

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Sam Pitts Lead Operator/Safety Coordinator Northport Water Treatment Plant City of Northport, Alabama 11405 Lary Lake Road Northport, Alabama 35475

> Re: City of Northport, Alabama Expedited Settlement Agreement CAA-04-2016-8013(b)

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2016-8013(b)) involving the City of Northport, Alabama. 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 \$1,560 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
Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

For payment sent via Standard Delivery U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000; or

For payment sent for Signed Receipt Confirmation (FedEx, DSL, UPS, USPS Certified, Registered, etc.)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Government Lockbox 979077 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Delivery Location Phone Number: 314-425-1819.

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

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

Saundi Wilson Office of Regional Counsel U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

If you need additional information in this matter, please call Jordan Noles at (404) 562-9105.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Bookma

Chief

Chemical Management and Emergency

Planning Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2016-8013(b)

This ESA is issued to: City of Northport, Alabama

11405 Lary Lake Road Northport, Alabama 35475

for violating 40 CFR § 68.30(c), 40 CFR § 68.48(c), 40 CFR § 68.50(c), 40 CFR § 68.54(b), 40 CFR 68.90(b)(1), 40 CFR 68.90(b)(3) 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 the City of Northport, Alabama (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 11405 Lary Lake Road, Northport, Alabama 35475, on March 5, 2015, 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 used the most recent Census data, or other updated information, to estimate the population potentially affected as required by 40 CFR § 68.30(c);

It updated the safety information when a major changed occurred that made the information inaccurate as required by 40 CFR § 68.48(c);

It documented the results of the hazard review and ensured that the problems identified were resolved in a timely manner as required by 40 CFR § 68.50(c);

It provided refresher training at least every three years to each employee operating a process to ensure that the employee understands and adheres to the current operating procedures of the process as required by 40 CFR § 68.54(b);

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith efforts to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the

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parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of \$1,560.

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.

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 \$1,560. 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 \$1,560, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses or via wire transfer:

For payment sent via electronic transfer

For payment by wire transfer, in lieu of a cashier's check or certified check, if desired, should be directed to the <u>Federal</u> Reserve Bank of New York using the following information:

ABA: 021030004 Account: 68010727

SWIFT address: FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

The wire transfer instructions shall reference the Respondent's name and Docket Number of this ESA.

For payment sent via Standard Delivery U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent for Signed Receipt Confirmation (FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS Certified, Registered, etc.)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza

SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101 Delivery Location Phone Number: 314-425-1819

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on the check</u>. 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 Regional Counsel 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

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

Jordan Noles
U.S. EPA Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency
Planning 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 violations 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.

The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Robert W. Bookman U.S. EPA Region 4 Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-9169. This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:	
Mull -	Date: 6/10/16
Name (print): CHARLES T. SWAYN	/ (
Title (print): CITY ADMINISTRATOR City of Northport, Alabama	
FOR COMPLAINANT:	
Carol L. Kemker Acting Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division	Date: 7/7/16
I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It	is so ORDERED.
Tanya Floyd	Date: July 18, 2016
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 the City of Northport, AL, CAA-04-2016-8013(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Robert W. Bookman U. S. EPA, Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Michiko Kono U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Regional Counsel 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Sam Pitts City of Northport, AL 11405 Lary Lake Road Northport, AL 35475 (Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 7-19-16

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