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**June 12, 2014**

**James and Martha Ikegwu**  
c/o James Ikegwu LPC  
(Licensed Professional Counselor, Physician)  
650 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Suite C-120  
Washington DC 20003

**RE: Default Order - U.S. EPA Docket No. TSCA-03-2011-0217**  
**In the Matter of: James Ikegwu and Martha Ikegwu**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ikegwu:

Enclosed you will find two documents regarding the Complaint and Notice of Right to Hearing ("Complaint") concerning alleged violations at your former property (located at 1700 North Castle Street, Baltimore, Maryland), issued under Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. §2615(a) ("TSCA"); 1. a Motion for a Default Order, 2. a Default Order directing you to remit the required civil penalty of \$6,450.00 within 30 days after the Default Order becomes final.

The Complaint, based on alleged violations of TSCA and its implementing regulations, was issued to you and filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on September 28, 2011. You received the Complaint on September 29, 2011, as evidenced by a UPS mail return receipt signed by Respondent Martha Ikegwu.

Pursuant to Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22 ("Consolidated Rules"), if a Respondent (1) contests any material fact upon which a Complaint is based; (2) contends that the amount of the penalty proposed in the Complaint is inappropriate; or (3) contends that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, Respondent must file a written Answer to the Complaint with the Regional Hearing Clerk within thirty (30) days after service of the Complaint. Failure to respond to this Complaint and Notice by specific Answer within 30 days of receipt of this document will constitute an admission of the allegations made in the Complaint. You did not file a timely written Answer with the Regional Hearing Clerk and therefore failed to comply with the Consolidated Rules.

Based on the above, EPA filed a Motion for a Default Order which is essentially a request that you be deemed as having defaulted regarding your obligation to answer the Complaint. The Default Order imposes the penalty proposed in the Complaint without further proceedings. The Default Motion was also submitted to the Regional Judicial Officer ("RJO") for review and signature. On April 3, 2014 the RJO signed and issued her Initial Decision and

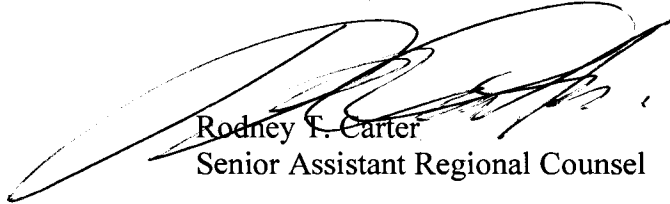
Default Order directing you to remit the required civil penalty. The timing of the payment is set forth in detail in the Initial Decision and Default Order.

Enclosed with this letter are the two documents:

1. **COMPLAINANT'S SECOND MOTION FOR A DEFAULT ORDER**
2. **INITIAL DECISION AND DEFAULT ORDER**

If you have any questions please contact me, Rodney T. Carter, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, at (215) 814-2478.

Sincerely,



Rodney T. Carter  
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel

Enclosures