UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 6

1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75270



In the Matter of	§	
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Tulane University Uptown Campus,	§	Docket No. RCRA-06-2024-0986
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Respondent.	§	

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

- 1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") alleges that Tulane
 University Uptown Campus ("Respondent"), owner or operator of the facility at 6823 St.
 Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118 (the "Facility"), failed to timely submit a
 Biennial Report for reporting year 2021 as required by the Resource Conservation and
 Recovery Act ("RCRA") and the EPA approved and authorized Louisiana hazardous waste
 management program.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 3008(a)(2) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(2), EPA has provided notice to the state of Louisiana of this action.
- Under 40 C.F.R. § 262.41, Respondent was required to submit its
 2021 Biennial Report on or before March 1, 2022.
- The EPA and Respondent agree to the settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of \$2,500 dollars in the public interest.
 - 5. EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement and
 Final Order ("Agreement") under the authority vested in the EPA Administrator by

Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928, and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

- 6. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (a) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and the implementing regulations; (b) admits that the EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein; (c) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (d) consents to the assessment of this penalty; (e) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issue of fact or law set forth herein; (f) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 3008(b) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928; and (g) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA.
- 7. By signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that Respondent: (a) has corrected the alleged violations, as applicable, and has submitted true and accurate documentation of such correction along with this Agreement; (b) has submitted payment of the civil penalty as set forth below; and (c) has submitted a true and accurate proof of payment of the civil penalty along with this Agreement.
- 8. Respondent certifies that it has provided payment for the full civil penalty amount, and that such payment identified Respondent by name and docket number, was made by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury", and sent to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979078 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

or by alternate payment method described at http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment.

Respondent certifies that the original Agreement and a true and accurate copy of the deposit for payment was submitted to:

U.S. EPA, Region 6
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECDSR)
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102
ATTN: Gabriel Salinas
salinas.gabriel@epa.gov

- 9. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter the terms and conditions of this Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it. Upon the effective date of this Agreement, payment of the civil penalty shall constitute full settlement of the civil claims alleged herein.
- 10. Full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. EPA reserves its rights to take enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations of RCRA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
 - 11. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
- The Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with
 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), is effective upon filing.
- 13. This Agreement authorized by the EPA's execution of the Final Order attached hereto constitutes a final order under 40 C.F.R. Part 22.
- 14. The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State, and local taxes.

15. The EPA and Respondent agree to the use of electronic signatures for this matter pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.6. The EPA and Respondent further agree to electronic service of this Agreement by email to the following:

To EPA: murdock.russell@epa.gov and salinas.gabriel@epa.gov

To Respondent: abartolo@tulane.edu

RESPONDENT:	
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Tulane University Uptown Campus

Date: 08/13/2024

Angela Sutton Signature

Angela Sutton

Name

Vice President, Enterprise Risk Services

Title

COMPLAINANT:

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: August 14, 2024

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Cheryl T. Seager

Director Enforcement

and Compliance Assurance Division

U.S. EPA, Region 6

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/
Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement resolving this matter is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order.

Respondent is ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Expedited Settlement

Agreement. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of the foregoing

Expedited Settlement Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

This Final Order shall resolve only those causes of action alleged in the Expedited

Settlement Agreement. Nothing in this Final Order shall be construed to waive, extinguish, or
otherwise affect Respondents' (or its officers, agents, servants, employees, successors, or
assigns) obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes and
regulations, including the regulations that were the subject of this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order was filed with me, the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA - Region 6, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102, and that I sent a true and correct copy on this day in the following manner to the email addresses:

Copy via Email to Complainant, EPA:

murdock.russell@epa.gov and salinas.gabriel@epa.gov

Copy via Email to Respondent:

abartolo@tulane.edu

Tulane University Uptown Campus 6823 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

> Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region 6