



EXPEDITED SPCC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 7, 901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> ST., KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

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On February 20, 2010

At: Pleasant Valley Road in Miami County, KS

Owned or operated by Town Oil Company, (Respondent), discharged 2 barrels of oil in violation of regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 112 under Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act as noted on the attached FINDINGS AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS FORM, (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

This proceeding and the Expedited Settlement are under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Settlement in order to settle the civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of \$500.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty stated above. Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the violations have been corrected and Respondent has sent a certified check in the amount of \$500, payable to the "Environmental Protection Agency," via certified mail to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 979077  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

and Respondent has noted on the penalty payment check Docket No. CWA-07-2010-0100 and "OSLTF - 311." The original, signed Settlement Agreement and copy of the penalty payment check must be sent via certified mail to:

Paula Higbee  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 7, AWMD/STOP  
901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101

This Expedited Settlement resolves Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations of the oil spill regulations described in the Form. However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of the SPCC regulations or of any other federal statute or regulations. By its first signature, EPA ratifies the Findings and Alleged Violations set forth in the Form.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Settlement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to EPA's approval of the Expedited Settlement without

further notice.

This Expedited Settlement is binding on the parties signing below, and is effective upon the Regional Judicial Officer's signature.

APPROVED BY EPA:

*Alvin K. Brumby*  
*Margaret Spurdale* Date 5/17/2010  
Chief, Storage Tank and Oil Pollution Branch (STOP)  
Air and Waste Management Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Lance Town  
Title (print): Owner, Operator  
Signature: *[Signature]*  
Date: 5/10/10

The estimated cost for correcting the violation(s) is:

\$ 15,000.00

IT IS SO ORDERED:

*[Signature]* Date May 20, 2010  
Robert L. Patrick  
Regional Judicial Officer

## FINDINGS AND ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATIONS

1. Town Oil is a corporation organized under the laws of Kansas with a place of business located on Pleasant Valley Road in Miami County, Kansas. The Respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311 (a)(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321 (a)(7).
2. Respondent is the owner/operator of an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311 (a)(10) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321 (a)(10) of the Act, which is located on Pleasant Valley Road in Miami County, Kansas ('facility').
3. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act 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.
4. 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 cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines.
5. On or about February 20, 2010, Respondent discharged 2 barrels of oil as defined in Section 311 (a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321(a)(1), and 40 C.F.R. §110.1, from its facility into or upon the Marais Des Cygnes River and/or adjoining shorelines.
6. The Marais Des Cygnes River is a navigable water of the United States as defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. §110.1.
7. Respondent's discharge of oil from its facility caused a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the Marais Des Cygnes River and/or the adjoining shoreline and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. §110.3, which implements Sections 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Act.
8. Respondent's February 20, 2010, discharge of oil from its facility into or upon the Marais Des Cygnes River and/or adjoining shorelines in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. §110.3 violated Section 311(b)(3) of the Act. Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. 19.4, the Respondent is liable for civil penalties of up to \$16,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$37,500.

IN THE MATTER OF Town Oil Company, Respondent  
Docket No. CWA-07-2010-0100

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited SPCC Settlement Agreement was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:


Copy hand delivered to  
Attorney for Complainant:

Howard Bunch  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
Region 7  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Town Oil Company  
16205 W. 287th Street  
Paola, Kansas 66071

Dated: 5/24/10

  
Kathy Robinson  
Hearing Clerk, Region 7