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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4
61 FORSYTH STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
EXPEDITED SPILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2007-5033

On: June 22, 2007 Time: 13:30
At: or near 9300 Johnson Road, Strawberry Plains, Knox County, Tennessee, Valley Proteins, Inc. (Respondent) discharged 1,000 gallons of oil in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (the Act), as noted on the attached ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATIONS (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to EPA's approval of the Expedited Settlement without further notice.

EPA finds the Respondent's conduct is subject to the discharge prohibition of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, as described in that statute and further described by 40 CFR § 110.3. The Respondent admits being subject to Section 311(b)(3) and that EPA has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the form. Respondent does not contest the Allegations in the Form, and waives any objections it may have to EPA's jurisdiction.

After this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective, EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violations of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act described in the Form. However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by the Respondent of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. By its first signature, EPA ratifies the Findings and Alleged Violations set forth in the Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 CFR § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement in order to settle civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of \$3,000.00. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and effective upon EPA's filing of the document with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If the Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Settlement as presented within 30 days of the date of its receipt and submit payment of the assessed penalty, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations identified in the Form.

This Expedited Settlement is also subject to the following terms and conditions: Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that it has investigated the cause of the spill, it has cleaned up the spill pursuant to federal requirements at a cost of \$ 2000.00, and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. The Respondent also by signature on this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement agrees to payment of the penalty assessed. **Do not enclose payment.** Upon receiving written execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall submit payment within 7 days by certified check or electronic funds transfer for \$3,000.00 payable to the "US Environmental Protection Agency CWA-311". Instructions on how to make this payment will be included in the written notice that will be issued when the Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Michael A. Smith

Title (print): Vice President

Signature: *Michael A. Smith*

APPROVED BY EPA:

Narindar Kumar Date 10/12/07

Narindar Kumar, Chief
RCRA/OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch
RCRA Division

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Susan B. Schub Date 10/16/07

Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

2007 OCT 16 PM 3:05
RECEIVED
EPA REGION IV
HEARING CLERK

ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATIONS - DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2007-5033

1. Valley Proteins, Inc., Respondent, is a corporation organized under the laws of Tennessee with a place of business located at 9300 Johnson Road, Strawberry Plains, Tennessee 37871. The Respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311(a)(7) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(7) (Act).
2. Respondent is the owner of an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10), which is located at or near 9300 Johnson Road, Strawberry Plains, Knox County, Tennessee (“facility”).
3. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act prohibits the discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States.
4. For purposes of Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4), discharges of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. §110.3 to include discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards or, (2) cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines or, (3) cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.
5. On June 22, 2007, Respondent discharged an estimated 1,000 gallons of oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1, from its facility into or upon the Lyons Creek which discharges into the Holston River and adjoining shorelines.
6. The Lyons Creek which discharges into the Holston River is a “navigable water of the United States” subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the Act as defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1.
7. Respondent’s June 22, 2007 discharge of oil from its facility caused a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface or the adjoining shoreline of the Lyons Creek or caused a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface, and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3.

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8. Respondent's June 22, 2007 discharge of oil from its facility into or upon the Lyons Creek and adjoining shorelines in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 violated Section 311(b)(3) of the Act. Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, the Respondent is liable for civil penalties of up to \$11,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$32,500.

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency

PNC Bank

808 17th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20074

Contact – Jesse White 301-887-6548

ABA = 051036706

Transaction Code 22 - checking

Environmental Protection Agency

Account 310006

CTX Format

ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury.
This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

WWW.PAY.GOV

Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field

Open form and complete required fields.

Docket No. CWA-04-2007-5033

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of Valley Proteins, Inc., Docket No. CWA-04-2007-5033 (filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on ~~OCT 16 2007~~ 2007) was served on ~~OCT 16 2007~~ 2007 in the manner specified to each of the persons set forth below:

Thomas A. Gibson, Jr
Director of Environmental Affairs
Valley Proteins, Inc.
P.O. Box 3588
Winchester, Virginia 22604-2586

Via Certified Mail
Return Requested

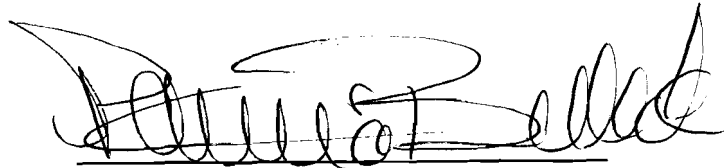
Victor Weeks, Risk Management Plan Coordinator
EPCRA Enforcement Section
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth St.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Via EPA's Internal Mail

Mel Rechtman
RCRA OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

Via EPA's Internal Mail

Date: 10-16-07



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

PAYMENT DUE DATE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Mel Rechtman on 9/27/07
(Name) (Date)

in the ROECB at 404/562-8745
(Office) (Phone Number)

Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
USAO COLLECTS

Administrative Order/Consent Agreement
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT

SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
DOJ COLLECTS

Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:
Sent with bill

Not sent with bill

Other Receivable

Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required

This is an original debt

This is a modification

PAYEE: Valley Proteins, Inc.

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$3,000.00
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CWA-04-2007-5033
The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: _____

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: Waste

To Be Completed By Cincinnati Finance Center

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: _____ Date: 0/00/20067

DISTRIBUTION:

A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:

1. Debt Tracking Officer
Environmental Enforcement Section
Department of Justice RM 1647
P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044

2. Originating Office (EAD)
3. Designated Program Office

B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order Should be to:

1. Originating Office
2. Regional Hearing Clerk

3. Designated Program Office
4. Regional Counsel (EAD)