

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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IN RE:

St Timothy's School
8400 Greenspring Ave
Stevenson, MD 21153

Docket No: TSCA-03-2008-0408

Consent Agreement

Respondent

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I. Preliminary Statement

This Consent Agreement ("CA"), issued under the authority set forth in sections 16 and 207 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615 and 2647, is entered into, through delegation, by the Director, Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region III ("EPA" or "Complainant") and St Timothy's School. This CA includes the assessment of a civil penalty against St Timothy's School ("Respondent"), because it is a local education agency liable for violations which occurred at St Timothy's School, located in Stevenson, MD (the "Facility"), pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), Subchapter II (the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act or "AHERA") 15 U.S.C. §§ 2641 to 2656; and 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. Part 22, with specific reference to the provisions set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3).

This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order (collectively referred to

herein as the "CAFO") address violations by Respondent of AHERA and the federal regulations implementing AHERA as set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 763 Subpart E, and resolve Complainant's civil claims against Respondent arising from the violations of TSCA alleged herein.

II. General Provisions

1. For purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this CAFO.
2. Except as provided in paragraph 1, above, Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations and conclusions of law set forth in this CAFO.
3. Respondent agrees not to contest EPA's jurisdiction with respect to the execution of this CA, the issuance of the accompanying Final Order, or the enforcement of the CAFO.
4. For the purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent hereby expressly waives its right to a hearing on any issue of law or fact set forth in this CA and any right to appeal the accompanying Final Order.
5. Respondent shall not deduct for civil taxation purposes the civil penalty specified in this CAFO.
6. Section 22.13(b) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice provides that where the parties agree to settlement of one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order.
7. By signing this CA, Respondent certifies to EPA that, upon investigation and to the best of its knowledge, the Facility is in compliance with the provisions of the Asbestos Hazard

Emergency Response Act ("AHERA"), Subchapter II of TSCA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2641-2656, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

8. Respondent consents to the issuance of this CAFO and agrees to comply with its terms.
9. Respondent shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees.
10. Nothing in this CAFO shall relieve Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
11. By signing and executing this CA, Respondent certifies that it has already spent at least seventeen thousand one hundred ninety five dollars (\$17,195) since the Maryland Department of the Environment's ("MDE") January 2007 inspection for purposes of complying with Subchapter II of TSCA and the regulations promulgated thereunder, in accordance with § 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a), and that Respondent has provided Complainant with all supporting cost documentation and information.
12. This CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon the EPA, Respondent, and the officers, directors, successors, and assigns of Respondent.

III. EPA's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

13. Complainant has determined that Respondent has violated requirements of TSCA and the federal regulations implementing AHERA set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 763, Subpart E. In accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice as set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3), Complainant alleges the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

14. Respondent, St Timothy's School, is the "Local Education Agency" ("LEA") as that term is defined under Section 202(7) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2642(7) and 40 C.F.R. § 763.83, because it is the owner of a nonpublic, non-profit elementary, or secondary school building, including the Facility, and as such, is responsible for ensuring that the Facility is in compliance with the requirements of AHERA.
15. The Facility, St Timothy's School, located at 8400 Greenspring Ave., Stevenson, MD, is a "school" as that term is defined at Section 202(12) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2642(12) and 40 C.F.R. § 763.83.
16. The Facility is a "school building" as that term is defined at Section 202(13) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2642(13) and 40 C.F.R. § 763.83.

COUNT I

17. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 16 are incorporated herein by reference.
18. 40 C.F.R. § 763.93(g)(4), requires, *inter alia*, that at least once each school year, the LEA notify in writing parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of management plans and include in the management plan a description of the steps taken to notify such organizations, and a dated copy of the notification.
19. The inspection conducted by MDE in January 2007 found that Respondent had not provided annual written notifications to parent, teacher, and/or employee organizations at the Facility.
20. Respondent's failure to provide the annual notifications at the Facility is a violation of 40

C.F.R. § 763.93(g)(4) and Section 207(a)(3) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a)(3).

COUNT II,

21. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 20 are incorporated herein by reference.
22. 40 C.F.R. 763.93(g) (1)-(3), requires, *inter alia* that LEAs maintain complete and updated copies of management plans in school administrative offices, and make them available for inspection.
23. During the inspection conducted by MDE on January 8, 2007, Respondent could not make the management plan available to MDE.
24. Respondent's failure to make the management plan available is a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 763.93(g) (1)-(3) and Section 207 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647 (a)(3)

COUNT III

25. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 24 are incorporated herein by reference.
26. 40 C.F.R. § 763.85(a), requires, *inter alia*, any building leased or acquired on or after October 12, 1988, that is to be used as a school building shall be inspected as described under paragraphs (a)(3) and (4) of this section prior to use as a school building. Based on an inspection conducted by MDE found that Respondent had not completed an inspection of the athletic complex.
27. Respondent's failure to conduct an inspection is a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 763.85(a) and Section 203 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2643.

IV. Settlement Recitation

28. Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, EPA concludes that Respondent is liable for a civil penalty pursuant to Section 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a), for Respondent's TSCA violations. In full settlement of the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement, in consideration of each provision of this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order, and pursuant to Sections 207(a) and (c) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2647(a) and (c), and other relevant factors, Complainant and Respondent have determined that a civil penalty of ten thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$10,316) is appropriate.
29. The aforesaid assessed penalty is based upon EPA's consideration of a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the statutory factors set forth in Section 207(c) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(c), *i.e.*, the significance of the violation, the culpability of the violator, and the ability of the violator to continue to provide educational services to the community. These factors were applied to the particular facts and circumstances of this case with specific reference to EPA's *Interim Final Enforcement Response Policy for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("ERP")*, dated January 31, 1989, adjusted for inflation pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19.
30. Respondent certifies that it has spent at least seventeen thousand one hundred ninety five dollars (\$17,195) since MDE's January 2007 inspection to comply with Subchapter II of TSCA. Therefore, pursuant to sections 16(a)(2)(C) and 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615(a)(2)(C) and 2647(a), EPA agrees to the remittance of ten thousand three hundred

sixteen dollars (\$10,316) of the civil penalty assessed against the Respondent.

31. Respondent consents to the assessment of a ten thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$10,316) civil penalty with a cash component of zero (\$0) dollars.

V. Reservation of Rights

32. This CAFO resolves only the civil claims for the specific violations alleged in this CAFO. EPA reserves the right to commence action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, public welfare, or the environment. In addition, this settlement is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 22.18(c) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice. Further, EPA reserves any rights and remedies available to it under Subchapter II of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2641 to 2656, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other federal laws or regulations for which EPA has jurisdiction, to enforce the provisions of this CAFO, following its filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

VI. Effective Date

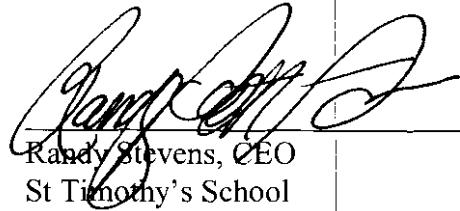
33. The effective date of this CAFO is the date on which the Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice.

The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized by Respondent to execute this Consent Agreement and to legally bind Respondent to this

Consent Agreement.

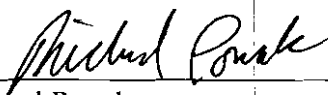
For Respondent:

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Randy Stevens, CEO
St Timothy's School

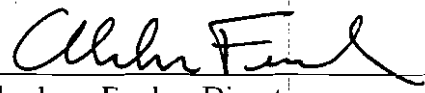
For Complainant:

9/22/08
Date


Richard Ponak
Enforcement Officer

Accordingly I hereby recommend that the Regional Administrator or his designee issue the Final Order attached hereto.

9/26/08
Date


Abraham Ferdas, Director
Land and Chemicals Division



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Final Order

FINAL ORDER

The undersigned accepts and incorporates into this Final Order by reference all provisions set forth in the foregoing Consent Agreement.

NOW, **THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**, pursuant to Sections 16 and 207 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615 and 2647, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of ten thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$10,316), but that the cash component of that civil penalty will be zero dollars (\$0).

In accordance with Section 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a), the ten thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$10,316) civil penalty assessed against Respondent is hereby remitted.

The effective date of this Final Order is the date that it is filed with the Regional Hearing

Clerk.

9/29/08
Date

Renée Sarajian
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

