

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u> Article Number: 7015 1520 0002 8556 5864

Ms. Valencia Gooden, Owner Heath's Home Remodeling 1049 Princess Avenue Camden, NJ 08104

Re: Heath's Home Remodeling, Docket No. TSCA-02-2016-9168

Dear Ms. Gooden:

Enclosed is a fully executed copy of the Administrative Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the above-referenced proceeding, signed by the Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2.

Please contact Demian P. Ellis at (732) 321-6661, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Gorman, Chief Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosure

In the Matter of Heath's Home Remodeling Docket Number TSCA-02-2016-9168

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the  $17^{44}$  day of May 2016, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing fully executed Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2016-9168, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Ms. Valencia Gooden, Owner Heath's Home Remodeling 1049 Princess Avenue Camden, NJ 08104

On the same date, I mailed via EPA internal mail to the Region 2 Regional Hearing Clerk at 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007 the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order.

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Heath's Home Remodeling, Respondent. Docket No. TSCA-02-2016-9168

# EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

# EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") alleges Heath's Home Remodeling, ("Respondent" or "Heath's Home Remodeling") failed to comply with Sections 402, 406 and 407 of the U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2682, 2686 and 2687 respectively.
- 2. Respondent conducted a residential renovation or repairs at a property located at: 141 **Patricia Avenue, Delran, NJ 08075** in June 2014.
- 3. The aforementioned residential housing property in paragraph 2, above, was constructed prior to 1978 and is target housing<sup>1</sup> subject to the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule.
- 4. Respondent was required to obtain from the owner of the building, a written acknowledgement that the owner received the pamphlet (Renovate Right), as required by 40 CFR § 745.84(a)(1), at the residential housing property it renovated in June 2014, as described in paragraph 2. Respondent did not do this.
- 5. Respondent was required to maintain records necessary to document compliance with the work practice standards of the Residential Property Renovation regulations as required by 40 C.F.R. § 745.86 at the residential housing property it renovated in June 2014 as described in paragraph 2, above. Respondent did not do this.
- 6. EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of \$400 (four hundred dollars) is in the public interest.
- 7. EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2).
- 8. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to the Residential Property Renovation requirements (40 C.F.R. § 745, Subpart E); (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as described in paragraphs 4 and 5, above; (3) neither admits nor denies the factual finding contained

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Target Housing is defined in TSCA Section 401 as any housing constructed before 1978, <u>except for</u>: 1) housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities (unless a child less than six years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing); and 2) any zero-bedroom dwelling.

therein; (4) consents to the assessment of the penalty; and (5) waives any right to contest the findings contained herein.

- 9. By its signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the violations described in paragraphs 4 and 5, above, have been corrected; and (2) Respondent is submitting proof of payment of the civil penalty with this agreement.
- 10. The civil penalty of \$400 (four hundred dollars) has been paid in accordance with the Instructions for Making a Payment that was provided to the Respondent.
- 11. Upon the effective date of this Agreement, payment of the civil penalty shall constitute full settlement of the civil claims cited herein. Respondent will also provide, if it has not already done so, within thirty days a written statement outlining actions taken to correct the violations cited above.
- 12. No portion of the civil penalty or interest paid by Respondent pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement shall be claimed by Respondent as a deduction for federal, state, or local income tax purposes.
- 13. EPA reserves all of its rights to take enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of TSCA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
- 14. Upon signing and returning this Agreement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to TSCA or 40 C.F.R. Part 22.
- 15. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
- 16. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

## IT IS SO AGREED, HEATH'S HOME REMODELING

Name (print): Valencia Gooder
Title (print): Dunch
Signature: Val
APPROVED BY EPA:
Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Date <u>4-21-16</u>

Date MAT 10, 2016

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#### FINAL ORDER

The Regional Judicial Officer of EPA, Region 2, concurs in the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement in the case of In the Matter of Heath's Home Remodeling, bearing Docket No. TSCA-02-2016-9168. Said Expedited Settlement Agreement, having been duly accepted and entered into by the parties, is hereby ratified, incorporated into and issued as this Final Order, which shall become effective when filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2. 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b). This Final Order is being entered pursuant to the authority of 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3) and shall constitute an order issued under authority of Section 16(a) of TSCA 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a).

DATED: May 12, 2016 New York, New York

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Helen Ferrara Regional Judicial Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 2 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007-1866