

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202-2733

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)

Docket No: CAA 06-2018-3301

This Complaint is issued to: **Monument Chemical, LLC.**

At: **16717 Jacintoport Blvd, Houston, Texas, 77015**

For: **Violating 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 6, by its duly delegated official, the Director, Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division, and by Respondent pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). On August 13, 2003, EPA obtained the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice, pursuant to Section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), to pursue this administrative enforcement action.

From December 5-7, 2016, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a compliance inspection of the subject facility (Respondent) to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the Act. EPA found that the Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 112(r) of the Act by failing to comply with the regulations as noted on the Alleged Violations and Proposed Penalty Sheet ("FORM"), which is attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of the factors set forth in Section 113(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), including Respondent's size of business, 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 violations, described in the attached FORM for the total penalty amount of \$3,000. This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent by signing below waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, 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. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed in the attached FORM and has sent a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of \$3,000.00 in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

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

The DOCKET NUMBER OF THIS EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT must be included on the certified check. (The DOCKET NUMBER is located at the top left corner of this Expedited Settlement Agreement.)
This original Settlement Agreement and a copy of the certified check must be sent by certified mail to:

Carlos Flores
Enforcement Officer
Chemical Accident Investigation Section (6EN-AS)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

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Respondent's full payment of the penalty as provided in this Settlement Agreement shall resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in the above Form. EPA does not waive any enforcement action by EPA for any other past, present, or future violations under the Act or any other statute.

If the Settlement Agreement with an attached copy of the certified check is not returned to the EPA Region 6 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of the receipt of this Settlement Agreement, the Complaint and Expedited Settlement Agreement is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file additional enforcement actions for the violations identified in this Settlement Agreement.

Respondent has the right to request a hearing on any material fact or on the appropriateness of the penalty contained in this Complaint pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.14. Upon signing and returning of this Settlement Agreement to EPA, the Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A).

This Settlement Agreement is binding on the EPA and the Respondent signing below. By signing below, the Respondent waives any objections to EPA's jurisdiction with respect to the Settlement Agreement and consents to EPA's approval of this Settlement Agreement without further notice. This Settlement Agreement is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

SIGNATURE BY RESPONDENT:

Signature: Richard A. Cairns
Name (print): Richard A. Cairns
Title (print): VP of Operations
Cost of Corrective Actions: 0

Date: 12/13/17

SIGNATURE BY EPA:

[Signature]
Cheryl T. Seager
Director
Compliance Assurance and
Enforcement Division

Date: 1/8/18

It is so ORDERED. This Order shall become effective upon filing of the fully executed Complaint and Expedited Settlement Agreement with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

[Signature]
Regional Judicial Officer
Thomas Rucki

Date: 1/17/18

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original and one copy of the foregoing "Expedited Settlement Agreement", issued pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), was filed on January 10, 2018, with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733. On the same date a copy of the same was sent to the following, in the manner specified below:

Name: Mr. Jeffrey Jack
Title: Process Safety Engineer
Address: 16717 Jacintoport Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos B. Flores', written over a horizontal line.

Carlos B. Flores
U.S. EPA Region 6
Chemical Accident Enforcement Section