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June 7, 2012

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Ms. Diane M. Gagnier  
DMM Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 877  
Owosso, Michigan 48867

Consent Agreement and Final Order, In The Matter DMM Industries, Inc.  
Docket No. EPCRA-05-2012-0017


Dear Ms. Gagnier:

Enclosed is a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on June 7, 2012, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 26 and 27. Please be certain that the number **BD 2751244E014** and the docket number are written on both the transmittal letter and on the check. Payment is due by July 6, 2012, (within 30 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

*for*   
Maynard Shaw  
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

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In the Matter of:

DMM Industries, Inc.  
Owosso, Michigan,

Respondent.

) Docket No.  
)  
) Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty  
) Under Section 325(c) of the Emergency  
) Planning and Community Right-to-Know  
) Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)

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**Consent Agreement and Final Order**

1. This is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 325(c) of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

2. The Complainant is the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5.

3. Respondent is DMM Industries, Inc. (DMM), a corporation doing business in the State of Michigan.

4. Where the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, the administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order (CAFO). 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

5. The parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.

6. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO, and to the terms of this CAFO.

#### **Jurisdiction and Waiver of Right to Hearing**

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CAFO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CAFO.

8. Respondent waives its right to request a hearing as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c), any right to contest the allegations in this CAFO, and its right to appeal this CAFO.

9. While Respondent has not submitted the Form R for calendar year 2006, it is no longer in business.

#### **Statutory and Regulatory Background**

10. Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.22 and 372.30 require the owner or operator of a facility that has 10 or more full-time employees; is covered by certain Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes; meets one of the criteria set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.22(b)(1)-(3); and manufactured, processed, or otherwise used a toxic chemical in an amount exceeding an applicable threshold quantity of that chemical listed under Section 313(f) of EPCRA and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.25, 372.27 and 372.28, during the calendar year, to complete and submit a toxic chemical release inventory form (Form R) to the Administrator of EPA and to the state in which the subject facility is located by July 1 for each toxic chemical manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in quantities exceeding the established threshold during the preceding calendar year.

11. As set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, except as provided in 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.27 and 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for a toxic chemical manufactured or processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds

for calendar years including and subsequent to 1989. The reporting threshold for a toxic chemical otherwise used at a facility is 10,000 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 1987.

12. As set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28, the reporting threshold amount for Styrene manufactured, or processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds for calendar years including and subsequent to 2001.

13. Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 2461 note (1990), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 note (1996), required federal agencies to issue regulations adjusting for inflation the maximum civil penalties that may be assessed pursuant to each agency's statutes. EPA may assess a civil penalty of up to \$32,500 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA that occurred after March 15, 2004 through January 12, 2009, pursuant to Section 325(c)(1) and (3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c)(1) and (3), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### **Factual Allegations and Alleged Violations**

14. Respondent is a "person" as that term is defined at Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

15. At all times relevant to this CAFO (and through the February 2012 date of the asset sale of the Respondent DMM Industries, Inc.), Respondent was an owner or operator of the facility located at 403 State Street, Owosso (Shiawassee County), Michigan (facility).

16. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent had "10 or more full-time employees," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, and was an employer at the facility.

17. Respondent's facility consists of buildings, equipment, structures, and other stationary items which are located on a single site or on contiguous or adjacent sites and which are owned or operated by the same person.

18. Respondent's facility is a "facility" as that term is defined at Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4).

19. The facility has a SIC code of 3732, a covered SIC code as defined at Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.22.

### **Count 1**

20. During calendar year 2006, Respondent's facility processed, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, Styrene, a chemical category or CAS No. listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in the amount of 76,238 pounds which is greater than 25,000 pounds, the threshold for reporting, as set forth in Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25.

21. Respondent was required to submit to the Administrator of EPA and to Michigan a Form R for Styrene for calendar year 2006 by July 1, 2007.

22. Respondent did not submit to the Administrator of EPA and to Michigan a Form R for Styrene for calendar year 2006 by July 1, 2007.

23. Respondent has not submitted Form R for Styrene to the Administrator of EPA and to Michigan for calendar year 2006.

24. Respondent's failure to submit timely a Form R for Styrene to the Administrator of EPA and to Michigan for calendar year 2006 violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. § 372.30.

### Civil Penalty

25. Pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, Complainant determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$250. In determining the penalty amount, Complainant considered the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations, and with respect to Respondent, its ability to pay, prior history of violations, economic benefit or savings resulting from the violations, and any other matters as justice may require. Complainant also considered EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (1986) and Section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (1990) (amended) (April 12, 2001). Pursuant to Respondent's assertion of a limited ability to pay, proper and timely submissions of Respondent's required financial records, good faith negotiations, and the EPA analysis of the above mentioned financial documents, EPA has determined that the civil penalty amount of \$250.00 is an equitable and appropriate penalty amount and achieves the requirements of the applicable statutes and policies.

26. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay a \$250.00 civil penalty for the EPCRA violations by one of the following methods:

a) for checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

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

b) for checks sent by express mail sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. Bank  
Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

The check must note the case title, “In the Matter of DMM Industries, Inc., Owosso, Michigan”, the docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

c) for electronic funds transfer, make electronic funds transfer, payable to “Treasurer, United States of America,” and sent to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA No. 021030004  
Account No. 68010727  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, New York 10045  
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read:  
“D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency”

In the comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer, state case title, “In the Matter of DMM Industries, Inc., Owosso, Michigan”, the docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

d) for Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) also known as REX or remittance express ACH electronic funds transfer, payable to “Treasurer, United States of America,” and sent to:

US Treasury REX/Cashlink ACH Receiver  
ABA: 051036706  
Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency  
CTX Format Transaction Code 22 –checking

In the comment area of the electronic funds transfer, state case title, “In the Matter of DMM Industries, Inc., Owosso, Michigan”, the docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

e) for on-line payment, to pay on-line, go to [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov). Use the Search Public Forms option on the tool bar and enter SFO 1.1 in the search field. Open the form and complete the required fields.

27. If paying by check or cashier's check, Respondent's payment must also provide the following: A transmittal letter, stating Respondent's name, the case title, Respondent's complete address, the case docket number and the billing document number must accompany the payment.

Respondent must send a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J)  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Mr. Maynard Shaw (LC-8J)  
Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Tom Turner, Esq. (C-14J)  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. EPA, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

28. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.

29. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty or any civil penalties due under paragraph 30, below, EPA may bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of the penalty with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties, and the United States enforcement expenses for the collection action. The validity, amount, and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

30. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue from the date the



payment was due at a rate established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.

### **General Provisions**

31. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the CAFO.

32. This CAFO does not affect the rights of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law.

33. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with EPCRA and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

34. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of EPCRA.

35. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors, and assigns.

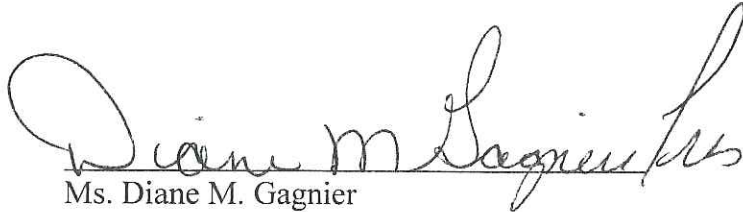
36. Each person signing this agreement certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

37. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees in this action.

38. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

**DMM Industries, Inc., Respondent**


5-7-12  
Date

  
Ms. Diane M. Gagnier  
President  
DMM Industries, Inc.

Respond  
Signature  
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**United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant**

5/30/12  
Date


  
Margaret M. Guerriero  
Director  
Land and Chemicals Division

**In the Matter of:**  
**DMM Industries, Inc.**  
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**Final Order**

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

June 1, 2012  
Date

  
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Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

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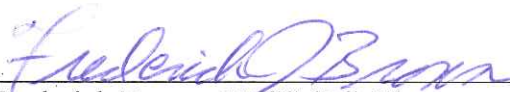
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the original signed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the civil administrative action involving DMM Industries, Inc., was filed on June 7, 2012, with the Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and that I mailed, by Certified Mail, Receipt No. 7009 1680 0000 7667 8070, a copy of the original to the Respondents:

Ms. Diane M. Gagnier  
DMM Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 877  
Owosso, Michigan 48867

and forwarded intra-Agency copies to:

John Breslin, Regional Judicial Officer, ORC/C-14J  
Tom Turner, Esq. Counsel for Complainant ORC/C-14J  
Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD

  
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