



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

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Mr. David Mefford
EHS Manager
Preferred Compounding Corp.
1020 Lambert Street
Barberton, Ohio 44203

Re: Preferred Compounding Corp.- Tallapoosa, Georgia and Huntingdon, Tennessee
Consent Agreement and Final Order
Docket No. EPCRA-04-2018-2014(b)

Dear Mr. Mefford:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

To ensure proper processing, the Respondent's Name and Docket Number for this case, identified above and in the CAFO, should be noted on any cashier's or certified check submitted in payment of the penalty.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter or Preferred Compounding Corp.'s compliance status in the future, please contact Eddie Chow of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AT", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Anthony G. Toney
Chief
Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IV**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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 Preferred Compounding Corp.)
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 Respondent.)
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Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2018-2014(b)

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region IV, United States Environmental Protection Agency EPA. Respondent is Preferred Compounding Corp.

2. The authority to take action under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, is vested in the Administrator of the EPA. The Administrator of the EPA has delegated this authority under EPCRA to the Regional Administrators by the EPA's Delegation 22-3-A, dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region IV, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by the EPA Region IV Delegation 22-3-A, dated November 8, 1994. Pursuant to that delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.

3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

4. Respondent is Preferred Compounding Corp., a corporation doing business in the States of Georgia and Tennessee.

5. Respondent is a “person” and is the owner and operator of a “facility” as those terms are defined by Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7), and Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4), respectively.

6. Respondent’s facilities are located at 101 Stoffel Drive, in Tallapoosa, Georgia (Tallapoosa facility) and at 55 Associated Way, in Huntingdon, Tennessee (Huntingdon facility).

III. EPA’s Allegations of Violations

Violation of Section 313 of EPCRA

7. Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.22 and 372.30, require the owner or operator of a facility that (a) has 10 or more full-time employees; (b) is in a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) major group or industry listed in 40 C.F.R. § 372.23(a) for which the corresponding North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) subsector and industry codes are listed in 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.23(b) and 372.23(c); and (c) manufactured, processed, or otherwise used a toxic chemical listed in Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in excess of an applicable threshold quantity established under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, during the calendar year, to complete and submit a toxic chemical release inventory reporting Form R (EPA Form 9350-1) to the Administrator of the EPA and to the State in which the facility is located, by July 1 for the preceding calendar year for each toxic chemical known by the owner or operator to be manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in quantities exceeding the established threshold quantity during the preceding calendar year.

8. As set forth under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, the reporting threshold amount for a toxic chemical manufactured or processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds per calendar year. The reporting threshold for a toxic chemical otherwise used at a facility is 10,000 pounds. Notwithstanding 40 C.F.R. § 372.25 or 40 C.F.R. § 372.27, lower reporting thresholds for chemicals of special concern are set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.28.

9. Respondent has 10 or more full-time employees, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, at each of its facilities.

10. Respondent’s facilities are classified under SIC code 3069 and under the NAICS Code 326299.

11. Respondent’s facilities are classified in a covered SIC code as described at 40 C.F.R. § 372.22 and in a covered NAICS code as described at 40 C.F.R. § 372.23.

12. Zinc compounds and lead compounds are toxic chemicals listed under Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c), and listed under 40 C.F.R. § 372.65.

13. Respondent’s Tallapoosa facility processed zinc compounds in excess of the 25,000-pound threshold quantity for the chemical established under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, during calendar year 2015. Respondent’s

Huntingdon facility processed zinc compounds in excess of the 25,000-pound threshold established under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, and lead compounds in excess of the 100 pound threshold quantity for the chemical established under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f), and 40 C.F.R. § 372.28 during calendar year 2015.

14. Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 313 of EPCRA at its Tallapoosa facility by failing to submit the required Form R for zinc compounds and at its Huntingdon facility by failing to submit the required Form R for zinc compounds and lead compounds for calendar year 2015, by July 1 of the following year and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

15. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the EPA may assess a civil penalty for each violation of Section 313. Each day a violation of Section 313 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

Violations of Section 312 of EPCRA

16. Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 370, provide that the owner or operator of a facility that is required to prepare or have available a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for hazardous chemicals under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and regulations promulgated under that Act shall submit to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and the fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, on or before March 1 annually, a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II), as described in 40 C.F.R. Part 370, containing the information required by that part for hazardous chemicals present at the facility at any one time in the calendar year in amounts equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds and containing the information required by that Part for extremely hazardous substances (EHS) present at the facility at any one time in amounts equal to or greater than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) or 500 pounds, whichever is less. In 2012, the applicable OSHA regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200(g) was revised to change the name of Material Data Safety Sheet (MSDS) to Safety Data Sheet (SDS). The pertinent EPCRA regulation found at 40 C.F.R. § 370.30(a)(1) requires that either an MSDS or SDS be submitted, or that a list of chemicals be submitted to the LEPC, SERC and fire department.

17. At some time during calendar years 2015 and 2014, zinc oxide was present at the Tallapoosa facility in an amount equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds.

18. Zinc oxide is a “hazardous chemical” as defined by Section 329(5) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(5), for which Respondent is required to prepare or have available an MSDS or SDS under OSHA at its facility.

19. Respondent failed to submit a completed Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form for zinc oxide to the SERC, the LEPC, and fire department with jurisdiction over the facility for calendar years 2015 and 2014, by March 1 of the following year.

20. The EPA alleges that Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, at its facility for calendar years 2015 and 2014, and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045:

21. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the EPA may assess a civil penalty for each violation of Section 312. Each day a violation of Section 312 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by an Administrative Order.

IV. Consent Agreement

22. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

23. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the Consent Agreement.

24. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

25. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of EPCRA.

26. Respondent has agreed to undertake and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in accordance with Section VI of this CAFO.

27. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), compliance with this CAFO only resolves Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the allegations in Section III of this CAFO and does not affect the right of the EPA or U.S. to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. This CAFO does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of EPCRA or other applicable laws and regulations.

V. Final Order

28. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **SIXTEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$16,343)** for the violations alleged in Section III above. Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

29. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to: "Treasurer, United States of America," or by electronic transfer to one of the following addresses:

BY MAIL

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

BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
(314) 425-1819

BY ELECTRONIC TRANSFER*

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account = 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, New York 10045
Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

*Note: Foreign banks **must** use a United States Bank to send a wire transfer to the U. S. EPA.

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

30. 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 CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

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

Eddie Chow
U.S. EPA Region 4
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

31. For the purposes of state and federal income taxes, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.

VI. Supplemental Environmental Project

32. Respondent shall complete a SEP at each of the two facilities in the category of a Pollution Reduction project designed to reduce pollution by employing recycling, treatment, containment or disposal techniques at the facility (hereinafter referred to as the SEP):

a. Tallapoosa Facility

- i. Respondent must install a passive treatment system to treat storm water runoff. The system will include the following pods:
 - Sand filtering
 - Activated Carbon
 - Organic mulch
 - Rain-garden
 - Oil-water separator
- ii. Respondent's total expenditure for purchase and installation of the above equipment shall not be less than **THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$34,000)**.
- iii. Respondent must complete the installation of the passive treatment system within 90 days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- iv. Respondent has represented in the SEP Proposal that installation and operation of the passive treatment system is expected to result in an estimated reduction of 8.36 pounds of zinc per year from the storm water runoff at the facility.

b. Huntingdon Facility

- i. Respondent must install a dust collection system to reduce zinc exposure in the work area and to reduce fugitive zinc emissions. The system will include the following equipment:
 - Donaldson DFE 3-18
 - Donaldson TBI 30 or Equivalent
 - Rotary Airlock
 - KB No-Return Isolation Valve
 - KB Control Panel
 - Custom Electrical Control Panel
 - Duct Work
 - Donaldson DWS 6-1
- ii. Respondent's total expenditure for purchase and installation of the above equipment shall not be less than **NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$98,725)**.

- iii. Respondent must complete the installation of the dust collection system within 90 days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- iv. Respondent has represented in the SEP Proposal that installation and operation of the dust collection system is expected to result in the following estimated zinc dust reduction:
 - Floor-Sweep Dumping Station – 95-98%
 - New Dust Collector Install – 22.5%
 - Line 4 Hood Install – 95-98%
 - Scale Hood Optimization – 98%
 - Mixer Hood Optimization – 70%

33. This CAFO shall not be construed to constitute the EPA's endorsement of any product, equipment, technology or service purchased by the Respondent in connection with the SEPs.

34. With regard to the SEPs, Respondent certifies the truth and accuracy of each of the following:

- a. That all cost information provided to the EPA in connection with the EPA's approval of the SEPs is complete and accurate and that Respondent in good faith estimates that the cost to implement the Tallapoosa facility SEP is **\$34,000** and the cost to implement the Huntingdon facility SEP is **\$98,725**;
- b. That, as of the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent is not required to perform or develop the SEPs by any federal, state or local law, regulation, permit, order or agreement and is not required to perform or develop the SEPs by agreement, grant or as injunctive relief awarded in any other action in any forum;
- c. That the SEPs are not projects the Respondent was planning or intending to construct, perform or implement other than in settlement of the claim resolved in this CAFO;
- d. That Respondent has not received and will not receive credit for the SEPs in any other enforcement action of any kind;
- e. That Respondent will not receive reimbursement for any portion of the SEPs from another person or entity;
- f. That for federal income tax purposes, Respondent agrees it will neither capitalize into inventory or basis nor deduct any costs or expenditures incurred in performing the SEPs;
- g. That Respondent is not a party to any open federal financial assistance transaction that is funding or could fund the same activity as the SEPs;

35. Respondent agrees that any public statement, oral or written, in print film or other media made by Respondent making any reference to the SEPs under this CAFO from the effective date of this CAFO shall include the following language:

“This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violations of Sections 312 and 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).”

36. Respondent shall complete and submit a SEP Completion Report for each of the SEPs under this CAFO as follows:

- a. The SEP Completion Report shall include the following:
 - i. An affidavit from an authorized company official, certifying that the SEP has been completed or explaining in detail any failure to complete, and
 - ii. Copies of appropriate documentation, including invoices and receipts, showing that Respondent’s total expenditure for the SEP was no less than the minimum total expenditure required above.
- b. The SEP Completion Report shall be submitted to the EPA within a hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this CAFO to the following:

Eddie Chow
U.S. EPA Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

37. Upon request, Respondent shall send the EPA any additional documentation requested by the EPA.

38. Within 6 months after the completion of the SEP, Respondent shall submit to the individual identified in paragraph 36, section b, an Emissions Reduction Report documenting the reduction in zinc emissions as a result of performing the Tallapoosa facility SEP and a Dust Reduction Report documenting the reduction in zinc dust as a result of performing the Huntingdon facility SEP. Each report shall include summaries of testing, sampling and monitoring results of zinc oxide emissions and zinc dust collection that are expected to be reduced by each system, and shall compare pre-installation results to post-installation results. Failure of Respondent to satisfactorily demonstrate substantial achievement of estimated pollution reduction stated in paragraph 32, sections a.iv. and b.iv. shall be considered a failure to completely and fully complete the SEPs, and Respondent shall be required to pay a stipulated penalty pursuant to paragraph 39, section (c), irrespective of the amount of money the Respondent has spent.

39. Respondent agrees that in order to receive credit for the SEPs, Respondent must fully and timely complete the SEPs in accordance with and as indicated in this CAFO. In the

event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the terms or provisions of the CAFO relating to the performance of the SEPs, Respondent shall be liable for stipulated penalties according to the provisions set forth below:

- a. If Respondent fails to spend the minimum amounts of **THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$34,000)**, and **NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$98,725)** on the aforementioned SEPs, Respondent shall pay to the United States, a stipulated penalty of the difference between the minimum amount noted above and the respective actual SEP expenditures.
- b. If Respondent fails to timely submit the SEP Completion Reports as required by this CAFO, Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty of **\$100** for each calendar day that the report is late.
- c. If Respondent fails to achieve the expected reductions of pollution emissions as specified in paragraph 32, at either facility Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty as set forth below for each facility that fails to achieve the pollutant reductions:
 - i. For the Tallapoosa facility: **TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$21,956)**;
 - ii. For the Huntingdon facility: **TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$27,073)**.
- d. The United States may, in the unreviewable exercise of its discretion, reduce or waive stipulated penalties otherwise due under this CAFO.

40. The determination as to whether Respondent has fully and timely completed the SEP shall be in the sole discretion of the EPA.

41. Respondent shall pay any stipulated penalties that accrue under this CAFO within 15 calendar days of the receipt by Respondent of written demand from the EPA for such penalties. Such penalties shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth in the written demand from the EPA.

VII. Other Provisions

42. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, the 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. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the effective date of this CAFO if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and

attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.

43. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

44. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors, and assigns.

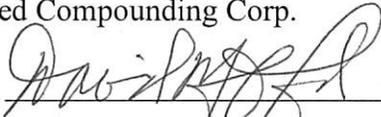
45. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

VIII. Effective Date

46. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date upon which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

Preferred Compounding Corp.

By:  (Signed) Date: 11/21/2018

Name: DAVID METFORD (Typed or Printed)

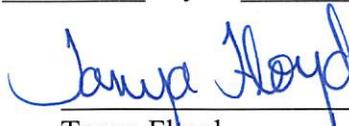
Title: EHS MANAGER (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 12/7/18

Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 17th day of December, 2018.


Tanya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

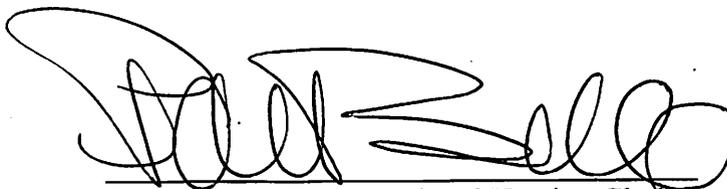
I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing
Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Preferred Compounding Corp., Docket
Number: EPCRA-04-2018-2014(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Robert W. Bookman (Via EPA's internal mail)
U.S. EPA Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W/
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Robert Caplan (Via EPA's internal mail)
Senior Attorney
U.S. EPA Region 4
Office of Regional Counsel
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Mr. David Mefford (Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested)
EHS Manager
Preferred Compounding Corp.
1020 Lambert Street
Barberton, Ohio 44203

Date: 12-18-18



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