



1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") pursuant to Section 3008 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
2. By copy of this letter, EPA is providing the State of California with notice of the referenced violations of Subtitle C of RCRA as required by Section 3008(a)(2).
3. Fine Quality Metals Finishing ("Respondent") is the owner or operator of the facility at 1640 Daisy Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813 ("Facility"). Following its April 22, 2025 inspection, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the following requirements of the RCRA and EPA approved and authorized California hazardous waste management programs:
 - a) Failure to label two (2) HW containers in the satellite accumulation areas (SAA) [Sections 22 CCR 66262.15(a)(S) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(S)].
 - b) Failure to label a container in a 90-day storage area [Section 22 CCR 66262.17(a)(S) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(S)].
 - c) Failure to properly close a container in a SAA [Section 22 CCR 66262.15(a)(4) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(4)].
 - d) Failure to close a container in a 90-day storage area [Section 22 CCR 62262.17(a)(1)(D) & 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(1)(iv)].
4. EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for civil penalties of Six Thousand, Two Hundred, and Fifty Dollars (\$6,250) is in the public interest.

5. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; (5) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issues of fact or law set forth herein; (6) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 3008(b) of RCRA; and (7) consents to electronic service of the files ESA. By signing this consent agreement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of the final order accompanying the consent agreement.
6. By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: the alleged violations have been corrected; Respondent has submitted true and accurate documentation of such correction; and, Respondent has submitted proof of payment of the civil penalty.
7. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.
8. EPA reserves all its rights to take an enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of RCRA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
9. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
10. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), is effective upon filing.
11. No portion of the civil penalty or interest paid by Respondent pursuant to the requirements of this CAFO shall be claimed by Respondent as a deduction for federal, states or local income tax purposes.
12. Entry of the Final Order shall constitute full settlement of the civil claims alleged herein.

IT IS SO AGREED,

John Esfandi

Name (print):

General Manager

Title (print):



Signature

Date: 09/06/2025

APPROVED BY EPA:

AMY MILLER-
BOWEN

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Amy C. Miller-Bowen, Division Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region IX

Date: 12/2/2025

FINAL ORDER

Respondent has paid the penalty specified herein. This Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall be entered.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Beatrice Wong Digitally signed by Beatrice Wong
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Beatrice Wong
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA Region IX

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the matter of Fine Quality Metals Finishing (Docket No. RCRA-09-2025-0033) was filed by the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, and that a true and correct copy of the same was served on the parties, via electronic mail, as indicated below:

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