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Mr. William B. Duncan Duncan Oil Company Post Office Box 218 Salem, Illinois 62881

SUBJECT: Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) Docket No. SDWA-04-2010-1001(b)

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) in this matter that has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as required by 40 C.F.R. §22.6. This CA/FO was effective upon the date filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and you are hereby ordered to comply immediately with the terms of the subject Order. Please make note of the provisions under "PENALTY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF" with respect to compliance actions and stipulated penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation in settling this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Carol Chen, UIC Enforcement, at (404) 562-9415.

Sincerely,

Gail netchell, for

James D. Giattina Director Water Protection Division

Enclosure

cc: Regional Hearing Clerk

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#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

IN THE MATTER OF

Duncan Oil Company, Inc. Post Office Box 218 Salem, Illinois 62881

Respondent

**Consent Agreement and Final Order** 

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Docket No. SDWA-04-2010-1001(b)

## STATUTORY AUTHORITY

1. Pursuant to 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 of Practice or Part 22), specifically Subpart I, published at 64 <u>Fed. Reg</u>. 40138 (July 23, 1999) and the delegated authority of the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Complainant) under Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA or the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 1421, <u>et seq</u>., the EPA, as Complainant, hereby enters into the following Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CA/FO") with Duncan Oil Company, Inc. (Respondent).

2. Section 1450 of the SDWA authorizes the Administrator to prescribe such regulations as are necessary or appropriate to carry out her functions under the SDWA. These regulations are found at 40 CFR Parts 124, 144, 146, 147, and 148, and set forth requirements for the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program promulgated under Part C of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h, et seq.

3. Injection well owners and operators are required to comply with the UIC program requirements. The UIC program for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including all Indian lands, is administered by EPA. See 40 CFR § 147.901(a).

## ALLEGATIONS

4. Respondent is a corporation doing business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with a business address of Post Office Box 218, Salem, Illinois, 62881.

5. Respondent is a person as that term is defined in Section 1401(12) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. Section 300f(12) and 40 CFR §144.3.

6. Respondent owns and/or operates the following Class II injection wells (subject wells):

Permit No.	EPA ID No.	<u>Well</u>
KYA0552	KYS1010045	Camp Breckinridge #5
KYA0552	KYS1010053	Camp Breckinndge #24
KYA0552	KYS1010491	Camp Breckinndge #9
KYA0552	KYS1010492	Camp Breckinnidge #12
KYA0552	KYS1010493	Camp Breckinndge #29
KYA0552	KYS1010494	Camp Breckinridge #25
KYA0552	KYS1010495	Camp Breckinridge #19
KYA0552	KYS1010496	Camp Breckinridge #17

7. Each of these wells constitutes a "facility" as that term is defined in 40 CFR §144.3, and are subject to the requirements of the SDWA and the UIC regulations.

8. The subject wells are permitted in accordance with 40 CFR § 144.31.

9. The SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §300f, <u>et seq.</u>, and 40 CFR §144.51(a) require the permittee to comply with all conditions of the permit. Noncompliance constitutes a violation of the SDWA and is grounds for an enforcement action.

10. Part II, Section G, Paragraph 3, of the permit, requires the permittee to demonstrate mechanical integrity at least once every five years.

11. The following wells were overdue for mechanical integrity as follows.

EPA ID No.	Well	Prior MIT	Due Date	<b>Demonstrated</b>
KYS1010045	Camp Breckinridge #5	04/09/96	04/09/01	04/17/06
KYS1010053	Camp Breckinridge #24	07/25/02	07/25/07	02/04/10
KYS1010493	Camp Breckinridge #29	07/25/02	07/25/07	09/29/08

12. Therefore, Respondent violated 40 CFR §144.51 (a), its permit, and the SDWA by failing to timely demonstrate the mechanical integrity of the subject wells.

13. Part I, Section E, Paragraph 2, of the permit, requires the results of all monitoring to be submitted annually.

14. The only injection fluid analysis report on file is dated June 11, 1985.

15. Therefore, Respondent violated 40 CFR §144.51 (a), its permit, and the SDWA by failing to submit annual fluid analyses of the subject wells.

16. On February 11, 2010, Respondent participated in a show cause hearing with EPA representatives via telephone to discuss its permit violations, the SDWA, and the implementing regulations.

17. Respondent and Complainant have negotiated a settlement of the foregoing violation and Respondent has agreed to pay a penalty.

#### **STIPULATIONS AND FINDINGS**

18. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the facts and findings of violation as alleged herein. Respondent waives any right to a hearing and waives any right to appeal a final order in this matter, and consents to the issuance of a final order without further adjudication.

19. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement, pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.18, and desire to resolve this matter and settle the violations described herein without resort to a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of an argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 CFR § 22.13(b), this CA/FO will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

## PENALTY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Based upon the foregoing findings, the parties hereby agree and consent to entry of the following Order:

20. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars)** in accordance with the terms set forth below.

21. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a fully-executed copy of this CA/FO, Respondent shall submit a cashiers or certified check in the total amount of the penalty set forth in the preceding paragraph, payable to the Treasurer, United States of America at the following address:

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

Respondent shall note the title and docket number of the case on the penalty payment certified or cashiers check.

22. Respondent shall submit copies of the check to the following persons:

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

## Fred McManus, Chief Ground Water and SDWA Enforcement Section U. S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

23. Pursuant to Section 1423(c)(7) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(7), failure by Respondent to pay the penalty assessed by this CA/FO in full by its due date may subject Respondent to a civil action in an appropriate district court to recover the amount assessed (plus costs, attorneys fees, and interest at currently prevailing rates from the date the order is effective). In such an action, the validity, amount and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

24. Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 13 and 31 U.S.C. §3717 <u>et seq.</u>, if EPA does not receive payment of the penalty assessed by this CA/FO in full by its due date, interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance from the due date through date of payment at an annual rate equal to the rate of the current value of funds to the United States Treasury as prescribed and published by the Secretary of the Treasury. If all or part of the payment is overdue, EPA will assess an administrative fee of \$15 for each subsequent thirty (30) day period. EPA will also assess, on a monthly basis, a six per cent (6%) per annum penalty on any principal amount not paid within ninety (90) days of the due date.

25. A copy of the check shall be sent to the Ground Water and SDWA Enforcement Section, Safe Drinking Water Branch, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Respondent shall state the docket number of this CA/FO on the face of any such check.

26. In addition to payment of the penalty described above, Respondent shall perform the following injunctive relief:

a. Respondent is ordered to perform water analyses for the subject wells and submit the reports to EPA within thirty (30) days of receipt of a fully-executed copy of this order.

27. Respondent agrees to pay stipulated civil penalties for violation of the condition set forth in Paragraph 26 above as follows:

28. For failure to comply with any condition described in Paragraph 26 above, Respondent shall pay a stipulated civil penalty according to the following schedule:

- a. \$300 for any portion of the first seven (7) calendar days Respondent is in violation of this Agreement; and
- b. \$200 per day for each day after the first seven (7) calendar days Respondent is in violation of this Agreement.

29. Stipulated penalties shall become due and payable no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of demand from EPA. Payment shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Treasurer of the United States of America, and sent to the following address:

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

30. A copy of the check shall be sent to the Ground Water & Safe Drinking Water Act Enforcement Section, Safe Drinking Water Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303-8960. Respondent shall state the docket number of this Order on the face of any such check. The stipulated civil penalties set forth above shall be in addition to any other remedies or sanctions which are or may be available to EPA.

31. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the individuals authorized to receive service relating to the proceeding are listed below.

For Respondent:

Mr. William Bruce Duncan Duncan Oil Company, Inc. Post Office Box 218 Salem, Illinois 62881 618-292-4327

For EPA:

Zylpha Pryor, Attorney U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960 404-562-9535

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

32. The provisions of this CA/FO shall be binding upon Respondent, and its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and successors or assigns. Notice of this CA/FO shall be given to any successors in interest prior to transfer of the ownership or operational control of the facility.

33. This CA/FO does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of Part C of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §1421, <u>et seq</u>., or any regulations promulgated thereunder. This CA/FO is not, and shall not be interpreted to be, a permit for the injection of fluids under Section 1421 of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §300h, nor shall it in any way relieve Respondent of any obligation imposed by any permit issued

beyond the control of and without fault of Respondent and the length of the delay attributable to such circumstances shall rest with Respondent. Financial, economic, or business conditions or changes in same, unanticipated or increased costs or expenses, or problems relating to reasonably foreseeable technological infeasibility associated with the implementation of actions called for by this CA/FO, shall not relieve Respondent of any obligation imposed under the terms of this CA/FO, nor from payment of any penalty set forth in this CA/FO. EPA will notify Respondent of its determination that certain circumstances are considered to be beyond Respondent's control and the extension of time, if any, for completion of the affected requirements. Respondent shall waive this right to any extension for failure to provide EPA with written notice as provided herein or for failure to provide adequate proof for the cause of the delay.

37. The parties acknowledge and agree that final approval by EPA of this CA/FO is subject to 40 C.F.R. 22.45(c)(4) which sets forth requirements under which a person not a party to this proceeding may petition to set aside a consent agreement and final order on the basis that material evidence was not considered.

38. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this action.

39. This CA/FO shall become effective upon the date that it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

40. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to execute and legally bind the Party he or she represents to this Agreement.

# RESPONDENT

Date: <u>3-9-/0</u>

William Bruce Duncan Duncan Oil Company, Inc.

COMPLAINANT

12 10 Date:

Jaie Duscheel for

James D. Giattina, Director Water Protection Division

incorporated into this Final Order.

# U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: April 14 2010

S. Schub

Susan Schub Regional Judicial Officer

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of Duncan Oil Company, Inc.; Docket No. SDWA-04-2010-1001(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Requested

#### Carol Chen

Via EPA Internal Mail

Zylpha Pryor

Via EPA Internal Mail

Via Certified Mail/ Return Receipt

Mr. William Bruce Duncan Duncan Oil Company, Inc. Post Office Box 218 Salem, Illinois 62881

Date: 4-20-10

Patricia A. Bultočk, Regional Hearing Clerk United States EPA - Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303-8960 (404) 562-9511

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