

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Jeremy Reed President B and J Reed Construction, LLC 1669 Will Evans Road Chatsworth, Georgia 30705

Re: B and J Reed Construction, LLC Consent Agreement and Final Order Docket No. CAA-04-2011-1524(b)

Dear Mr. Reed:

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 CFR Part 22.

As stated in Section V of the CAFO, the initial payment of \$137.71 of the payment plan is due within 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the respondent and the docket number of this case. Penalty payment questions should be directed to Mr. Bryson Lehman either by telephone at (513) 487-2123 or by written correspondence to his attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati Accounting Operations at the address identified in the CAFO.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA.

Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Pamela McIlvaine of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9197.

Sincerely.

Jeaneanne M. Gettle

Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. 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 and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Respondent is B and J Reed Construction, LLC.
- 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. 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.

- 4. 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.
- 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 Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires EPA to review and

adjust penalties, as necessary, for inflation at least once every four years. As such, pursuant to the Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the revised maximum penalty for each violation occurring after January 30, 1997, through March 15, 2004, is \$27,500; for each violation occurring after March 15, 2004, through January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$32,500; and for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$37,500. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4), the following individual 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, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 (404) 562-9197.

- 7. A person is defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602 as an individual, corporation, partnership, association, State, municipality, political subdivision of a State, and any agency, department, or instrumentality of the United States and any officer, agent, or employee thereof.
- 8. A facility is defined in 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); any ship; and any active or inactive waste disposal site.

- 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.
- 10. 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.

III. Specific Allegations

- Respondent is a construction subcontractor located at 1669 Will Evans Road in Chatsworth, Georgia.
- 12. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602.
- 13. Respondent is an operator of a demolition activity.
- 14. Between December 9, 2010, and February 9, 2011, the Respondent, who was hired by Morgan Construction Company, Inc., the general contractor, demolished a service station (the Facility) located at 887 Battlefield Parkway in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.
- 15. Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 61.145(b) by failing to provide written notice of intention to demolish the 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 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. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.
- 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 THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and FIVE DOLLARS (\$3,305). Twenty-four payments will be made to complete payment of the entire civil penalty including interest. The first installment is due within thirty days of the effective date of this CAFO. The subsequent twenty-three payments shall be due in 30 day intervals thereafter. Including the civil penalty and interest, the total amount that will be paid upon completion of all payments will be THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS and TWENTY-

FOUR CENTS (\$3,336.24). Respondent shall make payments in accordance with the following schedule:

Payment Number	Payment Due Date	Payment Due
1	within 30 days of filing CAFO	\$137.71
2 3	within 60 days of filing CAFO	\$140.31
3	within 90 days of filing CAFO	\$140.20
4	within 120 days of filing CAFO	\$140.09
5	within 150 days of filing CAFO	\$139.97
6	within 180 days of filing CAFO	\$139.86
7	within 210 days of filing CAFO	\$139.75
8	within 240 days of filing CAFO	\$139.63
9	within 270 days of filing CAFO	\$139.52
10	within 300 days of filing CAFO	\$139.41
11	within 330 days of filing CAFO	\$139.29
12	within 360 days of filing CAFO	\$139.18
13	within 390 days of filing CAFO	\$139.07
14	within 420 days of filing CAFO	\$138.96
15	within 450 days of filing CAFO	\$138.84
16	within 480 days of filing CAFO	\$138.73
17	within 510 days of filing CAFO	\$138.62
18	within 540 days of filing CAFO	\$138.50
19	within 570 days of filing CAFO	\$138.39
20	within 600 days of filing CAFO	\$138.28
21	within 630 days of filing CAFO	\$138.16
22	within 660 days of filing CAFO	\$138.05
23	within 690 days of filing CAFO	\$137.94
24	within 720 days of filing CAFO	\$137.78

23. Respondent shall remit the penalty payment by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America." The Respondent shall note on the face of the check the Respondent's name and the Docket Number associated with this CAFO. The penalty payment shall be sent by one of the following methods to the address indentified for the method chosen.

Address for payment submittal using the United States Postal Service:

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

Address for payment submittal using other mail service (e.g., Federal Express, United Parcel Service (UPS), DHL, etc.):

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

Contact Person: 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 is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to 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, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

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

25. If Respondent fails to make one of the installment payments in accordance with the schedule set forth above, and if such payment is not made within 30 days after the due date, that payment plus all subsequent payments (the entire unpaid balance) and all

accrued interest shall become immediately due and payable on the 31st day from such due date. In addition, Respondent shall be liable for and shall pay administrative handling charges and late payment penalty charges as described below in the event of any such failure or default.

- 26. Further, if Respondent fails to pay the installment payments in accordance with the schedule set forth above, EPA may refer the debt to a collection agency, a credit reporting agency, or to the Department of Justice for filing of a collection action in the appropriate United States District Court. In any such collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the assessed penalty and of this CAFO shall not be subject to review.
- 27. Notwithstanding Respondent's agreement to pay the assessed civil penalty in accordance with the installment schedule set forth above, Respondent may pay the entire civil penalty of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and FIVE DOLLARS (\$3,305) within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which a copy of this CAFO is mailed or hand-delivered to Respondent and, thereby, avoid the payment of interest pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a). In addition, Respondent may, at any time after commencement of payments under the installment schedule, elect to pay the entire principal balance remaining, together with interest accrued up to the date of such full payment.
- 28. 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.

- 29. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, 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. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a), interest on any civil penalty assessed in a CAFO begins to accrue on the date that a copy of the CAFO is mailed or hand-delivered to the Respondent. However, EPA will not seek to recover interest on any amount of such civil penalty that is paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which such interest begins to accrue. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a). 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.
- 30. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
- 31. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 32. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and hereby legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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VI. Effective Date

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

AGREE	D AND CONSENTED TO:		
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By:	General 100	Date: Y' //	
Name:	Jeiemy Reed		
Title: _	Presdut		
Complai	nant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency		
	Carol K. Kamber for Beverly H. Banister, Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division	Date: (e/21/11	•
APPROV	VED AND SO ORDERED this/3_ day of	September	, 2011.
Ву:	Sugar 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 B and J Reed Construction, LLC, Docket Number: CAA-04-2011-1524(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Jeremy Reed President B and J Reed Construction, LLC. 1669 Will Evans Road Chatsworth, Georgia 30705 (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Pamela McIlvaine

(via EPA's internal mail)

Chemical Products and Asbestos Section U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Marlene Tucker

(via EPA's internal mail)

Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

By:

Patricia A. Bullock

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 562-9511

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EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

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