

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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

Mr. Michael Trusty Senior Director of Compliance and Safety Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 601 North Walton Boulevard Bentonville, Arkansas 72716

> Re: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Consent Agreement and Final Order CAA-04-2016-8003(b)

Dear Mr. Trusty:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2016-8003(b)) involving Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 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 \$1,500 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 Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2-GL 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

Deanne Grant
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.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you need additional information in this matter, please call Deanne Grant at (404) 562-9291.

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Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

### EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

**DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2016-8003(b)** 

This ESA is issued to: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

3701 Russell Dyche Memorial Highway

London, Kentucky 40741

for violating 40 CFR § 68.65 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 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (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 3701 Russell Dyche Memorial Highway, London Kentucky 40741, on January 28, 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 documented that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2).

#### **SETTLEMENT**

In consideration of Respondent's size, 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 cited above, for the total penalty amount of \$1,500.

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.

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Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500. 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 \$1,500, 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 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
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

Deanne Grant
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, the EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced in this ESA. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

The following individual represents the 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.

Name (print): Michael H. Trusty

Title (print): Sr. Director
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

By: Apol J. Romby Jan Date: 11 (22/16)

Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Tanya Floyd

Regional Judicial Officer

Director

FOR RESPONDENT:

Date: December 6, 2016

## **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 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., CAA-04-2016-8003(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

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

Ellen Rouch U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Regional Counsel 61 Forsyth Street, S.W Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Michael Trusty Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 601 North Walton Boulevard Bentonville, Arkansas 72716 (Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 12-08-16

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