



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

**09 2007**

Mr. Joe Duncan  
Crossroads Ford-Mercury, Inc.  
d/b/a Jesup Ford-Mercury  
291 North First Street  
Jesup, Georgia 31545

**Re: Consent Agreement and Final Order in the Matter of Crossroads Ford-Mercury,  
Inc. d/b/a Jesup Ford-Mercury  
Docket No. CAA-04-2008-1501 (b)**

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in this matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk as directed in Section 22.05(a) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, as amended. Please refer to Section IV, Final Order, for the terms and instructions regarding your final payment on the penalty due. Any questions regarding the processing of your penalty may be directed to Ms. Lori L. Weidner, Financial Management Office, at (513) 487-2125.

Also enclosed is a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If you have any questions with regard to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the Notice.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shanieka Pennamon at (404) 562-9213.

Sincerely,

Beverly A. Spagg  
Chief  
Air and EPCRA Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Crossroads Ford-Mercury, Inc. )  
d/b/a Jesup Ford-Mercury ) Docket Number: CAA-04-2008-1501(b)  
291 North First Street )  
Jesup, Georgia 31545 )  
Respondent )  
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action/Jurisdictional Statements

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is Crossroads Ford-Mercury, Inc. d/b/a Jesup Ford-Mercury, (hereinafter, "Respondent").

2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

3. The authority to take action under Section 113(d) of CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under the CAA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 7-6-A. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has re-delegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 7-6-A. Pursuant to that delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.

4. Respondent is a corporation doing business in the State of Georgia.

5. Respondent is a "person" as defined in CAA § 302(e), 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e).

6. The respondent is an automotive dealer whose main business is service, repair and retail sale of new and used motor vehicles.

7. Respondent performs “service for consideration” as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 82.32(g) at its facility located at 291 North First Street, Jesup, Georgia 31545.

8. Respondent performs “service involving refrigerant” as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 82.32(h) at its facility located at 291 North First Street, Jesup, Georgia 31545.

## II. Clean Air Requirements/Factual Allegations

9. Section 609(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §7671h(d), and the regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart B, state that persons performing service on MVAC systems for consideration shall certify to the Administrator that such persons have acquired, and are properly using, approved equipment and that each individual authorized to use the equipment is properly trained and certified.

10. Regulation 40 C.F.R. § 82.42(a) states that persons performing service on MVAC systems for consideration shall certify to the Administrator no later than January 1, 1993, that such persons have acquired, and are properly using, approved equipment and that each individual authorized to use the equipment is properly trained and certified. Certificates of compliance are not transferable, and in the event of a change of ownership, the new owner shall certify within thirty days of the change of ownership pursuant to § 82.42(a)(1).

11. EPA alleges that Respondent failed to certify in a timely manner to EPA that persons performing service were using approved refrigerant recover/recycling equipment. Respondent violated CAA § 609(d), 42 U.S.C. § 7671h(d), and 40 C.F.R. § 82.42(a) by failing to certify in a timely manner that they had acquired and were properly using approved refrigerant recover/recycling equipment.

12. Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty of not more than \$32,500 for each violation of Section 609 of CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7671h, that occurred after March 15, 2004.

## III. Consent Agreement

13. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out in Paragraphs 1 through 8 above, but Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

14. As provided in 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2), Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations listed above and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying this consent agreement.

15. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

16. Respondent certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, as of the date of the execution of this CAFO, Respondent is in full compliance with all relevant requirements of the CAA § 609 and its implementing regulations.

17. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein and known to the EPA at this time and EPA hereby releases Respondent from all liability therefor. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent, if any, to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement for allegations of violations not contained in this CAFO.

18. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of the CAA.

#### IV. Final Order

19. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)** which is to be paid within thirty (30) days after the Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed CAFO.

20. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to: "Treasurer, United States of America," to the following address:

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

**The check shall reference on its face the name of the Respondent and the Docket Number of the CAFO.**

21. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

Shanieka Pennamon  
North Air Enforcement Section  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Saundi Wilson (OEA)  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

22. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for the civil penalty payment made pursuant to paragraph 19.

23. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge of six percent per year compounded annually will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.

24. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

25. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.

26. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Shanieka Pennamon  
North Air Enforcement Section  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(404) 562-9213

27. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

V. Effective Date

28. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**

**Crossroads Ford-Mercury d/b/a Jesup Ford-Mercury, Inc.**

By: Clarissa Morgan Date: 8/15/07  
Clarissa Morgan  
President, Jesup Ford-Mercury, Inc.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

By: Beverly H. Banister Date: 8/10/07  
Beverly H. Banister  
Director  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics  
Management Division  
Region 4

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 2007.

Susan B. Schub  
Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date set out below I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: Crossroads Ford-Mercury, Docket No. CAA-04-2008-1501(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Ms. Clarissa Morgan  
President  
Crossroads Ford-Mercury  
d/b/a Jesup Ford-Mercury, Inc.  
291 North First Street  
Jesup, Georgia 31545

(Via Certified Mail - Return  
Receipt Requested)

Ms. Nancy Tommelleo  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Ms. Shanieka Pennamon (AEEB)  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Date:

10-9-07



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
United States Environmental Protection  
Agency, Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404)562-9511

**EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:**

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Saundi J Wilson on 10/2/07  
(Name) (Date)

in the OEA at (404) 562-9504  
(Office) (Telephone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree<br>USAO COLLECTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Order/Consent Agreement<br>FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree<br>DOJ COLLECTS      | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:<br>Sent with bill              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sent with bill  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required                             |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a modification  |

PAYEE: Crossroads Ford Mercury Alb1a Jesup Ford Mercury  
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 500  
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CAA 01 2007-1501(b)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:**

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Financial Management Section at: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTION:**

A. JUDICIAL ORDERS: Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER should be mailed to:

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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer<br>Environmental Enforcement Section<br>Department of Justice RM 1647<br>P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station<br>Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)<br>3. Designated Program Office |
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B. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS: Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

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| 1. Originating Office<br>2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 3. Designated Program Office<br>4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |
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