



BY E-MAIL

Dated via electronic signature below

Ms. LeAnn Jensen
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Re: *In the Matter of Blount Fine Foods Corp.*, Docket No. CAA-01-2025-0021

Dear Ms. Jensen:

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2), and simultaneously transmitted with this letter, please find a Consent Agreement and proposed Final Order (“CAFO”) settling the above-referenced action. The Consent Agreement has been signed by the parties and is now being submitted to you for your review and approval.

If signed by you, the CAFO will resolve administrative civil penalty liability of the Respondent, Blount Fine Foods Corporation (“Respondent”), for alleged violations of 40 C.F.R. Part 68, which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7). The alleged violations occurred at Respondent’s facility located in Fall River, Massachusetts.

Specifically, the CAFO alleges that Respondent failed to comply with safety information requirements, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.65(d)(2) and (3), and failed to maintain certain equipment in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 68.73.

Under the terms of the CAFO, the Respondent has agreed to pay a civil monetary penalty of \$68,000 within 30 days of the CAFO’s effective date. The penalty complies with CAA statutory penalty assessment factors and with EPA’s penalty policy for CAA Section 112(r) cases. The company has completed most, but not all, of its compliance work. The settlement includes a compliance certification for completed work, compliance conditions for work that has yet to be completed, and the performance of supplemental environmental projects (“SEPs”). The SEPs comply with EPA’s 2015 SEP policy.

The parties' consent to the use of digital signatures (as well as Respondent's consent to electronic service of the CAFO, once filed) is included in the CAFO. Respondent chose to sign with a "wet" signature, and EPA's official signed electronically. Accordingly, I am submitting a PDF of the executed CAFO and will file Respondent's original signature page with you after I receive it in the mail. This settlement does not have any public notice requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed CAFO, please contact Huddy Grandy at grandy.harinarayan@epa.gov or 617-918-1028 and Respondent's counsel, Christian Capizzo, at ccapizzo@psh.comor. If Huddy is not available, you can contact me at smith.catherine@epa.gov or 617-918-1777. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order
2. Proposed Certificate of Service

cc: Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk
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