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Les Oakes, Esquire  
King & Spalding-LLP  
1180 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3521

Re: DSM Chemicals North America, Inc.  
Consent Agreement and Final Order  
Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2013-2006(b)

Dear Mr. Oakes:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) that resolves the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 matter (Docket No. EPCRA-04-2013-2006(b)) involving your client, DSM Chemicals North America, Inc. The CAFO was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing.

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

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Marlene Tucker at (404) 562-9536.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caron B. Falconer", with a date "02/07" written at the end.

Caron B. Falconer  
Chief  
EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

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America, Inc. )  
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Respondent. )  
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 109 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9609 and Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045 and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is DSM Chemicals North America, Inc.

2. The authority to take action under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609 and Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under CERCLA and under EPCRA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegations 14-31 and 22-3-A, both dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, the authority under CERCLA by EPA Region 4 Delegation 14-31 dated March 8, 1999, and updated August 6, 2004, and the authority under EPCRA by EPA Region 4 Delegation 22-3-A, dated November 8, 1994. Pursuant to these delegations, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter

3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

4. Respondent, DSM Chemicals North America, Inc., is a corporation doing business in the State of Georgia.

5. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7) and Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21).

6. Respondent has a "facility" as that term is defined by Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9) and by Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4).

7. Respondent's facility is located at 1 Columbia Nitrogen Road, Augusta, Georgia.

8. Respondent is an "owner or operator" of the facility as that term is defined by Section 101 (20)(A) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(20)(A).

### III. EPA's Allegation of Violations

#### Violation of Section 103(a) of CERCLA

9. Section 102(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602(a), required the Administrator of EPA to publish a list of substances designated as hazardous substances which, when released into the environment, may present substantial danger to public health or welfare or the environment and to promulgate regulations establishing the quantity of any hazardous substance the release of which was required to be reported under Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a). EPA has published and amended such a list, including the corresponding reportable quantities (RQ) for those substances. This list which is codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 302, was initially published on April 4, 1985 (50 Fed. Reg. 13474) and is periodically amended.

10. Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. § 302.6, require a person in charge of a facility or vessel to immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC), as soon as he or she has knowledge of a release of a hazardous substance from such facility or vessel in an amount equal to, or greater than the RQ.

11. Respondent was in charge of the facility during the relevant period described below.

12. Benzene is a "hazardous substance" as that term is defined by Section 101(14), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), with an RQ of 10 pounds, as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 302.4.

13. On August 11, 2011, Respondent had a release of benzene above the RQ at the facility.

14. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the notification requirements of Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), by failing to immediately notify the NRC as soon as Respondent had knowledge of the release of benzene in an amount equal to or greater than its RQ at Respondent's facility and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609.

15. Pursuant to Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty not to exceed \$37,500 for each violation of Section 103(a) of

CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), that occurred after January 12, 2009. Each day a violation of Section 103 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, may be assessed by Administrative Order.

#### Violations of Section 304(a) of EPCRA

16. Sections 304(a) and 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. § 355, Subpart C, require the owner or operator of a facility at which hazardous chemicals are produced, used or stored, to immediately notify the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) when there has been a release of a CERCLA hazardous substance or an EPCRA extremely hazardous substance in an amount equal to or greater than the RQ.

17. Respondent was the owner or operator of the facility during the relevant period, described below.

18. At all times relevant to this matter, the facility produced, used, or stored a "hazardous chemical" as defined under Section 311(e) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11021(e) and under 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200(c).

19. Benzene is a "hazardous chemical" as that term is defined by Section 329(5) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(5), with an RQ of 10 pounds, as specified in Section 304(3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(3) and 40 C.F.R. Part 355.33.

20. On August 11, 2011, Respondent had a release of benzene above the RQ at the facility.

21. Respondent violated the notification requirements of Section 304(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) by failing to immediately notify the SERC and LEPC as soon as Respondent had knowledge of the release of benzene in an amount equal to or greater than the RQ at Respondent's facility, and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

22. Respondent was the owner or operator of the facility during the relevant period, described below.

23. Pursuant to Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty of not more than \$37,500 for each violation of Section 304(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) that occurred after January 12, 2009. Civil penalties under Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

#### IV. Consent Agreement

24. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

25. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the Consent Agreement.

26. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

27. Respondent agrees to complete the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) set forth in this CAFO.

28. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of CERCLA and EPCRA.

29. Compliance with the CAFO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the United States other than as expressed herein. Complainant does not waive any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.

30. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of CERCLA and EPCRA.

#### V. Final Order

31. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$4,315) for the CERCLA violation alleged in Section III. Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

32. Respondent shall pay the CERCLA civil penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" to one of the following addresses:

BY MAIL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Superfund Payments  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
P.O. Box 979076  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Bank  
U.S. Government Lockbox 979076  
EPA Superfund Payments  
1005 Convention Plaza  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 418-1028

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

33. Respondent shall also pay a civil penalty of FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$4,315) for the EPCRA violation which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

34. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to one of the following addresses:

BY MAIL

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

BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Bank  
Government Lockbox 979077  
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1005 Convention Plaza  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
(314) 418-1028

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

35. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of each check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Robert Bookman  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division  
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

36. For the purposes of state and federal income taxes, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO

VI. Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

37. Respondent shall undertake and complete the following Emergency Planning and Preparedness SEP project (hereinafter, collectively known as "The SEP") within 45 days of the effective date of this CAFO. Respondent shall expend TWENTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$22,830) to purchase the following equipment for the Augusta Fire Department:

1	6040-11-001	Con-Space EntryLink Diversity System: 1-Antenna
30	36741	IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Manuals
30	35258	IFSTA Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer Manuals
30	36719	IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator
30	36796	IFSTA Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook

38. Respondent shall also undertake and complete the following Emergency Planning and Preparedness SEP within 45 days of the effective date of this CAFO. Respondent shall expend TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$12,511.50) for the following to be donated to the Augusta Emergency Management Association:

100	CERT 1	CERT Starter Kit
2	FAAEZKT	Easy Evac Stretcher Kit
1	KT-ICS	Traige and Incident Command on Wheels 37 Pieces
1		Lazar's Trailer 8.5 x 20 feet Freedom White V Nose enclosed trailer, roof vent, Side door, ramp rear door, 14,000 GVW
1		Freedom White 6 x 12 feet Trailer Community Emergency Response Team

39. Respondent agrees that the cost of performing the SEP in paragraphs 37 and 38 exceeds the minimum required SEP expenditure of \$32,358.

40. Respondent agrees that in order to receive credit for the SEP, it must fully and timely complete the SEP projects in accordance with paragraphs 37 and 38. If Respondent does not fully and timely complete the SEP, it shall be required to pay stipulated penalties pursuant to Paragraph 43.

41. Respondent agrees to the following language concerning the SEP:

Respondent certifies that neither it, nor the recipient of the Emergency Planning and Preparedness SEP is a party to any open federal financial assistance transaction that is funding or could be used to fund the same activity as the SEP. Respondent further certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief after reasonable inquiry, there is no such open federal financial transaction that is funding or could be used to fund the same activity as the SEP, nor has the same activity been described in an unsuccessful federal financial assistance transaction proposal submitted to EPA within two years of the date of this settlement (unless the project was barred from funding as statutorily ineligible). For the purposes of this certification, the term "open federal financial assistance transaction" refers to a grant, cooperative agreement, loan, federally-guaranteed loan guarantee, or other mechanism for providing federal financial assistance whose financial performance period has not yet expired.

42. DSM Chemicals has obtained and presented to EPA a separate written certification from both recipients, the Augusta Fire Department and the Augusta Emergency

Management Association, certifying that neither are parties to any open federal financial assistance transaction as stated in paragraph 41.

43. If Respondent fails to timely and fully complete any part of the SEP in paragraphs 37 and 38, including failure to spend the minimum amount of THIRTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$32,358), Respondent shall be liable for a stipulated penalty in the amount of the difference between \$32,358 and the actual amount spent.

44. For purposes of paragraphs 37 and 38, whether Respondent has fully and timely completed the SEP shall be in the sole discretion of EPA.

45. Respondent agrees that EPA may conduct an inspection at any time in order to confirm that the SEP is being undertaken in conformity with the representations made herein.

46. No later than seventy five (75) calendar days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent shall submit to EPA a SEP Completion Report. The Report shall be sent to the EPCRA Enforcement Section, to the attention of Mr. Robert Bookman at the address provided above. The Report shall include the following:

(a) an affidavit from an authorized company official, attesting that the SEP has been completed or explaining in detail any failure to complete it; and

(b) copies of appropriate documentation, including invoices and receipts, showing a total expenditure of THIRTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$32,358), or greater, was spent to purchase equipment as described in paragraphs 37 and 38.

Upon request, Respondent shall send EPA any additional documentation requested by EPA relating to the SEP.

47. For Federal Income Tax purposes, Respondent agrees that it will neither capitalize into inventory or basis nor deduct any costs or expenditures incurred in performing the SEP.

48. Respondent certifies that, as of the date this CAFO is signed, it is not required to perform any part of the SEP by any federal, state or local law, regulation, permit or order, or by any agreement or grant. Respondent further certifies that, as of this date, it has not received and is not negotiating to receive, credit for any part of the SEP in any other enforcement action of any kind.

49. Any public statement, oral or written, by Respondent making any reference to the SEP shall include the following language:

"This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for violations of Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986."



50. If Respondent fails to timely submit a SEP Completion Report as required by this CAFO, Respondent shall pay to the United States a stipulated penalty of \$100 for each calendar day that the report is late. Except that stipulated penalties will not begin to accrue if the delivery of any equipment described above, in paragraphs 37 and 38 is delayed and the Respondent is unable to submit the SEP Completion Report in the time period stated above in paragraph 46. To avoid incurring stipulated penalties, the Respondent will be required to submit written notification of the delay to EPA within seven (7) days from the date the Respondent becomes aware of the delay. The written notification must include a request for an extension of time from the date the SEP Completion Report is due, the revised equipment delivery date and documentation from the equipment vendor or the carrier to support that the delivery will be delayed.

51. Respondent shall pay any stipulated penalties that accrue under this CAFO within 15 calendar days of the receipt by Respondent of written demand from EPA for such penalties. Such penalties shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth above for the payment of the civil penalty.

52. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the effective date of this CAFO if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.

53. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

54. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors, and assigns.

55. The following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:


Caron B. Falconer  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(404) 562-8451

56. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

57. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:


DSM Chemicals North America, Inc.

By:  (Signature) Date: 1/18/13

Name: D. D. Quaker (Typed or Printed)

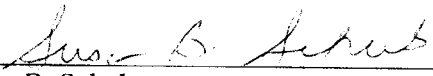
Title: President (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 1-30-13, 2012

Beverly H. Banister  
Director  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics  
Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 5 day of Feb., 2012.



Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

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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 DSM Chemicals North America, Inc., Docket Number EPCRA 04-2013-2006(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Caron B. Falconer (Via EPA's internal mail)  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management  
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Atlanta, GA 30303

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U.S. EPA, Region 4  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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U.S. EPA, Region 4  
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Les Oakes, Esquire (Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested)  
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Date: 2-6-13



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