

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

In the Matter of:

**Eureka Foundry Company**

**EPA ID No.: TND003333747**

**Respondent.**

**Docket No. TSCA-04-2024-6200(b)**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

**I. NATURE OF ACTION**

1. This is an administrative penalty assessment proceeding brought under Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA or the Act), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18 of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits*, as codified at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Part 22.
2. This Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order shall collectively be referred to as the CAFO.
3. Having found that settlement is consistent with the provisions and objectives of the Act and applicable regulations, the Parties have agreed to settle this action pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and consent to the entry of this CAFO without adjudication of any issues of law or fact herein.

**II. PARTIES**

4. Complainant is the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, Region 4, who has been delegated the authority on behalf of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to enter into this CAFO pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a).
5. Respondent is Eureka Foundry Company, located at 1601 Reggie White Boulevard, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.

**III. GOVERNING LAW**

6. Pursuant to Section 6(e) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e), the Administrator of the EPA promulgated regulations in 40 C.F.R. Part 761 pertaining to Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Failure to comply with any such regulations constitutes a violation of Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614. Any

person who violates Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, may be assessed a civil penalty in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

7. The term “facility” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as all contiguous land, and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land, used for the treatment, storage, or disposal of PCB waste. A facility may consist of one or more treatment, storage, or disposal units.
8. The term “PCB(s)” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as any chemical substance that is limited to the biphenyl molecule that has been chlorinated to varying degrees or any combination of substances which contains such substance.
9. The term “PCB Capacitor” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as any capacitor that contains  $\geq 500$  ppm PCBs.
10. The term “Large High Voltage Capacitor” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as a device for accumulating and holding a charge of electricity and consisting of conducting surfaces separated by a dielectric which contains 1.36 kilograms (3 pounds) or more of dielectric fluid and which operates at 2,000 volts (alternating current or direct current) or above.
11. The term “PCB Equipment” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as any manufactured item, other than a PCB Container or a PCB Article Container which contains a PCB Article or other PCB Equipment, and includes microwave ovens, electronic equipment, and fluorescent light ballasts and fixtures.
12. The term “PCB Article” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as any manufactured article, other than a PCB Container, that contains PCBs and whose surface(s) has been in direct contact with PCBs. “PCB Article” includes capacitors, transformers, electric motors, pumps, pipes, and any other manufactured item: (1) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (2) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (3) which has either no change of chemical composition during its end use or only those changes of composition which have no commercial purpose separate from that of the PCB Article.
13. The term “PCB Item” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as any PCB Article, PCB Article Container, PCB Container, PCB Equipment, or anything that deliberately or unintentionally contains or has as a part of it any PCB or PCBs.
14. The term “Mark” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as the descriptive name, instructions, cautions, or other information applied to PCBs and PCB Items, or other objects subject to the PCB regulations.
15. The term “Marked” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as the marking of PCB Items and PCB storage areas and transport vehicles by means of applying a legible mark by painting, fixation of an adhesive label, or by any other method that meets the requirements of the PCB regulations.
16. The term “Annual Document Log” is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, as the detailed information maintained at a facility on PCBs and PCB waste handling at the facility.
17. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(8), PCB Items must be marked with the date when they are removed from service for disposal.

18. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(5), all PCB Items in storage shall be checked for leaks at least once every 30 days. Records of inspections, maintenance, cleanup, and disposal must be maintained in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 761.180(a) and (b).
19. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.205(a)(2), all generators, commercial storers, transporters, and disposers of PCB waste who first engage in PCB waste handling activities after February 5, 1990, must notify the EPA of their PCB waste activities by filing EPA Form 7710-53 with the EPA prior to engaging in PCB waste handling activities.
20. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a), each owner or operator of a facility, other than a commercial storer or a disposer of PCB waste, using or storing at any one time 50 or more PCB Large High or Low Voltage Capacitors must develop and maintain at the facility, or a central facility provided that they are maintained at that facility, all annual records and a written annual document log of the disposition of PCBs and PCB Items.

#### **IV. FINDINGS OF FACTS**

21. On April 26, 2023, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), acting in its capacity as an authorized agent of the EPA, conducted an inspection of Respondent's facility located at 1601 Reggie White Boulevard, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402 (the Facility) pursuant to Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, to determine Respondent's compliance with the PCB regulations.
22. Respondent purchased the Facility in approximately 1987 after the Ross-Meehan Foundry (RMF) shut down in 1986.
23. During the inspection, TDEC became aware of the presence of approximately 80 or more in-use PCB Large High Voltage Capacitors located in a vault directly below the Facility's furnace, but since the furnace was operating at that time, TDEC was unable to safely access the vault to inspect the capacitors.
24. After the inspection, Respondent reported to TDEC that Respondent had located three additional Large High Voltage Capacitors that had been taken out of service at some point and stored for disposal in the back of a maintenance area at the Facility. Respondent did not know the date these three capacitors had been removed from service, nor were the capacitors Marked with a "removed from service" date as required by 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(8).
25. The Large High Voltage Capacitors that were at the Facility were PCB Articles and PCB Items as those terms are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.
26. Prior to TDEC's inspection, Respondent had not notified the EPA of its PCB waste handling activities by filing EPA Form 7710-53 with the EPA as required by 40 C.F.R. § 761.205(a)(2).
27. After TDEC's inspection, Respondent submitted the Facility's PCB annual document logs for 2020, 2021, and 2022 to the EPA which indicated that the Facility had 83 in-use Large High Voltage Capacitors located in the vault under the furnace during those three years. During a Show Cause meeting on October 26, 2023, Respondent advised the EPA that the correct number of capacitors in the vault at the time of the inspection was 82.

28. The annual document logs did not include documentation showing that inspections had been conducted on the three out-of-service Large High Voltage Capacitors stored for disposal as required by 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(5).
29. Additionally, Respondent's annual document logs for 2020, 2021 and 2022, were not complete and accurate in that they did not correctly state the total number of Large High Voltage Capacitors present at the Facility remaining in service at the end of each year; did not include the total weight in kilograms of the three out-of-service capacitors placed into storage for disposal; and did not include the date each of the three out-of-service PCB capacitors was removed from service at the Facility as required by 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a).
30. During the Show Cause meeting, Respondent advised the EPA that the Facility had been permanently shut down on September 30, 2023, and that the three out-of-service Large High Voltage Capacitors that had been stored for disposal were transported off-site to a PCB commercial storage, treatment, and/or disposal facility in May 2023. Subsequent to the Show Cause meeting, Respondent advised the EPA that the 82 previously in-use large high voltage PCB capacitors located in the vault had been removed from service and shipped off-site to a PCB commercial storage, treatment, and/or disposal facility on November 2, 2023.

#### **V. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

31. The EPA alleges that Respondent was conducting PCB waste handling activities after February 5, 1990, without timely notifying the EPA of such activities by filing EPA Form 7710-53, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.205(a)(2) and Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614.
32. The EPA alleges that Respondent failed to properly Mark the three out-of-service Large High Voltage Capacitors stored for disposal at the Facility with the date they were removed from service, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(8) and Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614.
33. The EPA alleges that Respondent failed to maintain complete and accurate written annual document logs for 2020, 2021, and 2022, that included the details of PCBs and PCB waste handling activities, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a) and Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614.

#### **VI. STIPULATIONS**

34. The issuance of this CAFO simultaneously commences and concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
35. For the purpose of this proceeding, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2), Respondent:
  - a. admits that the EPA has jurisdiction over the subject matter alleged in this CAFO;
  - b. neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth in Section IV (Findings of Facts) of this CAFO;
  - c. consents to the assessment of a civil penalty as stated below;
  - d. consents to the conditions specified in this CAFO;

- e. waives any right to contest the allegations set forth in Section V (Alleged Violations) of this CAFO; and
- f. waives its rights to appeal the Final Order accompanying this CAFO.

36. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent:

- a. agrees that this CAFO states a claim upon which relief may be granted against Respondent;
- b. acknowledges that this CAFO constitutes an enforcement action for purposes of considering Respondent's compliance history in any subsequent enforcement actions;
- c. waives any rights it may possess at law or in equity to challenge the authority of the EPA to bring a civil action in a United States District Court to compel compliance with the CAFO, and to seek an additional penalty for such noncompliance, and agrees that federal law shall govern in any such civil action;
- d. by executing this CAFO, certifies to the best of its knowledge that Respondent is currently in compliance with all relevant requirements of the Act and its implementing regulations, and that all violations alleged herein, which are neither admitted nor denied, have been corrected;
- e. waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during any discussions with, or to be served with and reply to, any memorandum or communication addressed to EPA officials where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to persuade such official to accept and issue this CAFO; and
- f. agrees to comply with the terms of the CAFO.

37. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, the individuals named in the Certificate of Service are authorized to receive service related to this proceeding and the Parties agree to receive service by electronic means.

## VII. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 38. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND, TWO-HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$22,240.00)**, which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this CAFO.
- 39. Payment shall be made by cashier's check, certified check, by electronic funds transfer (EFT), or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) (also known as REX or remittance express). If paying by check, the check shall be payable to: Treasurer, United States of America, and the Facility name and Docket Number for this matter shall be referenced on the face of the check. If Respondent(s) send(s) payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 979078  
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

If Respondent sends payment by non-standard mail delivery (e.g., FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS certified, registered, etc.), the payment shall be sent to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Government Lockbox 979078  
3180 Rider Trail S.  
Earth City, MO 63045

If paying by EFT, Respondent shall transfer the payment to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA: 021030004  
Account Number: 68010727  
SWIFT address: FRNYUS33  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, New York 10045  
Beneficiary: Environmental Protection Agency

If paying by ACH, Respondent shall remit payment to:

US Treasury REX / Cashlink ACH Receiver  
ABA: 051036706  
Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency  
CTX Format Transaction Code 22 -- checking  
Physical location of US Treasury facility:  
5700 Rivertech Court  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
Remittance Express (REX): 1-866-234-5681

40. Respondent shall send electronic proof of payment within twenty-four (24) hours of payment of the civil penalty, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
R4\_Regional\_Hearing\_Clerk@epa.gov

and

Kris Lippert  
TSCA Enforcement Section  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
lippert.kristin@epa.gov

41. "Proof of payment" means, as applicable, a copy of the check, confirmation of credit card or debit card payment, confirmation of wire or automated clearinghouse transfer, and any other information required to demonstrate that payment has been made according to EPA requirements, in the amount due, and identified with the Facility name and Docket No. TSCA-04-2024-6200(b).

42. Pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), 31 U.S.C. § 3717, 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, if Respondent fails to remit the civil penalty as agreed to herein, the EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover costs of processing and handling the delinquent claim. Accordingly, the EPA may require Respondent to pay the following amounts on any amount overdue:
- a. Interest. Interest will begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the Effective Date of this CAFO. If the civil penalty is paid within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this CAFO, interest is waived. However, if the civil penalty is not paid in full within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this CAFO, interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid portion until the unpaid portion of the civil penalty and accrued interest are paid. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate, as established by the Secretary of the Treasury, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3717(a)(1), 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2), and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a).
  - b. Non-Payment Penalty. On any portion of a civil penalty more than ninety (90) days past due, Respondent must pay a non-payment penalty of not more than six percent (6%) per annum, which will accrue from the date the penalty payment became due and is not paid, as provided in 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(2) and 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d). This non-payment penalty is in addition to charges which accrue or may accrue under subparagraphs (a) and (c) and will be assessed monthly. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c).
  - c. Monthly Handling Charge. Respondent must pay a late payment handling charge to cover the administrative costs of processing and handling the delinquent claim, based on either actual or average costs incurred. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(c) and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Administrative costs will be assessed monthly throughout the period the debt is overdue except as provided by 40 C.F.R. § 13.12.
43. In addition to what is stated in the prior Paragraph, if Respondent fails to timely pay any portion of the penalty assessed under this CAFO, the EPA may:
- a. refer the debt to a credit reporting agency or a collection agency (*see* 40 C.F.R. §§ 13.13 and 13.14);
  - b. collect the debt by administrative offset (i.e., the withholding of money payable by the United States to, or held by the United States for, a person to satisfy the debt the person owes the Government), which includes, but is not limited to, referral to the Internal Revenue Service for offset against income tax refunds (*see* 40 C.F.R. Part 13, Subparts C and H);
  - c. suspend or revoke Respondent's licenses or other privileges, or suspend or disqualify Respondent from doing business with the EPA or engaging in programs the EPA sponsors or funds (*see* 40 C.F.R. § 13.17); and/or
  - d. request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the appropriate district court to recover the amount assessed, in addition to the amounts described above, pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). In any such judicial action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty and of this CAFO shall not be subject to review.

44. Penalties paid pursuant to this CAFO shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

### **VIII. EFFECT OF CAFO**

45. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by the EPA of all claims for federal civil penalties pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), for the specific violations alleged herein.
46. Full payment of the civil penalty, as provided in Section VII (Terms of Payment), shall not in any case affect the right of the EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c).
47. Any violation of this CAFO may result in a civil judicial action for civil penalties as provided in Section 16(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2615(a), as well as criminal sanctions as provided in Section 16(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2615(b). The EPA may use any information submitted under this CAFO in an administrative, civil judicial, or criminal action.
48. Nothing in this CAFO shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with all applicable provisions of the Act and other federal, state, or local laws or statutes, nor shall it restrict the EPA's authority to seek compliance with any applicable laws or regulations, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state, or local permit, except as expressly provided herein.
49. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the power of the EPA to undertake any action against Respondent or any person in response to conditions that may present an imminent hazard as provided under the Act.
50. The terms, conditions, and compliance requirements of this CAFO may not be modified or amended except upon the written agreement of both Parties, and approval of the Regional Judicial Officer.
51. The provisions of this CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, employees, agents, trustees, authorized representatives, successors, and assigns.
52. Any change in the legal status of Respondent, or change in ownership, partnership, corporate or legal status relating to the Facility, will not in any way alter Respondent's obligations and responsibilities under this CAFO.
53. By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent acknowledges that this CAFO will be available to the public and agrees that this CAFO does not contain any confidential information under Section 14 of TSCA, 42 U.S.C. § 2613, and 40 C.F.R. Part 2 and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or personally identifiable information.
54. By signing this Consent Agreement, Complainant and the undersigned representative of Respondent each certify that he or she is fully authorized to execute and enter into the terms and conditions of this CAFO and has the legal capacity to bind the party he or she represents to this CAFO.
55. By signing this Consent Agreement, both Parties agree that each party's obligations under this CAFO constitute sufficient consideration for the other party's obligations.



56. By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent certifies that the information it has supplied concerning this matter was at the time of submission, and continues to be, true, accurate, and complete for each such submission, response, and statement. Respondent acknowledges that there are significant penalties for submitting false or misleading information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing submission of such information, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
57. The EPA also reserves the right to revoke this CAFO and settlement penalty if and to the extent that the EPA finds, after signing this CAFO, that any information provided by Respondent was materially false or inaccurate at the time such information was provided to the EPA. If such false or inaccurate material was provided, the EPA reserves the right to assess and collect any and all civil penalties for any violation described herein. The EPA shall give Respondent notice of its intent to revoke, which shall not be effective until received by Respondent in writing.
58. It is the intent of the Parties that the provisions of this CAFO are severable. If any provision or authority of this CAFO or the application of this CAFO to any party or circumstances is held by any judicial or administrative authority to be invalid or unenforceable, the application of such provisions to other parties or circumstances and the remainder of the CAFO shall remain in force and shall not be affected thereby.
59. Unless specifically stated otherwise in this CAFO, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in this proceeding.

#### **IX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

60. This CAFO shall become effective after execution of the Final Order by the Regional Judicial Officer, on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**[Complainant and Respondent will Each Sign on Separate Pages]**

The foregoing Consent Agreement In the Matter of the **Eureka Foundry Company**, Docket No. **TSCA-04-2024-6200(b)**, is Hereby Stipulated, Agreed, and Approved for Entry.

FOR RESPONDENT, Eureka Foundry Company:

WR 12/8/2023  
Signature Date  
Printed Name: WALTER FRED HETZLER  
Title: PRESIDENT  
Address: 1601 REGGIE WHITE BLVD, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

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FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Keriema S. Newman  
Acting Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

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FINAL ORDER

The Regional Judicial Officer is authorized to ratify this Consent Agreement which memorializes a settlement between Complainant and Respondent. 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.4(b) and 22.18(b)(3). The foregoing Consent Agreement is, therefore, hereby approved, ratified, and incorporated by reference into this Final Order in accordance with 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.

Respondent is hereby ORDERED to comply with all the terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement effective immediately upon filing of this Consent Agreement and Final Order with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order disposes of this matter pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31.

**BEING AGREED, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Tanya Floyd  
Regional Judicial Officer

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of the **Eureka Foundry Company**, Docket No. **TSCA-04-2024-6200(b)**, were filed and copies of the same were emailed to the Parties as indicated below.

**Via email to all Parties at the following email addresses:**

To Respondent:           J. Peter Hetzler  
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                                  Robert Caplan  
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