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CertaPro Main Line Painters)	
24 N. Bryn Mawr Ave. #208)	
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010)	Docket No.: TSCA-03-2015-0180
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RESPONDENT)	
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)	Proceeding Under Section 16(a) of the
)	Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C.
)	Section 2615(a)
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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement is entered into by the Director for the Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (“Complainant”) and CertaPro Main Line Painters (“CertaPro” or “Respondent”) pursuant to Sections 16(a) and 409 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (“TSCA”), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615(a) and 2689, and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits (“Consolidated Rules of Practice”), 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (with specific reference to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3)).

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT AND STIPULATIONS

1. The violations cited herein pertain to the Respondent’s alleged failure, during the performance of a renovation for compensation on certain pre-1978 housing, to comply with the Lead; Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (commonly known as the “RRP Rule”), set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E.
2. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and .18(b)(2) and (3) of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice*, Complainant hereby simultaneously commences and resolves, as part of the settlement set forth herein, EPA’s civil claims alleged in Section IV (“Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law”) of this Consent Agreement.

II. JURISDICTION

3. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) has jurisdiction over the above-captioned matter pursuant to Sections 16(a) and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615(a) and 2689, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.1(a)(5) and 22.4 of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice*.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4. For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “CAFO.”
5. Except as provided in Paragraph 4, above, the Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations and legal conclusions set forth in this Consent Agreement.
6. Respondent agrees not to contest the jurisdiction of EPA with respect to the execution of this Consent Agreement, the issuance of the attached Final Order, or the enforcement of this CAFO.
7. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent hereby expressly waives any right to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this Consent Agreement and any right to appeal the accompanying Final Order.
8. Respondent consents to the issuance of this CAFO and agrees to comply with its terms and conditions.
9. Each party to this Consent Agreement shall bear its own costs and attorney’s fees.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and .18(b)(2) and (3) of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice*, Complainant alleges and adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth immediately below.
11. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, the term “firm” means “a company, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship or individual doing business, association or other business entity; a Federal, State, Tribal or local government agency; or a nonprofit organization.”
12. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, the term “renovation” means “the modification of any existing structure, or portion thereof that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces, unless that activity is performed as part of an abatement as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 745.223.”
13. Pursuant to Section 401(17) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2681(17), and 40 C.F.R. § 745.103, the term “target housing” means “any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities (unless any child who is less than 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing) or any 0-bedroom dwelling.”

14. Respondent, at all times relevant to the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement, was a “firm,” who performed a “renovation,” as those terms are defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, at the property located at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave., Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004 (“438 Bryn Mawr Ave.”).
15. 438 Bryn Mawr Ave., referred to above, was constructed prior to 1978 and is “target housing” as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103.
16. Respondent entered into a contract on or around July 3, 2013 with the owner of 438 Bryn Mawr Ave., for the purpose of performing a “renovation for compensation” pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a) at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave.
17. The “renovation performed for compensation” at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave. did not involve a renovation in target housing or a child-occupied facility in which:
 - (1) “a written determination ha[d] been made by an inspector or risk assessor . . . that the components affected by the renovation are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams/per square centimeter . . .,” as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a)(1);
 - (2) “a certified renovator, using an EPA recognized test kit . . ., has tested each component affected by the renovation and determined that the components are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams/per square centimeter . . .,” as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a)(2); or
 - (3) “a certified renovator has collected a paint chip sample from each painted component affected by the renovation and a laboratory recognized by EPA . . . has determined that the samples are free of paint or other surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams/per square centimeter . . .,” as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a)(3).
18. On November 8, 2013, Complainant conducted a visual inspection of the premises at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave., to determine Respondent’s level of compliance with the RRP.
19. On November 20, 2013, Complainant conducted an inspection of Respondent’s business records to further determine Respondent’s level of compliance with the RRP Rule in regards to certain renovation activities performed by Respondent in 2013 in Pennsylvania.

V. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED

Count 1

20. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 19 of this Consent Agreement are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.
21. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1)(i), a firm performing a renovation must provide the owner of the unit with the Renovate Right pamphlet, and either obtain the owner’s written acknowledgement that the owner received the pamphlet, or obtain a certificate of mailing at least 7 days prior to the renovation.

22. At the time of the November 20, 2013 inspection, Respondent did not have the owner of 438 Bryn Mawr Ave.'s acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet or a certificate of mailing sent at least 7 days before the renovation.
23. **Count 1:** Under 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1)(i), failure to either obtain the owner's written acknowledgment that the owner received the pamphlet, or obtain a certificate of mailing at least 7 days prior to the renovation, during the renovation at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave. referred to in Paragraph 16, constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(b) and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count 2

24. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 23 of this Consent Agreement are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.
25. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(1), firms performing renovations must post signs clearly defining the work area and warning occupants and other persons not involved in renovation activities to remain outside of the work area.
26. At the time of the renovations at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave., Respondent had not posted signs clearly defining the work area and warning occupants and other persons not involved in renovation activities to remain outside of the work area in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(1), as observed during the November 8, 2013 inspection.
27. **Count 2:** Under 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(1), Respondent's failure post signs clearly defining the work area and warning occupants and other persons not involved in renovation activities to remain outside of the work area during the renovation of 438 Bryn Mawr Ave. constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(b) and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

Count 3

28. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 27 of this Consent Agreement are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.
29. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C), firms performing renovations must cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris, whichever is greater.
30. At the time of the renovations at 438 Bryn Mawr Ave., Respondent had not covered the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris, whichever is greater, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C), as observed during the November 8, 2013 inspection.

31. **Count 3:** Under 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C), Respondent's failure to cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending 10 feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris, whichever is greater, during the renovation of 438 Bryn Mawr Ave. constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(b) and Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689.

VI. CIVIL PENALTY

32. In settlement of EPA's claims for civil penalties assessable for the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement, Respondent consents to the assessment of a civil penalty in the amount of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Six Dollars (\$7536.00)**, plus any applicable interest, which shall be paid in accordance with the following payment schedule:

Payment	Principal	Interest	Payment Amount
1	\$628.00	\$0.00	\$628.00
2	\$625.25	\$11.71	\$636.96
3	\$625.79	\$5.41	\$631.20
4	\$626.49	\$4.71	\$631.20
5	\$626.87	\$4.33	\$631.20
6	\$627.53	\$3.67	\$631.20
7	\$627.95	\$3.25	\$631.20
8	\$628.49	\$2.71	\$631.20
9	\$629.17	\$2.03	\$631.20
10	\$629.57	\$1.63	\$631.20
11	\$630.15	\$1.05	\$631.20
12	\$630.74	\$0.46	\$631.20
	\$7536.00	\$40.96	\$7576.96

33. The first payment of the civil penalty amount shall become due and payable immediately upon Respondent's receipt of a true and correct copy of this CAFO. If Respondent pays the entire penalty of \$7536.00 within thirty (30) calendar days of the date on which the CAFO is filed with the EPA Regional Hearing Clerk, no interest will be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a)(1).
34. The Parties represent that the settlement terms are reasonable and are based upon EPA's consideration of a number of factors, including the penalty criteria set forth in Section 16(a)(2)(B) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B), *i.e.*, the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations, and with respect to the Respondent's, ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, any history of prior such violations, the degree of culpability, and such other matters as justice may require. These factors were applied to the particular facts and circumstances of this case with specific reference to EPA's *Consolidated Enforcement Response and Penalty Policy for the Pre-Renovation Education*

Rule; Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule; and Lead-Based Paint Activities Rule (“LBP Consolidated ERPP”), dated August 2010, revised April 2013.

35. Payment of the civil penalty amount shall be made by either cashier's check, certified check or electronic wire transfer, in the following manner:

- a. All payments by Respondent shall reference Respondent's name and address, and the Docket Number of this action, *i.e.*, **TSCA-03-2015-0180**;
- b. All checks shall be made payable to “**United States Treasury**”;
- c. All payments made by check and sent by regular mail shall be addressed and mailed to:

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

Primary Contact: Craig Steffen (513) 487-2091
Secondary Contact: Molly Williams (513) 487-2076

- d. All payments made by check and sent by overnight delivery service shall be addressed and mailed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: (314) 418-1818

- e. All payments made by check in any currency drawn on banks with no USA branches shall be addressed for delivery to:

Cincinnati Finance
US EPA, MS-NWD
26 W. M.L. King Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45268-0001

36. Respondent may also pay the amount described in Paragraph 32, above, electronically or on-line as follows:

- a. All payments made by electronic wire transfer shall be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account = 68010727
SWIFT Address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10045

(Field Tag 4200 of the wire transfer message should read:
"D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency")

- b. All electronic payments made through the automated clearinghouse (ACH), also known as Remittance Express (REX), shall be directed to:

US Treasury REX / Cashlink ACH Receiver
ABA = 051036706
Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency
CTX Format Transaction Code 22 - Checking

Physical location of U.S. Treasury facility:
5700 Rivertech Court
Riverdale, MD 20737
Contact: Remittance Express (REX): 1-866-234-5681

- c. On-Line Payment Option:

WWW.PAY.GOV/PAYGOV

Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field. Open and complete the form.

- d. Additional payment guidance is available at:

<http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>

A copy of Respondent's check or a copy of Respondent's electronic transfer shall be sent simultaneously to:

Jennifer J. Nearhood
Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region III (3RC50)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

and

Lydia Guy
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region III (3RC00)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

37. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, EPA is entitled to assess interest and late payment penalties on outstanding debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim, as more fully described below. Accordingly, Respondent's failure to make timely payment or to comply with the conditions in this Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order shall result in the assessment of late payment charges including interest, penalties, and/or administrative costs of handling delinquent debts.
38. The costs of the EPA's administrative handling of overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period the debt is overdue. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Pursuant to Appendix 2 of EPA's *Resources Management Directives - Cash Management*, Chapter 9, EPA will assess a \$15.00 administrative handling charge for administrative costs on unpaid penalties for the first thirty (30) day period after the payment is due and an additional \$15.00 for each subsequent thirty (30) days the penalty remains unpaid.
39. A late penalty payment of six percent (6%) per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the civil penalty which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) calendar days. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). Should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).
40. The Respondent agrees not to deduct for federal tax purposes the civil monetary penalty specified in this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order.

VII. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT

41. The settlement set forth in this CAFO shall constitute full and final satisfaction of all civil claims for penalties which Complainant may have under TSCA for the specific violations alleged in Section IV ("Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law"), above. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any action commenced at any time for any other violation of the federal laws and regulations administered by EPA.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

42. Nothing in this CAFO shall relieve Respondent of the obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

IX. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

43. Respondent certifies to EPA, upon personal investigation and to the best of its knowledge and belief that it currently is complying with applicable provisions of TSCA and 40 C.F.R. Part 745.

X. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

44. This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order resolve only EPA's claims for civil monetary penalties for the specific violations alleged against the Respondent in the

Complaint. EPA reserves the right to commence action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, public welfare, or the environment. In addition, this settlement is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 22.18(c) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c). Further, EPA reserves any rights and remedies available to it under TSCA and any other federal laws or regulations for which EPA has jurisdiction, to enforce the provisions of this CAFO following its filing with the EPA Regional Hearing Clerk.

XI. PARTIES BOUND

45. This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order shall apply to and be binding upon the EPA, the Respondent and the Respondent's successors, agents and assigns.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

46. The effective date of this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order (which is signed by the Regional Administrator of EPA Region III, or his designee, the Regional Judicial Officer), shall be the date the CAFO is filed with the EPA Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice.

XIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

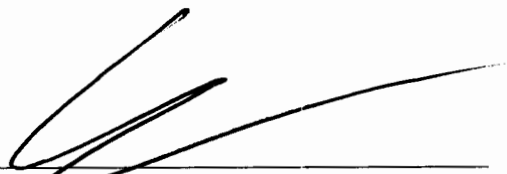
47. This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order constitute the entire agreement and understanding of the parties regarding settlement of all claims pertaining to the specific violations alleged herein and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms, or conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this CAFO.

XIV. EXECUTION

48. The person signing this Consent Agreement on behalf of the Respondent acknowledges and certifies by his signature that he is fully authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and to legally bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order.

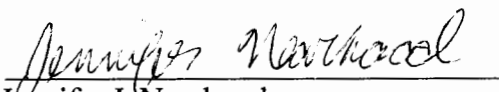
For Respondent:

Date: 6/19/2015

By: 
Chris Drucquer
President
CertaPro Mainline Painters

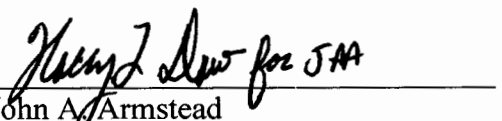
For Complainant:

Date: 6/15/2015

By: 
Jennifer J. Nearhood
Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region III

After reviewing the foregoing Consent Agreement and other pertinent information, the Land and Chemicals Division, EPA Region III, recommends that the Regional Administrator, or his designee the Regional Judicial Officer, issue the Final Order attached hereto.

Date: 6/26/2015

By: 
John A. Armstead
Director, Land and Chemicals Division
U.S. EPA, Region III

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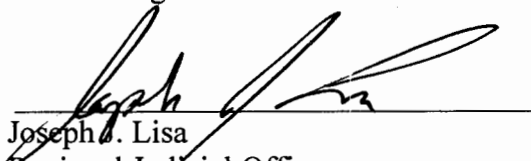
FINAL ORDER

The Complainant, the Director for the Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III and Respondent, CertaPro Main Line Painters, have executed a document entitled, "Consent Agreement" which I hereby ratify as a Consent Agreement in accordance with the *Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits* ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (with specific reference to Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3)). The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are accepted by the undersigned and incorporated into this Final Order as if fully set forth at length herein.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of Section 16 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615, for violations of the Lead; Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program, 40 C.F.R. Part 745, after having determined, based on the representations of the parties to the attached Consent Agreement, that the civil penalty agreed therein was based upon consideration of the factors set forth in Section 16(a)(2)(B) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent pay a civil penalty of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Six Dollars (\$7536.00)**, in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in the attached Consent Agreement, including payment of any applicable interest, and complying with each of the additional terms and conditions as specified in the attached Consent Agreement.

The effective date of this Final Order and the accompanying Consent Agreement is the date on which the CAFO is filed with the EPA Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date: 6-30-2015



Joseph A. Lisa
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA - Region III

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER in the above referenced matter was sent this day in the following manner to the below addressees.

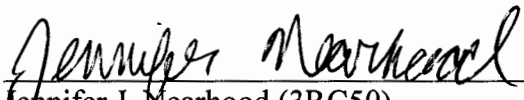
Original and One Copy by Hand-Delivery:

Lydia Guy, Regional Hearing Clerk
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Copy by Certified Mail:

Chris Drucquer, President
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Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

6/30/15
Date


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