



REGION 9

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

Sent Via Email: john@finequalitymetalfinishing.com

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Esfandi
Fine Quality Metals Finishing
1640 Daisy Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90813

Re: EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITY
Notice of Investigation Results under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Fine Quality Metals Finishing
EPA ID Number: CAR000197533
Docket Number: RCRA-09-2025-0102

Dear John Esfandi:

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 9, have identified potential violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") (42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.*) and the authorized California hazardous waste management program at Fine Quality Metals Finishing, located at 1640 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, California.

By this letter, EPA is providing you with an opportunity to quickly resolve the violations by entering into an Expedited Settlement Agreement. EPA has authority to pursue civil penalties for violations of RCRA requirements, including violations that are easily identifiable and easily correctable, such as the violations cited below. You may resolve the alleged violations by correcting the violations cited below, paying the specified penalty, and signing and returning the enclosed Expedited Settlement Agreement within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

If you dispute these violations, please provide a written explanation, along with any documentation to Daniel Fernandez at the address below within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

As a result of the EPA review of your facility, Fine Quality Metals Finishing failed to comply with the following RCRA regulations:

- 1 – Respondent failed to label two (2) hazardous waste containers at satellite accumulation areas (SAA) in violation of sections 22 CCR 66262.15, (a)(5) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(5).

- 2 – Respondent failed to label a container in the 90-day storage area in violation of section 22 CCR 66262.17 (a)(5) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(5).
- 3 – Respondent failed to properly close a container at a SAA in violation of section 22 CCR 66262.15(a)(4) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(4).
- 4 – Respondent failed to close a container at the 90-day storage area in violation of section 22 CCR 62262.17(a)(1)(D) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(1)(iv).

Opportunity for Expedited Settlement

Under the authority of Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6928, EPA may pursue civil penalties of up to \$93,058 per day for each violation of Subtitle C of RCRA, including violations of approved and authorized State program requirements.

However, EPA is offering to resolve the violations described above with an Expedited Settlement Agreement (Agreement), which provides you the opportunity to quickly resolve the violation with payment of a substantially reduced penalty. If you choose to sign the Agreement and EPA determines you have satisfied the requirements for expedited settlement described below, then EPA will settle the violations listed above for \$6,250.

Procedure for Expedited Settlement

To take advantage of the Expedited Settlement offer, within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, you must:

- (1) Correct the outstanding violations. This must be documented on the enclosed document titled “Injunctive Relief Worksheet.”
- (2) Complete and return to EPA the enclosed Agreement. By signing the Agreement, you are certifying that you: (a) have corrected the violations; (b) have submitted true and accurate documentation of compliance; and (c) paid the civil penalty of \$6,250. Also, by signing the Agreement, you agree to waive your opportunity for a hearing or appeal concerning the violations.

Pay the assessed penalty of \$6,250 Instructions for payment of the penalty can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>.

Within 24 hours of payment, please email a PDF copy of the signed Agreement and proof of payment (e.g., a copy of the check, digital payment receipt or a statement of affirmation regarding electronic funds transfer), including Respondent’s name, complete address, and docket number to the below-listed EPA contacts.

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
R9HearingClerk@epa.gov

and

Daniel Fernandez
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California, 94105
fernandez.daniel@epa.gov

If you can demonstrate, in writing, that it is technically infeasible or impracticable to correct your RCRA violations within thirty days, upon request, EPA, at its discretion, may grant an extension. Extension requests and the above demonstration must be made in writing no later than ten days before the end of the initial 30-day compliance period. The request must clearly indicate whether you intend to take advantage of the expedited settlement agreement. Any extensions must be granted in writing by EPA.

If you do not follow the procedures outlined in this letter for expedited settlement within 30 days of receipt of this letter, then this settlement offer will be automatically withdrawn, without prejudice to the EPA's ability to file a complaint for the cited violations. EPA may seek penalties of up to \$90,702 per day for the violations cited above.

We are committed to the fair and rapid settlement of this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the general circumstances of your case, please contact Daniel Fernandez of my staff at (415) 972-3299 or fernandez.daniel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

AMY MILLER- BOWEN

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Amy C. Miller-Bowen, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Cc:

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Attachments:

- 1) ESA Offer
- 2) Injunctive Relief Worksheet