



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101**  
**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**  
Docket Number: CWA 10-2024-0091, NPDES No. ID0020206  
Penalty Amount: \$1,656.00, Inspection Date: 4/23/2024

**FILED**

**July 30, 2024**

**5:41 P.M. PST**

**U.S. EPA REGION 10  
HEARING CLERK**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the City of Pierce, a "person" with the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2 ("Respondent"), enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") to resolve Respondent's civil penalty liability for alleged violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit cited above ("Permit").

The EPA finds that Respondent failed to comply with the Permit, that the Permit was issued pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act (Act), 33 U.S.C. § 1342, that Respondent is a "person" as defined in section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and that Respondent is responsible for the violations specified in the attached Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet Violations Form for Wastewater ("Violations Form"). The Violations Form is incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

The EPA also finds, and Respondent admits, that the EPA has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and 40 C.F.R. part 22. Respondent neither admits nor denies the violations specified in the Violations Form.

Respondent agrees to pay a penalty of \$1,656. Respondent waives the rights (1) to contest the statements in the Violations Form and (2) to appeal any final order that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer may issue to ratify this Agreement (Final Order).

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that any violations identified in the Violations Form have been corrected. No later than the date it signs this Agreement, Respondent shall submit an itemized list to the EPA detailing the specific actions taken to correct the violations cited in the Violations Form.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Final Order, Respondent will submit electronic payment via [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) or submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

**Regional Hearing Clerk**  
**U.S. EPA, Region 10**  
**Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center**  
**In the Matter of: City of Pierce**  
**Docket No.: CWA 10-2024-0091**  
**P.O. Box 979078**  
**St. Louis, MO 63197-9000**

Respondent agrees that consistent with section 162(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(1), it will not deduct the penalties paid under this Agreement for federal tax purposes.

This Agreement, upon incorporation into a Final Order and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full resolution of Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the Violations Form. This Agreement does not affect the right of the EPA or the United States to pursue additional violations not specifically listed in the Violations Form or appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the Act and any regulation, order, or permit issued pursuant to the Act.

Prior to requesting that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer issue the Final Order, EPA will provide a copy of the Agreement to the state of Idaho for the purposes of consultation with Idaho on the appropriateness of this Agreement. EPA will also provide public notice of this Agreement and a reasonable opportunity for public comment on it. EPA will address any comments on the Agreement in accordance with section 309(g)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes final 30 days from the date it signed is by the Regional Judicial Officer, unless a petition to set aside this Agreement is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1391(g)(5), following public notice of this Agreement.

**APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:**

Name  
(print): Greg Gerot

Title  
(print): Mayor, City of Pierce

Signature: Greg Gerot Date: 5-22-2024

**APPROVED BY EPA:**

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Edward J. Kowalski, Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

More than 40 days have elapsed since providing the Agreement to Idaho and the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

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Wesley Simmons, Case Officer  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law,  
IT IS SO ORDERED:

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Regional Judicial Officer  
Region 10  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency