UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

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IN THE MATTER OF

Reliable Tank Line, LLC

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER UNDER 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b)

CWA SECTION 311 CLASS II

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND

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Docket No. CWA-04-2008-5152(b)

This Consent Agreement is proposed and entered into under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and under the authority provided by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2). The Administrator has delegated these authorities to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 4, who has in turn delegated these authorities to the Director of the RCRA Division of EPA Region 4, pursuant to EPA Region 4 Clean Water Act Delegation 2-52-A ("Complaint).

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Stipulations

The parties, in their own capacity or by their attorneys or other authorized representatives, hereby stipulate:

1. Respondent, Reliable Tank Line, LLC, is a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina and doing business in the State of North Carolina. The Respondent is a person within the meaning of Sections 311(a)(7) and 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1321(a)(7) and 1362(5). 2. The Respondent was at all times relevant to this Consent Agreement an owner and operator within the meaning of Section 311(a)(6) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(6), of a tanker truck and trailer ("the facility") operating on Interstate Highway 95 South near the city of St. Paul, North Carolina, during the time of discharge.

The facility is an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the Act,
 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10).

4. Little Marsh Swamp is a navigable water as that term is defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1 and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the Act.

5. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3), prohibits the discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States.

6. For purposes of Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4), discharges of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 to include discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards or (2) cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines or cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional statements contained herein.

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Allegations

Complainant alleges, and Respondent neither admits nor denies, that:

8. On March 16, 2007, Respondent discharged 8,000 gallons of oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), from its facility into or upon Little Marsh Swamp and/or its adjoining shorelines.

9. Respondent's March 16, 2007, discharge of oil from its facility caused a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of Little Marsh Swamp and/or its adjoining shoreline, and, therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R § 110.3, in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act.

Waiver of Rights

10. Respondent waives the right to contest the allegations contained herein, to a hearing under Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), and to appeal any Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement in this matter under Section 311(b)(6)(G)(ii) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(G)(ii), and 40 C.F.R.§ 22.18(b)(2), and consents to the issuance of a Final Order without further adjudication.

11. Respondent 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 Consent Agreement or the Final Order.

Penalty

12. The Complainant proposes, and Respondent consents to, the assessment of a civil penalty of forty-one thousand dollars (\$ 41,000.00) which shall constitute a full and final settlement and resolution of all of the causes of action alleged in this Consent Agreement.

Payment Terms

Based on the forgoing, the parties, in their own capacity or by their attorneys or authorized representatives, hereby agree that:

13. No later than 30 days after the effective date of the Final Order, the Respondent shall pay the amount of forty-one thousand dollars (\$41,000.00) by means of a corporate/cashier's check or certified check, or by electronic funds transfer (EFT). If paying by check, the Respondent shall submit a corporate/cashier's check or certified check, payable to "Environmental Protection Agency," and bearing the notation "OSLTF – 311." If the Respondent sends payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

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

If paying by EFT, the Respondent shall transfer \$41,000 to <u>www.pay.gov</u>. Enter SFO1.1 in to the "search public forms" field. Open the form and enter the requested information. If paying by wire transfer, the payment shall be addressed to the following:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA:21030004 Account No.:68010727 SWIFT address: FRNYUS333 33 Liberty Street New York, NY 10045

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

14. If paying by check, the Respondent shall note on the penalty payment check the title and docket number of this case. The Respondent shall submit copies of the check (or, in the case of an EFT transfer or wire transfer, copies of the EFT or wire confirmation) to the following people:

> Patricia Bullock Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 SNAFC 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

> > And

Doug McCurry, Chief North Enforcement and Compliance Section RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch RCRA Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 SNAFC 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303

15. Respondent's failure to pay the penalty assessed by the Final Order in full by its due

date may subject Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalty, plus interest,

attorney's fees, costs, and an additional quarterly nonpayment penalty pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(H) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(H). In any such collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty agreed to herein shall not be subject to review.

General Provisions

16. Complainant reserves the right, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4)(iii), to withdraw from this Consent Agreement and Final Order within 15 days of receipt of a Commenter's petition requesting, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4)(ii), that the Regional Administrator set aside the Consent Agreement and proposed Final Order on the basis that material evidence was not considered.

17. The Final Order shall be binding upon Respondent and Respondent's officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and successors or assigns.

18. The Final Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of Section 311 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321, or any regulations promulgated there under, and does not affect the right of the Administrator or the United States to pursue any applicable injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. Payment of the penalty pursuant to this Consent Agreement resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts stipulated to and alleged herein.

18. The undersigned representative of Respondent hereby certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to execute and legally bind Respondent to this Consent Agreement.

19. The following attorney represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in the proceeding:

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Susan Capel Associate Regional Counsel United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-9566 Capel.susan@epa.gov

Effective Date

20. This Consent Agreement and attached Final Order is effective upon the filing of the

Final Order with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

For

RELIABLE TANK LINE, LLC

Date: 8/20/2008

By: Danny Stroud Title: Manager

For

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: 9 2008

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G. Alan Farmer RCRA Division

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FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), and the delegated authority of the undersigned, and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits," codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order, and the Stipulations by the parties and Allegations by the Complainant are adopted as Findings in this Final Order.

Reliable Tank Lines, LLC, the Respondent, is ordered to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement, Docket No. CWA-04-2008-5152(b).

FOCT 0 9 2008 Date:_____

I. Palmer

Regional Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the Foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the matter of Reliable Tank Line, LLC, Docket No. CWA-4-2008-5152(b) on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

(Via EPA's internal mail)

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Susan Capel Office of Environmental Accountability U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Kristin Mitchell
RCRA & OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(Via Certified Mail)

Danny Stroud Reliable Tank Lines, LLC 1540 Silas Creek Parkway Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107

Dated this 14 day of OCTOBEr, 2008.

Ms. Patricia Bullock

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA – Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960