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DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2014-0016

IN THE MATTER OF:

LINC ENERGY (WYOMING), INC.

1000 Louisiana, Suite 1500

Houston, TX 77002

RESPONDENT

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FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.13(b) and 22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 12th DAY OF March, 2014.

Elyana R. Surin
Regional Judicial Officer

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In the Matter of:)
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Linc Energy (Wyoming), Inc.)
1000 Louisiana, Suite 1500)
Houston, TX 77002)
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Respondent.)

EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT
Docket No. **CWA-08-2014-0016**

1. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), and Respondent, Linc Energy Operations, Inc., by their undersigned representatives, hereby settle the civil cause of action arising out of violations of the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan regulations, and agree as follows:
2. The Clean Water Act (the Act), as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), authorizes the Administrator of the EPA to assess administrative penalties against any person who violates the oil pollution prevention regulations, promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 112 under section 311(j) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j). This authority has been properly delegated to the undersigned EPA official.
3. Respondent owns and/or operates Linc Energy (Wyoming), South Cole Creek 7-D Tank Battery, located at NESE, Sec 7, T 34N, R 76W, Converse County, WY, at latitude: 42.930599, longitude: -106.009870 (Facility).
4. The Facility is located approximately 200 feet west of the Lone Tree Gulch. Lone Tree Gulch flows south into the intermittent Cole Creek that flows south into the North Platte River, a navigable water of the United States, located approximately 4.2 miles south of the

Facility. Discharges of harmful quantities of oil from the Facility could reasonably be expected to reach navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines.

5. The Facility has a total storage capacity of approximately 265,062 gallons of oil and is subject to the SPCC regulations.
6. Respondent admits that the Facility is subject to the SPCC regulations.
7. On May 13, 2011, Respondent replied to EPA's request for information and submitted an SPCC Plan for the Facility dated September 4, 2006, which was not compliant with the SPCC regulations.
8. On January 2, 2014, Respondent submitted an SPCC Plan for the Facility, which was compliant with the SPCC regulations.
9. Respondent neither admits nor denies that from March 1, 2011, until January 2, 2014, it failed to prepare and to implement an SPCC Plan for the Facility in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 112.7 and 112.9.
10. Respondent admits that the EPA has jurisdiction in this proceeding.
11. Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any civil tribunal to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this Agreement, and waives its right to appeal the Final Order.
12. This Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon the EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's officers, directors, agents, successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including but not limited to any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this Agreement.
13. This Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.
14. Respondent consents and agrees to the assessment of a civil penalty of one thousand nine hundred twenty five dollars (\$1,925.00) for the violations cited in Paragraph 9 above, and

agrees to pay the civil penalty no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date the Final Order is signed by the Regional Judicial Officer. Payment shall be by means of a cashier's or certified check, or by wire transfer. If paying by check, the Respondent shall submit a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Environmental Protection Agency," and bearing the notations "OSLTF - 311" and the title and docket number of this case. If the Respondent sends payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

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

If the Respondent sends payment by overnight mail, the payment shall be sent to:

U.S. Bank
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
Contact: Natalie Pearson
314-418-4087

Wire transfers shall be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA: 021030004
Account: 68010727
SWIFT address: FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10045

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15. The Respondent shall submit copies of the check (or, in the case of a wire transfer, copies of the confirmation) to the following persons:

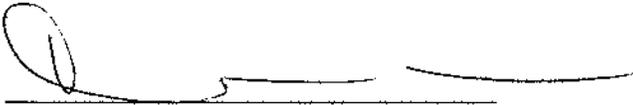
**Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk (SRC)
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop
Denver, CO 80202-1129**

and

**Donna K. Inman
Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-UFO)
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop
Denver, CO 80202-1129**

16. Respondent agrees to implement and maintain an SPCC plan in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 112.
17. Respondent further agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the penalty amount as required by this Agreement once incorporated into the Final Order, this Agreement is null and void, and the EPA may pursue any applicable enforcement options.
18. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions for this Agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
19. The parties agree to submit this Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.
20. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this matter.
21. Respondent agrees that no amount of the civil penalty to be paid shall be used to reduce its federal or state tax obligations.
22. This Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the Respondent, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations described herein.

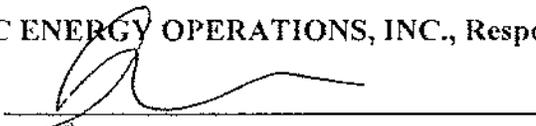
**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8,
Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice, Complainant.**

By: 

Date: 3/10/14

Darcy O'Connor, Director
UIC/FIFRA/OPA Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance and
Environmental Justice

LINC ENERGY OPERATIONS, INC., Respondent.

By: 

Date: 3/6/2014

Name: Andreeana Madar

Title: Compliance Manager

Costs for Achieving Compliance with Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act

(Complete only the items which pertain to this action)

311(j) SPCC:

Cost of preparing an SPCC Plan	<u>\$ 5,500.⁰⁰</u>
Cost of revising an SPCC Plan	<u>\$ 2,000.⁰⁰</u>
Cost of technical implementation measures	<u>\$ 1,500.⁰⁰</u>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER** in the matter **LINC ENERGY (WYOMING), INC.;** **DOCKET NO.: CWA-08-2014-0016.** The documents were filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on March 12, 2014.

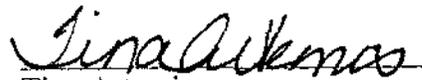
Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the documents were delivered to, Brenda L. Morris, Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned documents were resent and placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on March 12, 2014 to:

Andreana Madar, Compliance Manager
Linc Energy Operations, Inc.
1000 Louisiana, Suite 1500
Houston, TX 77002

And emailed to:

Kim White
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

March 12, 2014


Tina Artemis
Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk

