

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5

In the Matter of:)
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Lester Sykes) Docket No. TSCA-05-2008-0013
Chicago, Illinois,)
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Respondent)
_____)

FILING OF ANSWER

Attached is correspondence dated February 15, 2011 from Respondent Lester Sykes to Complainant's Enforcement Officer Scott Cooper in the above-captioned matter. Upon review of the correspondence in this matter, Complainant noted that Respondent captioned this correspondence, "Answer to Docket No. TSCA-05-2008-0013."

Lester Sykes's Answer is filed more than three years after the deadline set forth in the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules of Practice), 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a). Taking into consideration Respondent's lack of legal counsel, Complainant believes that justice will be best served by allowing the Answer to be filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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FEBRUARY 15, 2011

MR. SCOTT COOPER
PESTICIDES AND TOXICS COMPLIANCE SECTION (LC-8J)
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL. 60604

DEAR MR. COOPER,

ANSWER TO DOCKET NO. TSCA-05-2008-0013

IN RESPONSE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT THAT YOU SENT ME I DID RESPONSE BY SENDING YOU A LETTER. I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE LETTER THAT I SENT YOU.

THE PROPERTIES: 7002 SOUTH STEWART, AND 622-24 WEST 79TH STREET, I HAVE ONLY HAD (3) THREE COMPLAINTS. AS I AFOREMENTIONED I WENT TO COURT FOR THOSE COMPLAINTS, CITY INSPECTORS CAME AND INSPECTED THOSE PROPERTIES, AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF RESIDENTIAL LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS. ALSO, EACH TIME A UNIT WAS RENTED TO A TENANT, THE TENANT WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY LEAD- BASED PAINT HAZARDS.

RESPECTFULLY,

LESTER SYKES, LANDLORD

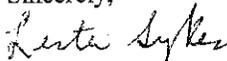
April 30, 2009

Mr. Scott Cooper
Pesticides And Toxics Compliance Section (LC-8J)Reply
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Scott Cooper,

In response to your complaint, since I have been the Landlord of these properties: 7002 South Stewart, and 622-24 West 79th Street, in the twenty (20) years that I have been a Landlord, I have only had three(3) complaints. I went to Court for those complaints, city Inspectors came and inspected these properties and found no evidence of Residential Lead- Based Paint Hazards. Also, each time a unit was rented to a tenant the tenant was informed that there was no evidence of any Lead-Based Paint Hazard. Most tenants only live in these Apartments from three (3) to six(6) months. Therefore I only give Leases on request.

Sincerely,



Lester Sykes

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

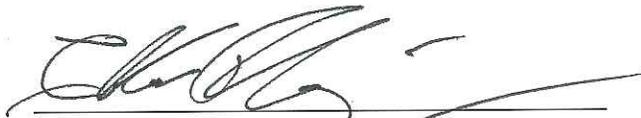
On this 8th day of November, 2012, I certify that I hand-delivered the original and one copy of Complainant's Filing of Answer to the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 5, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

I also mailed a copy of Complainant's Filing of Answer, via first class mail, addressed as follows:

Mr. Lester Sykes
200 East 96th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60628

I also certify that I forwarded an intra-Agency copy to:

Ann Coyle
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