UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

In the Matter of:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1000-A Estes Drive Extension UNC Buildings 488 and 531 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-1650 EPA ID No.: NCD982093783

Respondent.

Docket No. RCRA-04-2023-2100(b)

Proceeding Under Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)

CONSENT AGREEMENT

NATURE OF ACTION

- 1. This is an administrative penalty assessment proceeding brought under Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a) (RCRA or the Act) 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 (Consolidated Rules), 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 Respondent's admission of violation or adjudication of any issues of law or fact herein.

II. **PARTIES**

4. Complainant is the Chief of the Chemical Safety and Land Enforcement Branch, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, who has been delegated the authority on behalf of the Administrator of the EPA to enter into this CAFO pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and Section 3008(a) of the Act.

5. Respondent is The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a subdivision of a state doing business in the State of North Carolina. This proceeding pertains to Respondent's facility located at 1000-A Estes Drive Extension, UNC Buildings 488 and 531, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-1650 (Facility), as identified in Respondent's RCRA permit application.

III. GOVERNING LAW

- 6. Pursuant to Section 3006(b) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926(b), the State of North Carolina (State) has received final authorization to carry out a hazardous waste program in lieu of the federal program set forth in RCRA. The requirements of the authorized State program are found at North Carolina Solid Waste Management Law (NCSWML), North Carolina General Statutes (N.C.G.S.) §§ 130A-17 to -28 and 130A-290 to -310.22 and 15A North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) 13A .0101 to .0119.
- 7. Pursuant to Section 3006(g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926(g), the requirements established by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), Pub. L. 98-616, are immediately effective in all states regardless of their authorization status and are implemented by the EPA until a state is granted final authorization with respect to those requirements. The State has received final authorization for certain portions of HSWA, including those recited herein.
- 8. Although the EPA has granted the State authority to enforce its own hazardous waste program, the EPA retains jurisdiction and authority to initiate an independent enforcement action pursuant to Section 3008(a)(2) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(2). This authority is exercised by the EPA in the manner set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between the EPA and the State.
- 9. As the State's authorized hazardous waste program operates in lieu of the federal RCRA program, the citations for the violations of those authorized provisions alleged herein will be to the authorized State program; however, for ease of reference, the federal citations will follow in brackets.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 3008(a)(2) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(2), Complainant has given notice of this action to the State before issuance of this CAFO.
- 11. Section 130A-294(c) of the NCSWML, N.C.G.S. § 130A-294(c) [Section 3002(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6922(a)], requires the promulgation of standards applicable to generators of hazardous waste. The implementing regulations for these standards are found at 15A NCAC 13A .0107 [40 C.F.R. Part 262].
- 12. Sections 130A-294(c) and (g) of the NCSWML, N.C.G.S. § 130A-294(c) and (g) [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925], sets forth the requirement that a facility treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste must have a permit or interim status. The implementing regulations for this requirement are found at 15A NCAC 13A .0109 (permitted) and 15A NCAC 13A .0110 (interim status)] [40 C.F.R. Parts 264 (permitted) and 265 (interim status)].
- 13. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0106(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.2], a "solid waste" is any discarded material that is not otherwise excluded from the regulations. A discarded material includes any material that is abandoned by being stored in lieu of being disposed.
- 14. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0106(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3], a solid waste is a "hazardous waste" if it meets any of the criteria set forth in 15A NCAC 13A .0106(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3(a)(2)] and is not

- otherwise excluded from regulation as a hazardous waste by 15A NCAC 13A .0106(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.4(b)].
- 15. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0102(b) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], a "facility" includes "all contiguous land, and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land, used for treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste.
- 16. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0102(b) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], a "person" means a State or political subdivision of a State.
- 17. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0102(b) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], an "owner" is "the person who owns a facility or part of a facility" and an "operator" is "the person responsible for the overall operation of a facility."
- 18. Pursuant to NCAC 13A .0102(b) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], "storage" means the holding of a hazardous waste for a temporary period, at the end of which the hazardous waste is treated, disposed of, or stored elsewhere.
- 19. Pursuant to NCAC 13A .0102(b) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], "treatment" means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste so as to neutralize such waste, or so as to recover energy or material resources from the waste, or so as to render such waste non-hazardous, or less hazardous; safer to transport, store, or dispose of; or amenable for recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume.
- 20. On September 26, 2016, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) issued Respondent a permit for the storage and treatment of hazardous waste (Permit # NCD982093783-R2) (RCRA Permit).
- 21. Pursuant to Part VI (Land Disposal Restrictions), Section A (General Restrictions) of the RCRA Permit, the Permittee is required to maintain compliance with the requirements of 15A NCAC 13A .0112(e) [40 C.F.R. § 268.50(a)(2)(i)(D)] which requires that owners and operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities mark each container with the date each period of accumulation begins.
- 22. Pursuant to Part I (Standard Conditions), Section H (Manifest System), Paragraph I of the RCRA Permit, the Permittee is required to comply with the manifest system when receiving hazardous waste from off-site in accordance with 15A NCAC 13A .0109 [40 C.F.R. § 264.71] unless the Permittee submits an unmanifest waste report in accordance with 15A NCAC 13A .0109 [40 C.F.R. § 264.76].
- 23. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0109(f) [40 C.F.R. § 264.71], if a facility receives hazardous waste accompanied by a manifest in accordance with paragraph (a)(1), the owner, operator or his/her agent must sign and date the manifest as indicated in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) to certify that the hazardous waste covered by the manifest was received, that the hazardous waste was received except as noted in the discrepancy space of the manifest, or that the hazardous waste was rejected as noted in the manifest discrepancy space.
- 24. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0119(a) [40 C.F.R. § 273.9], a "Small Quantity Handler of Universal Waste" (SQHUW) is a Universal Waste handler who does not accumulate 5,000 kilograms or more

- of Universal Waste (batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment, or lamps, calculated collectively) at any time.
- 25. Pursuant to 15A NCAC 13A .0119(b) [40 C.F.R. § 273.14(a)], a SQHUW must label or mark each Universal Waste battery or container or tank in which the batteries are contained clearly with one of the following phrases: "Universal Waste Battery(ies)," or "Waste Battery(ies)," or "Used Battery(ies)."

IV. FINDINGS OF FACTS

- 26. Respondent is a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility designated to receive hazardous wastes generated by operations performed at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 27. Respondent's facility is located at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1000-A Estes Drive Extension, UNC Buildings 488 and 531, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-1650.
- 28. On February 24, 2022, Respondent notified the NC DEQ of its status as a LQG and treatment and storage facility of hazardous waste.
- 29. On July 20 & 22, 2022 the EPA and the NC DEQ conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) at the Facility. The EPA's findings of the CEI were documented in a report electronically mailed to Respondent, dated August 18, 2022.
- 30. At the time of the CEI, the EPA inspector observed that the Respondent was storing hazardous waste in one 55-gallon container within Bay 3 and one 55-gallon container in its Intrinsically Safe Room, both of which are within its permitted facility, which were not dated with an accumulation start date.
- 31. At the time of the CEI, the EPA determined during a review of the facility's hazardous wastes manifests dated up to July 22, 2022, that numerous shipments of incoming hazardous waste from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill were not being signed upon receipt by the Respondent.
- 32. At the time of the CEI, the EPA observed that the Respondent was accumulating four Universal Waste batteries which were not labeled with universal waste language in Bay 9 of its permitted facility.

V. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

- 33. Respondent is a "person" as defined in 15A NCAC 13A .0102(b) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].
- 34. Respondent is the "owner" and "operator" of a "facility" located at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1000-A Estes Drive Extension, UNC Buildings 488 and 531, Chapel Hill, North Carolina as those terms are defined in 15A NCAC 13A .0102 [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].
- 35. Respondent generates, treats and stores "solid waste" and "hazardous waste" as those terms are defined in 15A NCAC 13A .0106(a) [40 C.F.R. § 261.2 and § 261.3].
- 36. Respondent is a "small quantity handler of universal waste" (SQHUW) as defined in 15A NCAC 13A .0119(a) [40 C.F.R. § 273.9].

- 37. Respondent failed to mark two containers of hazardous waste within its facility with accumulation start dates. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Part VI (Land Disposal Restrictions), Section A (General Restrictions) of the RCRA Permit. This part of the RCRA Permit requires that the Permittee maintain compliance with the requirements in 15A NCAC 13A .0112(e) [40 C.F.R. § 268.50(a)(2)(i)(D)], which requires that owners and operators of treatment, storage and disposal facilities, mark each container with the date each period of accumulation begins.
- 38. Respondent failed to sign hazardous waste manifests at its facility upon receipt of shipments of hazardous waste. Pursuant to Part I (Standard Conditions), Section H (Manifest System), Paragraph 1 of the RCRA Permit, "the Permittee is required to comply with the manifest system when receiving hazardous waste from off-site in accordance with 15A NCAC 13A .0109(f) [40 C.F.R. § 264.71] unless the Permittee submits an unmanifest waste report in accordance with 15A NCAC 13A .0109 [40 C.F.R. § 264.76].
- 39. Respondent failed to label four universal waste batteries. The EPA therefore alleges that Respondent violated 15A NCAC 13A .0119(b) [40 C.F.R. § 273.14(a)], by failing to label or mark each universal waste battery or container or tank in which the batteries are contained clearly with the words "Universal Waste Battery(ies)," or "Waste Battery(ies)," or "Used Battery(ies)."

VI. STIPULATIONS

- 40. The issuance of this CAFO simultaneously commences and concludes this proceeding. 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
- 41. 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.
- 42. 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 and all remedies, claims for relief, and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review that Respondent may have with respect to any issue of fact or law

- set forth in this CAFO, including any right of judicial review under Chapter 7 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706;
- d. 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;
- 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 this CAFO.
- 43. By executing this CAFO, Respondent 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.
- 44. 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

- 45. Respondent consents to the payment of a civil penalty, which was calculated in accordance with the Act, in the amount of **THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS** (\$33,000.00), which is to be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of the Effective Date of this CAFO.
- 46. Payment(s) 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.
 - a. If Respondent sends payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

United States Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

b. If Respondent sends payment by non-U.S. Postal express mail delivery, the payment shall be sent to:

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA Fines & Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station: SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Contact Number: (314) 425-1819

c. 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

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read: "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

d. 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

Contact: Craig Steffen, (513) 487-2091 REX (Remittance Express): 1-877-372-2457

47. Respondent shall send proof of payment, within 24 hours of payment of the civil penalty, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
R4_Regional_Hearing_Clerk@epa.gov
and

Daryl R. Himes
Chemical Safety and Land Enforcement Branch
Environmental Compliance and Assurance Division
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
himes.daryl@epa.gov

48. "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. RCRA-04-2023-2100(b)."

- 49. Pursuant to 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 the costs of processing and handling the delinquent claim. Accordingly, the EPA may require the Respondent to pay the following amounts on any amount overdue:
 - a. <u>Interest</u>. Interest will begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the Effective Date of this CAFO. If the civil penalty is paid within 30 days of the Effective Date of this CAFO, Interest is waived. However, if the civil penalty is not paid <u>in full</u> within 30 days, 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 or a stipulated penalty more than ninety (90) calendar 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).
 - 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 cost incurred. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(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.
- 50. 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, 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, 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 EPA sponsors or funds, 40 C.F.R. § 13.17; and/or
 - d. refer the debt to the Department of Justice as provided in 40 C.F.R. § 13.33. In any such judicial action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty and of this CAFO shall not be subject to review.
- 51. Penalties paid pursuant to this CAFO shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

VIII. EFFECT OF CAFO

- 52. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), Respondent's full compliance with this CAFO shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts specifically alleged above.
- 53. Full payment of the civil penalty, as provided in Section VII (Terms of Payment) shall satisfy the requirements of this CAFO, but 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).
- 54. Any violation of this CAFO may result in a civil penalty for each day of continued noncompliance with the CAFO and/or the suspension or revocation of any federal or state permit issued to the violator, as provided in Section 3008(c) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 6928(c).
- 55. 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.
- 56. 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 and substantial endangerment as provided under the Act.
- 57. 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.
- 58. The provisions of this CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its successors and assigns. Respondent shall direct its officers, directors, employees, agents, trustees, and authorized representatives to comply with the provisions of this CAFO, as appropriate.
- 59. Any change in the legal status of the 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.
- 60. 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 business information or personally identifiable information.
- 61. By signing this Consent Agreement, the 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.
- 62. 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.
- 63. 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.
- 64. 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.
- 65. Unless specifically stated otherwise in this CAFO, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in this proceeding.
- 66. 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.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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Complainant and Respondent will Each Sign on Separate Pages.]

FOR RESPONDENT:	
MZCLSignature	$\frac{2/10/23}{Date}$
Printed Name: Nathan Knuffman	
Title:	
Address:	

The foregoing Consent Agreement In the Matter of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Docket No. RCRA-04-2023-2100(b), is Hereby Stipulated, Agreed, and Approved for Entry.

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	Kimberly L. Bingham Chief Chemical Safety and Land Enforcement Branch
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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.

The Respondent is hereby ORDERED to comply with all of 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.

Tanya Floyd Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Docket No. **RCRA-04-2023-2100(b)**, were filed and copies of the same were emailed to the parties as indicated below.

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