



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Ms. Julie Cvetezar  
The Laramar Group, LLC  
6312 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Suite 500N  
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Re: Bradford Grove Apartments,  
Ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order  
Docket No. TSCA-04-2011-2546(b)

Dear Ms. Cvetezar:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section V of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$7,910 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company and the Docket Number of this case. Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Heather Russell either by telephone at (513)487-2044 or by written correspondence to her attention at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Cincinnati Accounting Operation address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or their compliance status in the future, please call Mr. Ronald Raye at (404) 562-9612.

Also enclosed is a copy of the October 2001, Enforcement Alert titled "U.S. EPA Notifying Defendants of Securities and Exchange Commission's Environmental Disclosure requirements." This document puts your client on notice of their potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly L. Bingham".

Kimberly L. Bingham  
Acting Chief  
Pesticides and Toxic  
Substances Branch

Enclosures

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IN THE MATTER OF: )

Bradford Grove Apartments )

Respondent. )

Docket No.: TSCA-04-2011-2546(b)

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

**I. Nature of the Action**

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Respondent is Bradford Grove Apartments.
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.

## II. Preliminary Statements

3. The Administrator of the EPA promulgated regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F under the authority of Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. § 4852d, also known as Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. Pursuant to Title X, it is a prohibited act under Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689, for any person to fail or refuse to comply with a provision of Title X or any rule or order issued under Title X.
4. Pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, the penalty for each violation of Title X of TSCA shall not exceed \$10,000. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires EPA to review and adjust penalties, as necessary, for inflation at least once every four years. As such, pursuant to the Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the revised maximum penalty for each violation of Title X occurring after January 30, 1997, through January 12, 2009, is \$11,000 and for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty is \$16,000.
5. The authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of the EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to the EPA Region 4 by the EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by the EPA Region 4 Delegation 12-2-A. Pursuant to the aforementioned Delegations, the Director of Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.

6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual is authorized to receive service for the EPA in this proceeding:

Mr. Ronald Raye  
Lead and Children's Health Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960  
(404) 562-9612

### **III. Specific Allegations**

7. Respondent is a Lessor, as defined at C.F.R. § 745.103, of residential housing located at 2096 East Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina. These residential housing units are "target housing," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103.
8. Based on information obtained by the EPA on or about March 17, 2007, relating to Respondent's contracts to lease its target housing described above, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated Section 409 of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F as follows:
- a. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.107 (a)(2), Lessor shall disclose to Lessee the presence of any known lead based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing.  
Respondent failed to disclose to Lessee the presence of any known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing.
  - b. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.107(a)(3), Lessor shall disclose to each agent the presence of any known lead-based paint hazards in the target housing, and the existence of any available records or reports pertaining to lead-based paint.  
Respondent failed to provide to Lessee the existence of any available records or reports.

- c. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.107(a)(4), Lessor is to provide Lessee any records or reports available to the Lessor pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing, as cited. Respondent failed to provide any records or reports that were available to the Lessee.
- d. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(2), each contract to lease target housing shall include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a statement disclosing the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based-paint hazards, or indicating no knowledge of the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead based paint hazards. Respondent failed to include an appropriate statement.
- e. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(6), each contract to lease target housing shall include the signatures of the Lessors, Agents, and Lessees, certifying to the accuracy of their statements, to the best of their knowledge, along with the dates of signature. Respondent failed to provide the appropriate signature.

#### **IV. Consent Agreement**

- 9. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.
- 10. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
- 11. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by the EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 12. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.

13. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither the 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.
14. 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 TSCA.

#### **V. Final Order**

15. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED and TEN DOLLARS (\$7,910)** which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date.
16. Respondent shall remit the penalty payment by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America."

**The Respondent shall note on the face of the check the Respondent's Name and the Docket Number associated with this CAFO.**

The penalty payment shall be sent by one of the following methods to the address identified for the method chosen:

Address for payment submittal using the United States Postal Service:

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

Address for payment submittal using other mail service (e.g., Federal Express, United Parcel Service (UPS), DHL, etc.):

U.S. Bank  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101  
Contact Person: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087.

17. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment is being 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  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Mr. Ronald Rayc  
Lead and Children's Health Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

Saundi Wilson  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

18. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
19. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, the 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. A charge will also

be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts.

In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not paid within ninety (90) days of the due date.

20. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
21. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
22. 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 binds that party to this CAFO.

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**VI. Effective Date**

23. 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:**

**Respondent:** Bradford Grove Apartments  
**Docket No.:** TSCA-04-2011-2546(b)

By: Valerie Clark Date: 10-21-11

Name: VALERIE CLARK

Title: RISK & SAFETY MANAGER

**Complainant:** U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: Beverly H. Banister Date: 12-1-11  
Beverly H. Banister, Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics  
Management Division

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

By: Susan B. Schub Date: 12/12/11  
Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

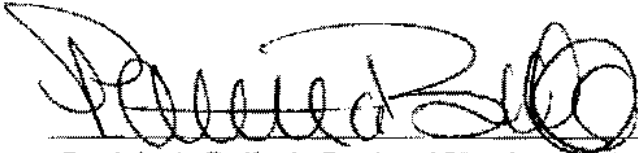
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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 Bradford Grove Apartments, Docket Number: TSCA-04-2011-2546(b), to the addressees listed below:

Ms. Julie Cvetezar (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)  
Safety Specialist  
S.O.C.O. Residential Partners, LLC  
6312 South Fiddlers Green Pkwy  
Suite 500 North  
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Mr. Ronald Raye (via EPA's internal mail)  
Lead and Children's Health Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Robert Caplan, Senior Attorney (via EPA's internal mail)  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

By:   
Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-9511

Date: 12-13-11