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In the Matter of:

Crosman Corporation
Routes 5 & 20
East Bloomfield, NY 14443

Respondent

Proceeding pursuant to Section 309(g) of
the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)

**Proceeding to Assess A Class I
Civil Penalty**

DOCKET NO. CWA-02-2009-3310

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
FINDINGS OF VIOLATION, NOTICE OF PROPOSED
ASSESSMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING**

I. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

1. This Administrative Complaint, Findings of Violation, Notice of Proposed Assessment of an Administrative Penalty, and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing ("Complaint") is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Clean Water Act ("Act" or "CWA"), 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(2)(A). The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 2, who in turn has delegated it to the Director, Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance ("DECA") of EPA, Region 2 ("Complainant").
2. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits" ("CROP"), 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 22 (2001), a copy of which is attached, Complainant hereby requests that the Regional Administrator assess a civil penalty against Crosman Corporation ("Respondent"), as a result of Complainant's determination that the Respondent is in violation of Section 307(b) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1317(b) for failure to comply with federal pretreatment standards.
3. Section 307(d) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1317(d), makes it unlawful for the owner or operator of any facility which introduces pollutants into a Publicly Owned Treatment Works ("POTW") to operate such facility in violation of any applicable pretreatment standard, general or categorical, which is promulgated by the Administrator of EPA.

4. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §403.12(a) and 40 C.F.R. §403.3(c), EPA is the Control Authority because New York State is not approved to operate a State pretreatment program and the Village of East Bloomfield, New York, does not have an approved POTW pretreatment program within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. §403.3(d).
5. Pursuant to Section 307(b) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1317(b), the Administrator of EPA promulgated "Categorical Pretreatment Standards" for the Metal Finishing Point Source Categories (Pretreatment Standards for Existing Sources), 40 C.F.R. §433.15.
6. Pursuant to the Categorical Standards set forth at 40 C.F.R. §433.15(a), the facility's monthly average discharge limit for Zinc is 1.48 ppm.
7. Pursuant to the Categorical Standards set forth at 40 C.F.R. §433.15(a), the facility's daily maximum discharge limit for Zinc is 2.61 ppm.
8. The Act and its implementing regulations contain the following definitions:
 - a. "Pollutant" means, but is not limited to, solid waste, dredged spoil, rock, sand, cellar dirt, sewage, sewage sludge, and industrial, municipal and agricultural waste discharged into water, pursuant to Section 502(6) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(6).
 - b. "Owner or Operator," means the owner or operator of any facility or activity subject to regulation under the NPDES program, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §122.2.
 - c. "Discharge of a pollutant" means any addition of any pollutant to navigable waters from any point source, pursuant to Section 502(12) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(12).
 - d. "Person" means, but is not limited to, an individual, corporation, partnership or association, pursuant to Section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(5).
 - e. The term "industrial user" means those industries identified in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, Bureau of the Budget, 1967, as amended and supplemented, under the category of "Division D - Manufacturing" and such other classes of significant waste producers as, by regulation, the Administrator deems appropriate pursuant to Section 502(18) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(18).
 - f. "Point source" means "any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged, ..." pursuant to Section 502(14) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(14).
 - g. The term "treatment works" means any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature to implement section 1281 of this title, or necessary to recycle or reuse water at the most economical cost over the estimated life of the works, including

intercepting sewers, outfall sewers, sewage collection systems, pumping, power, and other equipment, and their appurtenances; extensions, improvements, remodeling, additions, and alterations thereof; elements essential to provide a reliable recycled supply such as standby treatment units and clear well facilities; and any works, including site acquisition of the land that will be an integral part of the treatment process (including land used for the storage of treated wastewater in land treatment systems prior to land application) or is used for ultimate disposal of residues resulting from such treatment. Section 212(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1929(2)(A).

II. JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS

9. Crosman Corporation ("Respondent") is a person within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1362(5).
10. At all relevant times, Respondent was the owner of the facility.
11. The facility is located at Routes 5 & 20, East Bloomfield, NY 14443 ("the facility").
12. The facility is used to manufacture rifles, pistols and ammunition where it performs, among other things, metal finishing operations.
13. The facility introduces wastewater from its manufacturing processes into the Village of East Bloomfield Waste Water Treatment Plant.
14. The Village of East Bloomfield Waste Water Treatment Plant is a POTW.
15. Wastewater is a pollutant within the meaning of Section 502(6) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(6).
16. The facility was, at all relevant times, a "Point source," as defined at Section 502(14) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(14).
17. The facility was, at all relevant times, an industrial user, as defined at 40 C.F.R. §403.3(h).
18. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §403.1(b)(1), the facility is subject to the General Pretreatment Regulations and Categorical Pretreatment Standards since it introduces the pollutants from its operations into a POTW.

III. FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

19. On January 7, 2005, the facility notified the EPA that it had exceeded its daily and monthly average effluent limitations for Zinc. According to the notification, the facility measured 2.7 ppm of Zinc in its discharge on September 15, 2004.

20. On September 2, 2008, the facility notified the EPA that it had exceeded its daily and monthly average effluent limitations for Zinc. The facility measured 12.1 ppm of Zinc in its effluent on August 20, 2008.
21. On September 2, 2008, the facility notified the EPA that it had exceeded its daily and monthly average effluent limitations for Zinc. The facility measured 28.4 ppm of Zinc in its effluent on August 13, 2008.
22. On February 11, 2009, the facility notified the EPA that it had exceeded its daily and monthly average effluent limitations for Zinc. According to the notification, the facility measured 4.7 ppm of Zinc in its effluent on January 7, 2009.
23. On February 11, 2009, the facility notified the EPA that it had exceeded its daily and monthly average effluent limitations for Zinc. According to the notification, the facility measured 11.4 ppm of Zinc in its effluent on January 14, 2009.
24. On March 9, 2009, the facility notified the EPA that it had exceeded its daily and monthly average effluent limitations for Zinc. According to the notification, the facility measured 8.61 ppm of Zinc in its effluent on February 11, 2009.

Table 1: Summary of Effluent Limitation Violations for the period 9/2004 to 2/2009.

Effluent Violation Number	Date	Parameter	Units	Day(s) of Violation	Limit (433.15)		Reported Value
					M*	D*	
1	9/15/2004	Zinc	mg/l	1	1.48	2.61	2.7
2	8/13/2008	Zinc	mg/l	1	1.48	2.61	28.4
3	8/20/2008	Zinc	mg/l	1	1.48	2.61	12.1
4	1/7/2009	Zinc	mg/l	1	1.48	2.61	4.7
5	1/14/2009	Zinc	mg/l	1	1.48	2.61	11.4
6	2/11/2009	Zinc	mg/l	1	1.48	2.61	8.61

*M(Monthly), D(Daily)

25. Based on the Findings in Paragraph 19 – 24 above, Respondent violated Section 307(b) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1317(b).

IV. Notice of Proposed Order Assessing a Civil Penalty

Based on the foregoing Findings of Violation, and pursuant to the authority of Section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g), and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, EPA, Region 2 hereby proposes to issue a Final Order Assessing Administrative Penalties (“Final Order”) to Respondent assessing a penalty of **\$24,000**. EPA determined the proposed penalty after taking into account the applicable factors identified at Section 309(g)(3) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(3). EPA has taken account of the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation (or violations), and Respondent’s prior compliance history, degree of culpability, economic benefit or savings accruing to Respondent by virtue of the violations, and

Respondent's ability to pay the proposed penalty. Based on the Findings set forth above, the Respondent has been found to have violated the Act in six (6) instances. EPA may issue the Final Order Assessing Administrative Penalties thirty (30) days after Respondent's receipt of this Notice, unless Respondent within that time files an Answer to the Complaint and requests a Hearing on this Notice pursuant to the following section.

V. PROCEDURES GOVERNING THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

The rules of procedure governing this civil administrative litigation have been set forth in the CROP, 40 CFR Part 22. A copy of these rules accompanies this Complaint.

A. Answering The Complaint

Where Respondent intends to contest any material fact upon which the Complaint is based, to contend that the proposed penalty is inappropriate or to contend that Respondent is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, Respondent must file with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, both an original and one copy of a written Answer to the Complaint, and such Answer must be filed within thirty (30) days after service of the Complaint. 40 CFR §22.15(a). The address of the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, is:

**Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th floor
New York, New York 10007-1866**

Respondent shall also then serve one copy of the Answer to the Complaint upon Complainant and any other party to the action. 40 CFR §22.15(a). Respondent's Answer to the Complaint must clearly and directly admit, deny, or explain each of the factual allegations that are contained in the Complaint and with regard to which the Respondent has any knowledge. 40 CFR §22.15(b). Where Respondent lacks knowledge of a particular factual allegation and so states in the Answer, the allegation is deemed denied. 40 CFR §22.15(b). The Answer shall also set forth: (1) the circumstances or arguments that are alleged to constitute the grounds of defense, (2) the facts that Respondent disputes (and thus intend to place at issue in the proceeding), (3) the basis for opposing the proposed relief and (4) whether Respondent requests a Hearing. 40 CFR §22.15(b).

Respondent's failure affirmatively to raise in the Answer facts that constitute or that might constitute the grounds of a defense may preclude Respondent, at a subsequent stage in this proceeding, from raising such facts and/or from having such facts admitted into evidence at a Hearing.

B. Opportunity To Request A Hearing

If requested by Respondent in its Answer, a Hearing upon the issues raised by the Complaint and Answer may be held. 40 CFR §22.15(c). If, however, Respondent does not request a Hearing,

the Presiding Officer (as defined in 40 CFR §22.3) may hold a Hearing if the Answer raises issues appropriate for adjudication. 40 CFR §22.15(c).

Any Hearing in this proceeding will be held at a location determined in accordance with 40 CFR §22.21(d). A Hearing of this matter will be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§551-59, and the procedures set forth in Subpart D of 40 CFR Part 22.

Should Respondent request a Hearing on this proposed penalty assessment, members of the public, to whom EPA is obligated to give notice of this proposed action, will have a right under Section 309(g)(4)(B) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(B), to be heard and to present evidence on the appropriateness of the penalty assessment. Should Respondent not request a Hearing, EPA will issue a Final Order, and only members of the public who submit timely comment on this proposal will have an additional thirty (30) days to petition EPA to set aside the Final Order and to hold a Hearing thereon. EPA will grant the petition and will hold a Hearing only if the petitioner's evidence is material and was not considered by EPA in the issuance of the Final Order.

C. Failure To Answer

If Respondent fails in any Answer to admit, deny, or explain any material factual allegation contained in the Complaint, such failure constitutes an admission of the allegation. 40 CFR §22.15(d). If Respondent fails to file a timely [i.e. in accordance with the 30-day period set forth in 40 CFR §22.15(a)] an Answer to the Complaint, Respondent may be found in default upon motion. 40 CFR §22.17(a). Default by Respondent constitutes, for purposes of the pending proceeding only, an admission of all facts alleged in the Complaint and a waiver of Respondent's right to contest such factual allegations. 40 CFR §22.17(a). Following a default by Respondent for a failure to timely file an Answer to the Complaint, any order issued therefore shall be issued pursuant to 40 CFR §22.17(c).

Any penalty assessed in the default order shall become due and payable by Respondent without further proceedings thirty (30) days after the Default Order becomes final pursuant to 40 CFR §22.27(c). 40 CFR §22.17(d). If necessary, EPA may then seek to enforce such Final Order of Default against Respondent, and to collect the assessed penalty amount, in Federal court.

VI. INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Whether or not Respondent requests a formal Hearing, EPA encourages settlement of this proceeding consistent with the provisions of the Act and its applicable regulations. 40 CFR §22.18(b). At an informal conference with a representative(s) of Complainant, Respondent may comment on the charges made in this Complaint and Respondent may also provide whatever additional information is believed to be relevant to the disposition of this matter, including: (1) actions Respondent has taken to correct any or all of the violations herein alleged, (2) any information relevant to Complainant's calculation of the proposed penalty, (3) the effect the proposed penalty would have on Respondent's ability to continue in business and/or (4) any other special facts or circumstances Respondent wishes to raise.

Complainant has the authority to modify the amount of the proposed penalty, where appropriate, to reflect any settlement agreement reached with Respondent, to reflect any relevant information previously not known to Complainant or to dismiss any or all of the charges, if Respondent can demonstrate that the relevant allegations are without merit and that no cause of action as herein alleged exists. Respondent is referred to 40 CFR §22.18.

Any request for an informal conference or any questions that Respondent may have regarding this Complaint should be directed to:

Douglas McKenna., Chief
Water Compliance Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
Telephone (212) 637-3766

The parties may engage in settlement discussions irrespective of whether Respondent has requested a Hearing. 40 CFR §22.18(b)(1). Respondent's requesting a formal Hearing does not prevent Respondent from also requesting an informal settlement conference; the informal conference procedure may be pursued simultaneously with the formal adjudicatory hearing procedure. A request for an informal settlement conference constitutes neither an admission nor a denial of any of the matters alleged in the Complaint. Complainant does not deem a request for an informal settlement conference as a request for a Hearing as specified in 40 CFR §22.15(c).

A request for an informal settlement conference does not affect Respondent's obligation to file a timely Answer to the Complaint pursuant to 40 CFR §22.15. No penalty reduction, however, will be made simply because an informal settlement conference is held.

Any settlement that may be reached as a result of an informal settlement conference shall be embodied in a written Consent Agreement. 40 CFR §22.18(b)(2). In accepting the Consent Agreement, Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and waive any right to appeal the Final Order that is to accompany the Consent Agreement. 40 CFR §22.18(b)(2). In order to conclude the proceeding, a Final Order ratifying the parties' agreement to settle will be executed. 40 CFR §22.18(b)(3).

Entering into a settlement through the signing of such Consent Agreement and complying with the terms and conditions set forth in such Consent Agreement and Final Order terminates this administrative litigation and these civil proceedings against Respondent (note that a new enforcement action may be initiated based on continued non-compliance). Entering into a settlement agreement does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

**VII. RESOLUTION OF THIS PROCEEDING WITHOUT HEARING OR
CONFERENCE**

Instead of filing an Answer, Respondent may choose to pay the total amount of the proposed penalty \$24,000 within 30 days after receipt of the Complaint, provided that Respondent files with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 2 (at the address noted above), a copy of the check or other instrument of payment. 40 CFR §22.18(a). A copy of the check or other instrument of payment should be provided to the EPA Attorney identified in Section VI above. Payment of the penalty assessed should be made by sending a cashier's or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America", in the full amount of the penalty assessed in this complaint to the following addressee:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
PO Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Pursuant to 40 CFR §22.18(a)(3), if Respondent elects to pay the full amount of the penalty proposed in the Complaint within thirty (30) days of receiving the Complaint, then, upon EPA's receipt of such payment, the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 2 (or, if designated, the Regional Judicial Officer), shall issue a Final Order in accordance with 40 CFR §22.18(a)(3). In accordance with 40 CFR §22.45(c)(3), no Final Order shall issue until at least ten (10) days after the close of the comment period on this Complaint. Issuance of a Final Order terminates this administrative litigation and the civil proceedings arising out of the allegations made in the Complaint (note that a new enforcement action may be initiated based on continued non-compliance). Further, pursuant to 40 CFR §22.18(a)(3), the making of such payment by Respondent shall constitute a waiver of Respondent's right both to contest the allegations made in the Complaint and to appeal said Final Order to Federal court. Such payment does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

VIII. FILING OF DOCUMENTS

The Answer and any Hearing Request and all subsequent documents filed in this action should be sent to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

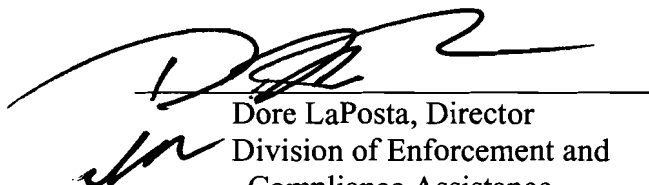
A copy of the Answer, any Hearing Request and all subsequent documents filed in this action shall be sent to:

Nina Dale, Esq.
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
Telephone (212) 637-3231
Fax: (212) 637-3202

IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Respondent has a right to be represented by an attorney at any stage of these proceedings.
2. This Complaint does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of the Act, regulations promulgated thereunder, or any applicable permit.
3. Neither assessment nor payment of an administrative civil penalty pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Act will affect Respondent's continuing obligation to comply with the Act, and with any separate Compliance Order issued under Section 309(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(a), for the violations alleged herein.

ISSUED THIS 29th DAY OF June, 2009.


Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and
Compliance Assistance
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

JUN 29 2009

I certify that on _____, I served the foregoing fully executed Administrative Complaint, Findings of Violation, Notice of Proposed Assessment of an Administrative Penalty, and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing, bearing the above referenced docket number, on the persons listed below, in the following manner:

Original and One Copy
By Hand:

Office of Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Copy by Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested:

Ken D'Arcy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Crosman Corporation
Routes 5 & 20
East Bloomfield, NY 14443

Copy by Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested:

Mr. Joseph DiMura, Director
Division of Water
New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-3506


NAME OF SECRETARY: Secretary
New York, New York