

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Keith Ford Director of Logistics Amerigas Propane, LP 13105 NW Freeway Suite 500 Houston, Texas 77040

SUBJECT: Expedited Settlement Agreement Amerigas Propane, LP Docket No. CAA-04-2009-8034(b)

Dear Mr. Ford:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2009-8034(b)) involving Amerigas Propane, LP. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on today's date.

As required by the ESA, within thirty days of receipt of this letter, a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$2760, made out to the "Treasurer, United States of America," should be submitted to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS) U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101 Contact: Natalie Pearson @ 314-418-4087

Internet Address (URL) • http://www.epa.gov Recycled/Recyclable • Printed with Vegetable Oil Based Inks on Recycled Paper (Minimum 30% Postconsumer) The Docket No. should be included on the check. Also, a separate copy of the check and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you have any questions, please call Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely.

Caron B. Falconer Chief, EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2009-8034(b)</u>

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<u>Amerigas-Columbia Rail Terminal</u> <u>409 Cemetery Avenue</u> Columbia, TN 38401

for violating 40 CFR § 68.69, 40 CFR § 68.79, 40 CFR § 68.87, 40 CFR § 68.190 and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by Amerigas Propane, LP (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 409 Cemetery Avenue, Columbia, Tennessee, on February 27, 2008, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It has implemented written operating procedures that address the following elements found at 40 CFR § 68.69(a): (3) safety and health considerations, including (i) properties of, and hazards presented by the chemicals used in the process; and (iii) control measures to be taken if physical contact or airborne exposure occurs;

It has annually certified that its operating procedures are current and accurate as required by 40 CFR § 68.69(c);

It has conducted audits to evaluate its compliance with the chemical accident prevention program requirements at least every three years as required by 40 CFR § 68.79(a);

It has developed and implemented safe work practices consistent with 68.69(d), to control the entrance, presence, and exit of contract employees in the covered process areas as required by 40 CFR 68.87(b)(4); and

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It reviewed, updated and submitted its Risk Management Plan (RMPlan) no later than the date on which a regulated substance was first present above a threshold quantity in a process. The Respondent added a covered butane process in 2006. The current RMPlan for the Amerigas-Columbia Rail Terminal does not reflect this process. Failure to review, update and resubmit the RMPlan on or before the date a regulated substance is present above a threshold quantity in a process is a violation of the Risk Management Program regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. § 68.190(b)(4) under Section 112(r) of the Act.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violation cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$2760**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violation listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$2760.** Please note that payment <u>should not</u> be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the <u>fully executed</u> ESA. Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$2760,** in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

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The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA must be included on the

check. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Upon Respondent's correction of alleged violations and payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violation of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

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The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

Date: 6/11/09 Keith Name (print): _ Title (print): Director of Terminal Operations

Amerigas Propane, LP

FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Date: 6/9/09

Carol L. Kemker Acting Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

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____ Date: <u>August 5, 20</u>09

Susan B. Schub Regional Judicial Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, <u>in the matter of Amerigas Propane</u>, <u>LP</u>, <u>CAA-04-2009-8034(b)</u>, on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Ellen Rouch U. S. EPA - Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Keith Ford Director of Logistics AmeriGas Propane, LP 13105 NW Freeway Suite 500 Houston, Texas 77040 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 8-6-09

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk Unites States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-9511

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