

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

#### **VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL**

Edward C. Andrews d/b/a EA Construction and General Contracting 976 Carol Circle West Chester, PA 19380

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Re: <u>I</u>

Expedited Consent Agreement - Docket No. TSCA-03-2013-0097

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Enclosed, please find the final Expedited Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") resolving case number: TSCA-03-2013-0097. The CAFO in this matter was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on February 26, 2013.

Since the penalty has already been paid, this matter is now considered closed. If you have any questions, you I can be reached at (215) \$14-3387.

Sincerely,

Russell Swan

Assistant Regional Counsel

Customer Service Hotline: 1-800-438-2474

## BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

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IN RE:		DOCKET NO. TSCA-03-2013-0097.
d/b/a EA General C 976 Caro West Che	Construction and Ontracting Oster, PA 19380 Os	Proceeding under Sections 16(a) and 2689

#### EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1. This Expedited Consent Agreement is entered into by the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("Complainant" or "EPA" or "Agency") and Edward C. Andrews d/b/a EA Construction and General Contracting (hereinafter "Respondent"), pursuant to Sections 16(a) and 409 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615(a) and 2689, the federal regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (with specific reference to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3)).
- 2. EPA finds that Respondent was subject to the "Renovation, Repair and Painting" ("RRP") Rule set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, promulgated under Section 402(c) and 406(b) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2682(c) and 2686(b) during a "renovation" as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, of "target housing" as defined at Section 401(17) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2681(17), and 40 C.F.R. § 745.223, at 2962 Lovell Street, Broomall, PA 19008.
- 3. EPA finds that Respondent failed to comply with the RRP Rule at 2962 Lovell Ave., Broomall, PA by failing to: a.) obtain, from the owner, a written acknowledgement that the owner has received the pamphlet or obtain a certificate of mailing at least seven (7) days prior to the renovation (as required by 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1)); b.) perform recordkeeping and reporting requirements (as required by 40 C.F.R. § 745.86); and c.) obtain EPA certification (as required by 40 C.F.R. § 745.81). In violating the RRP rule, Respondent violated sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689, and 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(a).

- 4. For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this Expedited Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order, (hereinafter "this Agreement").
- 5. Except as provided in Paragraph 4 of this Agreement, for purposes of this proceeding, Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations and legal conclusions set forth in this Expedited Consent Agreement.
- 6. Respondent agrees not to contest the jurisdiction of EPA with respect to the execution of this Agreement, the issuance of the attached Final Order, or the enforcement of this Agreement.
- 7. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent hereby expressly waives any right to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this Agreement and any right to appeal the attached Final Order.
- 8. Respondent consents to the issuance of this Agreement and agrees to comply with its terms and conditions.
- 9. Each Party to this Agreement shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees.
- 10. Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), as amended by the Debt Collection improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, authorizes assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 per day, per violation, for violations occurring on or after January 13, 2009.
- 11. The parties enter into this Agreement in order to settle the civil violations alleged above. Pursuant to TSCA and the Consolidated Rules of Practice, based on the nature of the violations, and other relevant factors, EPA has determined an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is \$4,000.
- 12. Respondent agrees that within 30 days of the effective date of this Agreement (the date it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk), Respondent shall submit a check with the case name, address and docket number of this Agreement (TSCA-03-2013-0097), for the amount specified above, payable to "United States Treasury," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center, P.O. Box 979077, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Copies of the check shall be sent simultaneously Russell Swan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (Mail Code 3RC50), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and Ms. Lydia Guy, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (Mail Code 3RC00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- 13. Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the U.S. Government, that it has corrected all violations and is in full compliance with the RRP rule including, obtaining renovator and/or firm certification and training.

- 14. This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the violations specified above. EPA does not waive its right to take enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future violations of the RRP Rule, TSCA or any other federal statute or regulation.
- 15. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, nor shall be construed to operate in any way to resolve, any criminal liability of Respondent, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit EPA's authority to undertake any action against Respondent in response to conditions that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment.
- 16. If Respondent does not sign and return this Agreement within 20 days of the date of its receipt, this proposed Agreement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations indentified herein.
- 17. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below. Upon signature of the parties and approval by the Regional Judicial Officer, this Agreement shall be filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. 22.31(b), this Agreement is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.
- 18. The undersigned representative certifies that he is fully authorized to execute this Agreement and to legally bind EA Construction and General Contracting to this Agreement.

Date:

APPROVED BY EDWARD C. ANDREWS d/b/a EA CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL CONTRACTING:

Name (print): Flund C Archeus Tr

Title (Print): Owner

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Signature:

Russell Swan

Office of Regional Counsel

**EPA Region III** 

Accordingly, the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, recommends that the Regional Administrator, or his designee, issue the Final Order set forth below.

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Date

John A. Armstead, Director Land and Chemicals Division

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#### **FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region III, and the above-captioned Respondent have executed a document entitled "Expedited Consent Agreement," which I hereby ratify as a Consent Agreement in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are accepted by the undersigned and incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of Section 16 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615, for violations of the RRP Rule, and having determined, based on the representations of the parties to the attached Expedited Consent Agreement, that the agreed-upon four thousand dollar (\$4,000) civil penalty was based upon consideration of the factors set forth in Section 16(a)(2)(B) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent pay a civil penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in the attached Expedited Consent Agreement.

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The effective date of the foregoing Expedited Consent Agreement and this **FINAL ORDER** is the date on which this **FINAL ORDER** is filed with the EPA Regional Hearing Clerk.

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Regional Judicial Officer U.S. EPA - Region III

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Final Order was hand-delivered to and filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA, Region III, and that a true and correct copy was mailed via overnight mail, to the following:

Mr. Edward C. Andrews d/b/a EA Construction and General Contracting 976 Carol Circle West Chester, PA 19380

Assistant Regional Counsel