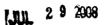


UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960



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

Ms. Nikki Knapp Environmental and Safety Coordinator Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC 126 Barber Court Birmingham, Alabama 35209

SUBJECT: Expedited Settlement Agreement Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC Docket No. CAA-04-2008-8013(b)

Dear Ms. Knapp:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2008-8013(b)) involving Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC. 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 \$2345, 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 Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS) U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101 Contact: Natalie Pearson @ 314-418-4087

Internet Address (URL) • http://www.epa.gov Recycled/Recyclable • Printed with Vegetable Oil Based Inks on Recycled Paper (Minimum 30% Postconsumer) 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.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

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

Sincerely,

Caron B. Falconer // Chief, EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2008-8013(b)

This ESA is issued to:

<u>Mavfield Dairy Farms, LLC</u> <u>126 Barber Court</u> <u>Birmingham, AL 35209</u>

for violating 40 CFR § 68.67, 40 CFR § 68.69, 40 CFR § 68.195 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 Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. \S 7413(a)(3) and (d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 126 Barber Court, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 27, 2007, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when Respondent did not provide evidence that:

As part of the process hazard analysis (pha) conducted in the year 2002, it had developed a written schedule of when pha action items were to be completed, assured that the action items were resolved in a timely manner and documented such resolution (document action item closure) as required by 40 CFR § 68.67(e);

It has annually certified that the operating procedures are current and accurate and that procedures have been reviewed as often as necessary as required by 40 CFR § 68.69(c); and

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In accordance with 40 CFR § 68.195(a), it had submitted an update to its Risk Management Plan five-year accident history, including information required at 40 CFR §§§ 68.168, 68.170(j) and 68.175(l), within six months of the October 27, 2004, anhydrous ammonia release that occurred at its facility.

SETTLEMENT

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 violation cited above, for the total penalty amount of \$2345.

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 violation listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$2345**. Please note that payment <u>should not</u> be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the <u>fully executed</u> 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 **\$2345**, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

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For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS) U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101 Contact: Natalie Pearson @ 314-418-4087

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.

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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 violation 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.

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This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

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

FOR RESPONDENT:

In Date: 7/10/08 Name (print): Edward HERMAN

Title (print): <u>Authorned</u> Signator Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC

FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Date: 7/15/08

Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

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

-B. Schub

Susan B. Schub Regional Judicial Officer

Date: July 29 2008

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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 Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC, <u>CAA-04-2008-8013(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

Ms. Nikki Knapp Environmental and Safety Coordinator Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC 126 Barber Court Birmingham, Alabama 35209 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 2-29-08

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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