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7 UNITED STATES  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX

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10 In the matter of: ) Docket No. FIFRA-09-2008-0007  
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12 Nevada Onion, ) CONSENT AGREEMENT  
AND FINAL ORDER  
13 Respondent. )  
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15 I. CONSENT AGREEMENT

16 Complainant, the Director of the Communities and Ecosystems Division, United States  
17 Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region IX, and Respondent, Nevada Onion, agree to  
18 settle this civil administrative action brought under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and  
19 Rodenticide Act ("FIFRA"), as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§ 136 *et seq.*, and consent to the entry of this  
20 Consent Agreement and Final Order (the "CAFO").

21 A. AUTHORITY

22 1. Complainant initiated this civil administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil  
23 penalty against Respondent under FIFRA pursuant to Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §  
24 136l(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of  
25 Civil Penalties, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, by issuing a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing  
26 ("the Complaint") against Respondent on June 25, 2008.  
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12 6. Respondent shall not use payment of any penalty under this CAFO as a tax deduction  
13 from Respondent's federal, state, or local taxes, nor shall Respondent allow any other person to use  
14 such payment as a tax deduction.

15 7. If Respondent fails to pay the assessed civil administrative penalty of FIFTY-SIX  
16 THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED, AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$56,320), as identified in  
17 Paragraph 5, by the deadline specified in that Paragraph, then Respondent shall also pay a  
18 stipulated penalty to EPA. The amount of the stipulated penalty will be FOURTEEN  
19 THOUSAND AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$14,080), and will be immediately due and payable on  
20 the day following the deadline specified in Paragraph 5, together with the initially assessed civil  
21 administrative penalty of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED, AND TWENTY  
22 DOLLARS (\$56,320), resulting in a total penalty due of SEVENTY THOUSAND AND FOUR  
23 HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$70,400). Failure to pay the civil administrative penalty specified in  
24 Paragraph 5 by the deadline specified in that Paragraph may also lead to any or all of the following  
25 actions:

26 (1) EPA may refer the debt to a credit reporting agency, a collection  
27 agency, or to the Department of Justice for filing of a collection action in the appropriate United  
28 States District Court. 40 C.F.R. §§ 13.13, 13.14, and 13.33. The validity, amount, and  
appropriateness of the assessed penalty or of this CAFO is not subject to review in any such  
collection proceeding.

(2) The U.S. Government may collect the debt by administrative offset  
(i.e., the withholding of money payable by the United States to, or held by the United States for, a

1 person to satisfy the debt the person owes the U.S. Government), which includes, but is not  
2 limited to, referral to the Internal Revenue Service for offset against income tax refunds. 40  
3 C.F.R. §§ 13(C) and 13(H).

4 (3) Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 13.17, EPA may either: (i) suspend or revoke  
5 Respondent's licenses or other privileges, or (ii) suspend or disqualify Respondent from doing  
6 business with EPA or engaging in programs EPA sponsors or funds.

7 (4) Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* and 40 C.F.R. Part 13, the U.S.  
8 Government may assess interest, administrative handling charges, and nonpayment penalties  
9 against the outstanding amount that Respondent owes to EPA for Respondent's failure to pay the  
10 civil administrative penalty specified in Paragraph 5 by the deadline specified in that Paragraph.

11 (a) Interest. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. §  
12 13.11(a)(1), any unpaid portion of the assessed penalty shall bear interest at the rate established  
13 according to 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2) from the effective date of this CAFO, provided, however,  
14 that no interest shall be payable on any portion of the assessed penalty that is paid within thirty  
15 (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

16 (b) Administrative Handling Charges. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §  
17 3717(e)(1) and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b), Respondent shall pay a monthly handling charge, based on  
18 either actual or average cost incurred (including both direct and indirect costs), for every month in  
19 which any portion of the assessed penalty is more than thirty (30) days past due.

20 (c) Nonpayment Penalties. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(2)  
21 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c), a monthly penalty charge, not to exceed six percent (6%) annually, may  
22 be assessed on all debts more than ninety (90) days delinquent.

23 **D. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

24 8. In executing this CAFO, Respondent certifies that: (1) it is no longer using registered  
25 pesticides in a manner inconsistent with their labeling in violation of Section 12(a)(2)(G) of  
26 FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(G), and the Worker Protection Standard set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part  
27 170; and (2) it has complied with all other FIFRA requirements at all facilities under its control.  
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E. RETENTION OF RIGHTS

9. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), this CAFO only resolves Respondent's liabilities for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts specifically alleged in the Complaint. Nothing in this CAFO is intended to or shall be construed to resolve: (i) any civil liability for violations of any provision of any federal, state, or local law, statute, regulation, rule, ordinance, or permit not specifically alleged in the Complaint; or (ii) any criminal liability. EPA specifically reserves any and all authorities, rights, and remedies available to it (including, but not limited to, injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions) to address any violation of this CAFO or any violation not specifically alleged in the Complaint.

10. This CAFO does not exempt, relieve, modify, or affect in any way Respondent's duties to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, and permits.

F. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

11. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in this proceeding.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE

12. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b)(3) and 22.31(b), this CAFO shall be effective on the date that the Final Order contained in this CAFO, having been approved and issued by either the Regional Judicial Officer or Regional Administrator, is filed.

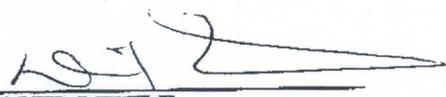
H. BINDING EFFECT

13. The undersigned representative of Complainant and the undersigned representative of Respondent each certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this CAFO and to bind the party he or she represents to this CAFO.

14. The provisions of this CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, employees, agents, trustees, servants, authorized representatives, successors, and assigns.

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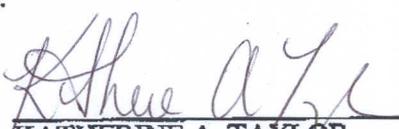


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DAVID LITTLE  
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FOR COMPLAINANT EPA:

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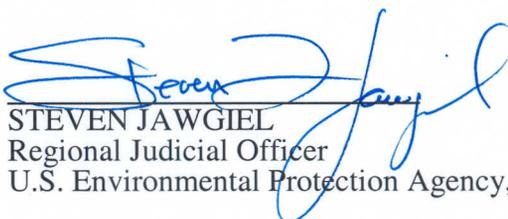
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1 II. FINAL ORDER

2 EPA and Nevada Onion having entered into the foregoing Consent Agreement,

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this CAFO (Docket No. FIFRA-09-2008-0007) be  
4 entered, and Respondent shall pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of FIFTY-SIX  
5 THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED, AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$56,320), and comply with the  
6 terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Agreement.

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STEVEN JAWGIEL  
Regional Judicial Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

CERTIFICATION / CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13 and 22.18, Docket No. FIFRA-9-2008-0007, was hand delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, and that a true and correct copy thereof was placed in the United States Mail, certified mail (7000 0520 0025 3711 3466), return receipt requested, addressed to the following address:

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Date: 12/3 /2008

By: 

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