Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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In the Matter of:

Peach Contractors, Inc.

Respondent.

Docket No. CAA-04-2010-1508(b)

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. <u>Nature of the Action</u>

- This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA),
 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing
 Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective
 Action Orders and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits; Final Rule
 (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air,
 Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental
 Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is Peach Contractors, Inc.
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. Asbestos is a "hazardous air pollutant" as that term is defined in Sections 112(a)(6) and 112(b)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412(a)(6) and 7412(b)(1), and is the subject of regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, "National Emission Standard for Asbestos," promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Any person who violates Section 112 of the CAA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d). The statutory penalty of \$25,000 has been adjusted for inflation. For a violation occurring after January 31, 1997, and through March 15, 2004, a penalty of up to \$27,500 may be assessed. For a violation occurring after March 15, 2004, and through January 12, 2009, a penalty of up to \$32,500 may be assessed. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.
- In December 1977, pursuant to Section 112(*l*) of the CAA, EPA delegated the Administrator's authorities and responsibilities to implement and enforce emission standards and prevention requirements for asbestos under Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, to the State of Georgia. Pursuant to Georgia Department of Natural Resources Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1-.02(9)(b)7, the State has incorporated and adopted EPA's rules for asbestos located at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M. promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, by reference. As indicated in Section 112(*l*)(7) of the CAA, nothing in Section 112(*l*) of the CAA shall prohibit the Administrator from enforcing any applicable emission standard or requirement under Section 112 of the CAA.

- 5. The authority to take action under Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under the CAA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 7-6-A, last updated on August 4, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 7-6-A. Pursuant to the aforementioned delegations, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.
- 6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Pamela McIlvaine Chemical Products and Asbestos Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-9197.

III. Specific Allegations

- 7. Respondent is the owner of Peach Contractors, Inc. located at 3127 Damascus Road, Unit A in Augusta, Georgia. Respondent is the general contractor that was hired to conduct a demolition at Newell Recycling, LLC (the facility) located at 1540 Doug Bernard Parkway in Augusta, Georgia.
- 8. A facility is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 in part as any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including any structure, installation, or building containing condominiums or individual dwelling units operated

as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having four or fewer dwelling units).

- 9. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602.
- 10. Respondent is an owner or operator of a demolition activity.
- An owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity is defined at 40 C.F.R.
 § 61.141 as 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 the demolition or renovation operation, or both.
- 12. Sometime between March 9, 2009, and April 9, 2009, a building previously utilized for commercial purposes at the facility was demolished by Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc. (Precision), a subcontractor hired by the Respondent. Precision obtained a demolition permit from Richmond County for the demolition.
- 13. Demolition is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as the wrecking or taking out of any loadsupporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or the intentional burning of any facility.
- 14. On August 18, 2009, EPA was informed by Joe Carrico, the Vice President of Human Resources for the facility, that the Respondent was the general contractor hired to conduct the said demolition.
- Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, and 40 C.F.R.
 § 61.145(b)(1), by failing to provide written notice of intention to demolish or renovate a regulated facility prior to the initiation of demolition activities.

IV. Consent Agreement

- 16. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations as set forth above.
- 17. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the consent agreement.
- 18. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 19. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of the National Emission Standard for Asbestos,
 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.
- 20. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, for the specific violations alleged herein. Except as specifically provided in this CAFO, EPA reserves all other civil and criminal enforcement authorities, including the authority to address imminent hazards. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any other actions subsequently commenced pursuant to Federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is Respondent's responsibility to comply with said laws and regulations.
- 21. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of the CAA.

V. Final Order

22. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty-Four Dollars (\$8,564.00). Twenty-four payments will be made to complete payment of the entire civil penalty including interest. The first payment is due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO, and subsequent payments will be due in thirty (30) day intervals thereafter. Including the civil penalty and interest, the total amount that will be paid upon the completion of all payments will be Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$8,834.16). Respondent shall make payments in accordance with the following schedule.

Payment Number	Payment Due Date	Payment Due
1	30 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
2	60 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
3	90 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
4	120 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
5	150 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
6	180 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
7	210 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
8	240 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
9	270 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
10	300 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
11	330 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
12	360 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
13	390 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
14	420 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
15	450 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
16	480 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
17	510 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
18	540 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
19	570 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
20	600 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
21	630 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
22	660 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
23	690 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09
24	720 days of filing of CAFO	\$368.09

23. Respondent shall remit the civil penalty payments by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check to the following address by U.S. Postal Service:

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

The check shall reference on its face the name of the Respondent and Docket Number of this CAFO.

For payment submittal by any overnight mail service (Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc.) use the

following address:

U. S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087

24. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to each of the

following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960,

Pamela McIlvaine Chemical Products and Asbestos Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960,

and

Saundi Wilson Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

- 25. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
- 26. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
- 27. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
- 28. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.

29. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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VI. <u>Effective Date</u>

31. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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	Air, Pesticides and Toxics		
	Management Division		
	61 Forsyth Street		
	Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960		
APPR	OVED AND SO ORDERED this _/?	day of Une	<u>, 2009.</u>
By:	_ Suc B. Schub	_	
	Susan B. Schub		
	Regional Judicial Officer		

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: Peach Contractors, Inc., Docket Number: CAA-04-2010-1508(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Mark Donahue President Peach Contractors, Inc. 3127-A Damascus Road Augusta, GA 30909

Pamela Mcllvaine

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

(via EPA's internal mail)

Chemical Products and Asbestos Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 Robert Caplan, Attorney

(via EPA's internal mail)

Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303

Date: 11-19-09

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE: (Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

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