



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, Seattle, Washington 98101
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Construction Stormwater Violations

Docket Number: CWA-10-2025-0106, NPDES No. WAR305872
Penalty Amount: \$3,000, Inspection Date: January 14, 2025

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Granite Three, LLC ("Respondent") is a "person," within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

Attached is an "Expedited Settlement Offer Worksheet" ("Settlement Worksheet"), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for the alleged violations specified in the Settlement Worksheet.

Respondent failed to comply with the condition(s) or limitation(s) of a duly issued permit pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, and Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over any "person" who "discharges pollutants" from a "point source" to "waters of the United States." Respondent neither admits nor denies the alleged violations specified in the Settlement Worksheet or this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement").

This Agreement constitutes a Consent Agreement and Final Order, which EPA is authorized to enter under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of \$3,000. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s) specified in the Settlement Worksheet; (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8). By signing this Agreement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of the final order accompanying the Agreement. Respondent also agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees related to this Agreement.

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that the alleged violations identified in the Settlement Worksheet have been corrected. Respondent shall submit a written report and other documentation with this Agreement detailing the specific actions taken to correct the alleged violations cited herein.

This documentation may include monitoring, inspection and maintenance reports, documentation of corrective actions,

certification records, and other records required for compliance with permit documentation and recordkeeping conditions.

Respondent certifies that, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Final Order, Respondent will submit electronic payment via www.pay.gov or submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 10
Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center
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P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Respondent agrees that consistent with section 162(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(1), it will not deduct the penalties paid under this Agreement for federal tax purposes.

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the alleged Clean Water Act violation(s) specified in this Agreement. EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected alleged violation(s) described in the Settlement Worksheet. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

Prior to requesting that an EPA Regional Judicial Officer issue the Final Order, EPA will provide a copy of the Agreement to the state of Washington for the purposes of consultation with Washington on the appropriateness of this Agreement. EPA will also provide public notice of this Agreement and a reasonable opportunity for public comment on it. EPA will address any comments on the Agreement in accordance with section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and 40 CFR §§ 22.38 and 22.45.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes effective when the Final Order is executed and filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b).

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Rob Hinton

Title (print): Member

Signature: Rob Hinton Date: 6/23/25

APPROVED BY EPA:

Edward J. Kowalski, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

More than 40 days have elapsed since providing the Agreement to Washington and the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(1) and (4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1) and (4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

Vanessa Oquendo, Case Officer
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law,
IT IS SO ORDERED:

Regional Judicial Officer
Region 10
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency