



BY E-MAIL

Dated via electronic signature below

Mr. Michael J. Knapp Regional Judicial Officer U.S. EPA, Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Mail Code 4-MI Boston, MA 02109-3912 Knapp.michael@epa.gov

Re: In the Matter of Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp. Docket No. CAA-01-2025-0034

Dear Mr. Knapp:

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, Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp. ("Respondent"), for alleged violations of Section 112(r)(1) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1), also known as the "General Duty Clause." The alleged violations occurred at Respondent's facility located at 20 Carando Drive, Springfield, Massachusetts, 01104.

Specifically, Respondent failed to design and maintain a safe facility taking such steps as are necessary to prevent releases and to minimize the consequences of accidental releases which do occur at the facility as required by the General Duty Clause in CAA Section 112(r)(1).

Under the terms of the CAFO, the Respondent has agreed to pay a civil monetary penalty of \$138,506 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 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

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the executed CAFO and will file Respondent's original signature page with you. This settlement does not have any public notice requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed CAFO, please contact me at Woodward.kathleen@epa.gov or 617-918-1780 or, and Respondent's counsel Darin Waylett at <u>DWaylett@smithfield.com</u> or (757) 365-1975. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen E. Woodward Senior Enforcement Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

Attachments:

- 1. Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order
- 2. Proposed Certificate of Service
- cc: Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk Darin Waylett, Counsel for Respondent