



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

JAN 15 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ray Hardin  
General Manager  
Decatur Utilities  
1002 Central Parkway Southwest  
Decatur, Alabama 35609

Re: Decatur Utilities  
Expedited Settlement Agreement  
CAA-04-2013-8008(b)

Dear Mr. Hardin:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2013-8008(b)) involving Decatur Utilities. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing.

As required by the ESA, within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, payment to the Treasurer, United States of America in the amount of \$1,440 should be submitted as follows:

For payment sent via electronic transfer

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA = 021030004  
Account = 68010727  
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, New York 10045  
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read:  
"D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency";

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-C2-GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
314-418-4087.

Also, a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with the ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Deanne Grant  
EPCRA Enforcement Section  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303; and

Saundi Wilson  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
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 need additional information in this matter, please call Deanne Grant at (404) 562-9291.

Sincerely,



Caron B. Falconer  
Chief  
EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2013-8008(b)

This ESA is issued to: Decatur Utilities  
1900 Market Street Northwest  
Decatur, Alabama 35609

for violating 40 CFR § 68.48, 40 CFR § 68.50, 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 Decatur Utilities (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(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 1900 Market Street Northwest, Decatur, Alabama 35609, on January 24, 2013, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program, when at the time of inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It ensured the process is designed in compliance with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.48(b);

Its hazard review identified opportunities for equipment malfunctions or human errors that could cause an accidental release as required by 40 CFR 68.50(a)(2);

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 **\$1,440**.

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 appeal this ESA or otherwise contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

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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.

Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of **\$1,440**. Respondent's payment shall be made by sending a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$1,440**, 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  
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

**The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA must be included on the check.** 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 S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Deanne Grant  
U. S. EPA, Region 4  
EPCRA Enforcement Section  
61 Forsyth Street S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

The penalty specified in this ESA shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of State or Federal taxes.

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.

Caron B. Falconer  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street 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:

Ray Hardin

Date: 11/21/13

Name (print): RAY HARDIN

Title (print): GENERAL MANAGER  
Decatur Utilities

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Carol L. Kemker

Date: 12-5-13

Carol L. Kemker, Acting Director  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics  
Management Division

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

Susan B. Schub

Date: 1/19/14

Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

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 Decatur Utilities, CAA-04-2013-8008(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

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

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Ellen Rouch  
U. S. EPA, Region 4  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Ray Hardin  
Decatur Utilities  
1002 Central Parkway Southwest  
Decatur, Alabama 35609

(Via Certified Mail -  
Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 1-15-14



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
United States Environmental  
Protection Agency, Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-9511