

EPA ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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Case Docket Number EPCRA-01-2011-0035

Site-specific Superfund (SF) Acct. Number _____

This is an original debt This is a modification

Name and address of Person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment:

John R. Hess & Company, Inc.
400 Station Street
Cranston, RI 02910

Total Dollar Amount of Receivable \$ 23,400 Due Date: 10/16/11

SEP due? Yes _____ No Date Due _____

Installment Method (if applicable)

INSTALLMENTS OF:
1ST \$ _____ on _____
2nd \$ _____ on _____
3rd \$ _____ on _____
4th \$ _____ on _____
5th \$ _____ on _____

For RHC Tracking Purposes:

Copy of Check Received by RHC _____ Notice Sent to Finance _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number _____

If you have any questions call: _____
in the Financial Management Office Phone Number _____



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

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September 16, 2011

Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

BY HAND

Re: In the Matter of John R. Hess & Company, Inc.
EPCRA-01-2011-0035

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced action, please find the original and one copy of a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) settling the matter referenced above pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) and the certificate of service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Maximilian Boal
Enforcement Counsel

Enclosure

cc: John R. Hess III, CEO of John R. Hess & Company, Inc.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1
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In the Matter of:)

John R. Hess & Company, Inc.)
400 Station Street)
Cranston, RI 02910)

Respondent.)

Docket No. EPCRA-01-2011-0035

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), having filed the Complaint herein against Respondent, John R. Hess & Company, Inc., the Parties herein; and

Complainant and Respondent having agreed that settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that entry of this Consent Agreement and Final Order without further litigation is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, before the taking of any testimony, upon the pleading, without adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and upon consent and agreement of the Parties, it is hereby Ordered and Adjudged as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. EPA initiated this proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty of thirty-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$33,400), pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, found at 40 C.F.R. Part 372.

2. The Complaint alleges that Respondent violated Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and the regulations concerning the submission of toxic release inventory ("TRI") forms

for certain glycol ethers, ethylene glycol, and N-methyl 2-pyrrolidone manufactured, processed, or otherwise used at Respondent's facility located in Cranston, RI in quantities equal to or greater than the threshold amounts established for these chemicals at 40 C.F.R. § 372.25.

3. The provisions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall apply to and be binding on the Parties, their officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns.

4. Respondent stipulates that EPA has jurisdiction over the subject matter alleged in the Complaint and that the Complaint states a claim upon which relief can be granted against Respondent. Respondent waives any defenses it might have as to jurisdiction and venue and, without admitting or denying the factual and legal allegations contained in the Complaint, consents to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

5. Respondent hereby waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing on any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint and waives its right to appeal the Final Order.

II. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

6. Respondent has demonstrated to the satisfaction of EPA that it has complied with the reporting requirements that formed the basis of Counts I through V of the Complaint.

7. Respondent hereby certifies that the facility is presently in compliance with all applicable requirements of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11001 to 11050, including, but not limited to, Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023.

8. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §11045(c), and taking into account the nature of the violations, Respondent's cooperative attitude, and other relevant factors, EPA

has determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is in the amount of twenty-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$23,400).

9. Without admitting or denying the facts and allegations contained in the Complaint, Respondent consents to the issuance of the Consent Agreement and Final Order hereinafter recited and consents for purposes of settlement to the payment of the civil penalty cited in the foregoing paragraph.

10. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Order, Respondent shall submit a cashier's or certified check, to the order of the "Treasurer, United States of America," in the amount of twenty-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$23,400), to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Respondent shall provide copies of the check to:

Regional Hearing Clerk (Mail Code ORA18-1)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

and

Maximilian Boal
Enforcement Counsel (Mail Code OES04-2)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

11. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. In the event that the civil penalty is not paid when due, the penalty shall be payable, plus accrued interest, without demand. Interest shall be payable at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2) and shall accrue from the original date on which the penalty was due to the date of payment. In addition, a penalty charge of six percent per year will be assessed on any portion of the debt which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due. However, should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it will be assessed as of the first day payment is due under 31 C.F.R. §901.9(d).

12. All penalties, interest, and charges payable pursuant to this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

13. Respondent shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees in connection with the action resolved by this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

14. This Consent Agreement and Final Order constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA for the violations of EPCRA alleged in the Complaint. Compliance with this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall not be a defense to any actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is the responsibility of Respondent to comply with such laws and regulations.

15. This Consent Agreement and Final Order in no way relieves Respondent or its employees of any criminal liability. Nothing in the Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be construed to limit the authority of the United States to undertake any action against Respondent in response to conditions that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, welfare, or the environment.

16. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to execute and legally bind that party to it.

17. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date is the date on which this Consent Agreement and Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

For Complainant:



Joanna Jerison
Legal Enforcement Manager
Office of Environmental Stewardship
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region I

Date:

9/13/11

For Respondent:



John R. Hess III, CEO
John R. Hess & Company, Inc.

Date:

August 31, 2011

III. FINAL ORDER

The foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the above Consent Agreement, effective on the date it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date: September 14, 2011

Jill T. Metcalf
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Acting Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I

