

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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

JAN 1 2 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Matt Alvey Water Technical Services Engineer Owensboro Municipal Utilities 1531 East Fourth Street Owensboro, Kentucky 42303

Re:

Owensboro Municipal Utilities Expedited Settlement Agreement

CAA-04-2015-8001(b)

Dear Mr. Alvey:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2015-8001(b)) involving Owensboro Municipal Utilities. 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. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Bookman

Chief

Chemical Management and Emergency

Planning Section

Enclosure

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2015-8001(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to: Owensboro Municipal Utilities

1531 East Fourth Street Owensboro, Kentucky 42303

for violating 40 CFR §§ 68.79, 68.87, and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

HEARING CLERK

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 Owensboro Municipal Utilities (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 1531 East Fourth Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42303, on May 21, 2014, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, when at the time of inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It certified that it evaluated compliance with the provisions of the prevention program at least every three years to verify that the developed procedures and practices are adequate and being followed as required by 40 CFR § 68.79(a);

It informed contract owner or operator of the known potential fire, explosion, or toxic release hazards related to the contractor's work and the process as required by 40 CFR § 68.87(b)(2);

It explained to the contract owner or operator the applicable provisions of the emergency response or the emergency action program as required by 40 CFR § 68.87(b)(3);

It periodically evaluated the performance of the contract owner or operator in fulfilling their obligations as required by 40 CFR § 68.87(b)(5).

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

parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of \$1,980.

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 \$1,980. 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 \$1,980, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 418-1818

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:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Deanne Grant
U. S. EPA, Region 4
EPCRA Enforcement 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 Bookman U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-9169.

THIS SECTION INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:
T. P. Tfauth Date: 10/20/15
Name (print): Terrunce P. Naulty
Title (print):beneral Manager / CEO Owensboro Municipal Utilities
FOR COMPLAINANT:
Carol R. Kemker for Date: 12/11/15 Beverly H. Banister Director
Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division
I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.
Tanya Floyd Regional Judicial Officer Date: January 11, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Owensboro Municipal Utilities, CAA-04-2015-8001(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)

Ellen Rouch U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Matt Alvey Owensboro Municipal Utilities 1531 East Fourth Street Owensboro, KY 42303 (Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

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