

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960 AUG 2 9 2007

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Donald Welch General Manager Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board 1620 Alabama Avenue Jasper, Alabama 35501

SUBJECT: Expedited Settlement Agreement Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8021(b)

Dear Mr. Welch:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8021(b)) involving the Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on today's date.

As required by the ESA, within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$1800, made out to the "Treasurer, United States of America," should be submitted to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Box 371099M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx or UPS) Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15262-0001 (Contact Phone Number is 412-234-4381)

The Docket No. should be included on the check. Also, a separate copy of the check and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

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

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

If you have any questions, please call Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely,

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Caron B. Falconer, Chief EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2007-8021(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to:

<u>Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board</u> <u>1620 Alabama Avenue</u> <u>Jasper, Alabama 35501</u>

for violating 40 CFR § 68.50, 40 CFR § 68.52, 40 CFR § 68.58 and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by the Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on compliance monitoring inspections conducted at the Respondent's Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants on May 17, 2006, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when Respondent did not provide evidence that it had:

Updated the hazard review for the covered processes at least once every five years as required by 40 CFR § 68.50(d);

Developed and implemented written operating procedures for the covered processes that address the following elements found at 40 CFR § 68.52(b): (4) Emergency Shutdown and (5) Normal Shutdown; and

Conducted compliance audits, at least every three years, to verify that its prevention programs' procedures and practices are adequate and are being followed as required by 40 CFR § 68.58(a).

<u>SETTLEMENT</u>

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$1800**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violations listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$1800.** Please note that payment should not be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed ESA. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$1800**, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Box 371099M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx or UPS)

Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15262-0001 (Contact Phone Number is 412-234-4381)

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on</u> <u>the check</u>. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

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

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

> Caron B. Falconer U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

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Date: 8/19/2007 _____

Name (print): <u>Donald W. Welch</u>

Title (print): General Manager Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Mitchell for Date: 7/23/07 Beverly H. Banister

Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

- B. Suhub Date: Date: Augur 27, 2007 Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board, <u>CAA-04-2007-8021(b)</u>, on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Elizabeth O'Sullivan U. S. EPA - Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Donald Welch General Manager Jasper Waterworks and Sewer Board 1620 Alabama Avenue Jasper, AL 35501 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date:

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk Unites States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-9511

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