

requirements at 49 CFR part 172 subpart E (labeling) or subpart F (placarding); a hazard statement or pictogram consistent with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Hazard Communication Standard at 29 CFR 1910.1200; or a chemical hazard label consistent with the National Fire Protection Association code 704. The EPA determined that the Respondent did not mark or label two hazardous waste satellite accumulation containers (one container of lab waste and one container of waste thinner).

- d. 40 C.F.R § 262.16(b)(9)(ii) - The small quantity generator must post the following information next to telephones or in areas directly involved in the generation and accumulation of hazardous waste: (A) The name and emergency telephone number of the emergency coordinator; (B) Location of fire extinguishers and spill control material, and, if present, fire alarm; and (C) The telephone number of the fire department, unless the facility has a direct alarm. The EPA determined that the Respondent did post emergency preparedness information.
 - e. 40 C.F.R §273.13(d)(1) - A small quantity handler of universal waste must contain any lamp in containers or packages that are structurally sound, adequate to prevent breakage, and compatible with the contents of the lamps. Such containers and packages must remain closed and must lack evidence of leakage, spillage or damage that could cause leakage under reasonably foreseeable conditions. The EPA determined that the Respondent did close one cardboard box storing 100 universal waste-lamps located in Maintenance Shop.
 - f. 40 C.F.R §273.14(e) - A small quantity handler of universal waste-lamps must label or mark each lamp or a container or package in which such lamps are contained clearly with one of the following phrases: "Universal Waste-Lamp(s)," or "Waste Lamp(s)," or "Used Lamp(s)." The EPA determined that the Respondent did label or mark one cardboard box storing 100 universal waste-lamps located in Maintenance Shop.
- 4) In determining the amount of the penalty to be assessed, EPA has taken into account the factors specified in Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928. After considering these factors, EPA has determined and Respondent agrees that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) is in the public interest.
 - 5) Respondent shall pay the penalty within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and shall be 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>.

- 6) A copy of the check or other information confirming payment shall simultaneously be emailed to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
R7_Hearing_Clerk_Filings@epa.gov; and

Milady Peters, Paralegal
peters.milady@epa.gov.
- 7) In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (a) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (b) admits that 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; and (g) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA to the following email address: *CLIFTON.WHITE@UNITYPOINT.ORG*. Respondent understands that the ESA will become publicly available upon filing.
- 8) By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (a) the alleged violations have been corrected, and (b) it is presently in compliance with all requirements of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et. seq.*, its implementing regulations, and any permit issued pursuant to RCRA.
- 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 to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.
- 10) Full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. The EPA reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other past, present, or future violations of RCRA or any other applicable law.
- 11) The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.
- 12) Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
- 13) This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below.

IT IS SO AGREED,

Clifton White

Name (print)

Regional Manager Team Member Health & Safety

Title (print)

Clifton White

Signature

6/3/2024

Date

APPROVED BY EPA:

Jodi Bruno
Acting Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Date

Christopher Muehlberger, Attorney
Office of Regional Counsel

Date

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
To be completed by EPA

I certify that that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order, in the matter of St. Lukes Methodist Hospital, EPA Docket No. RCRA-07-2024-0091, was sent this day in the following manner to the following addressees:

Copy via e-mail to Complainant:

Christopher Muehlberger, Office of Regional Counsel
muehlberger.christopher@epa.gov

Mike Martin, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
martin.mike@epa.gov

Milady Peters, Office of Regional Counsel
peters.milady@epa.gov

Copy via e-mail to Respondent:

Clifton White
Safety Regulatory Compliance
St. Lukes Methodist Hospital
1026 A Avenue
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402
CLIFTON.WHITE@UNITYPOINT.ORG

Copy via e-mail to the State of Iowa:

Ed Tormey, Administrator (*ed.tormey@dnr.iowa.gov*)
Environmental Services Division
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Mike Sullivan, Section Supervisor (*michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov*)
Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed

