

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### REGION 2

# 2890 WOODBRIDGE AVENUE EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837-3679

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CERTIFIED MAIL
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Mr. James vonKaenel General Counsel Foster Wheeler North America Corporation Perryville Corporate Park Clinton, New Jersey 08809-4000

Re:

In the Matter of Foster Wheeler North America Corporation

Docket No. TSCA-02-2009-9102

Dear Mr. vonKaenel:

Enclosed is a fully executed copy of the Administrative Consent 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 note that the forty-five (45) day period for payment of the civil penalty commenced as of the date this Consent Agreement was signed by the Regional Judicial Officer. Please arrange for payment of this penalty according to the instructions given within the enclosed document under "Terms of Consent Agreement". Further, please ensure that a copy of your payment check is mailed to the EPA staff member listed in that section of the Agreement.

Please contact Vivian Chin of my staff at (732) 906-6179, should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Stoller, P.E., QEP, DEE

Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosure

REGIONAL HEARING

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

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In the Matter of

Foster Wheeler North America Corporation, :

Respondent.

Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act. CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND
FINAL ORDER

Docket No. TSCA-02-2009-9102 PROTECTION AGENCY-REGIONAL HEARING

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was instituted pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). The "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits," 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (July 1, 2000) (hereinafter "Consolidated Rules"), provide in 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) that when the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of an Administrative Complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and order pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3). The Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, Region 2, United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant"), alleges that Foster Wheeler North America Corporation violated Section 6(e) of the TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e), and the regulations promulgated

pursuant to that Section, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 761, relating to polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") and Section 15(1) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1).

EPA and Foster Wheeler North America Corporation agree that settling this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), is an appropriate means of resolving this case without further litigation. This CAFO is being issued pursuant to said provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22. No formal or adjudicated findings of fact or conclusions of law have been made. The following constitute Complainant's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent is Foster Wheeler North America Corporation.
- 2. Respondent owns, operates, and/or controls the facility in and around 12 Peach
  Tree Hill Road in Livingston, New Jersey (hereinafter "Respondent's facility").
- 3. On or about August 7, 2008, duly designated representatives of the EPA conducted an inspection of and at Respondent's facility.
- 4. Respondent failed to identify PCB waste submitted to Cycle Chem, Inc. on August 22, 2006 for off-site disposal on EPA Manifest form 8700-22.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent, as the owner and/or operator of the facility which is the subject of the above referenced Complaint, is subject to the regulations and requirements pertaining to PCBs and PCB Items promulgated pursuant to Section 6(e) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e), and set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 761.
  - 2. Respondent is a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

3. Failure to identify PCB waste submitted for off-site disposal on EPA Manifest form 8700-22 is a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.207(a), which is a violation of Section 6(e) and Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2605(e), 2614(1)(C).

## TERMS OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits", 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 (64 Federal Register 40138, 40182-83 [July 23, 1999]) (hereinafter "Consolidated Rules"), it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, and accepted by Respondent, that Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to, and shall, comply with the following terms:

- 1. Respondent shall hereinafter comply with all applicable provisions of TSCA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to it.
- 2. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, Respondent (a) admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint, and (b) neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in the Complaint.
- 3. Respondent shall pay, by cashiers or certified check, a civil penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$5,440) to the "Treasurer of the United States of America". The check shall be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case, set forth in the caption on the first page of this document. Such check shall be mailed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000 Alternatively, payment may be by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Respondent shall provide the following information to its remitter bank:

- 1) Amount of Payment
- 2) SWIFT address: FRNYUS33, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045
- 3) Account: 68010727
- 4) ABA number: 021030004
- 5) Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"
- 6) Name of Respondent
- 7) Docket Number

Payment must be <u>received</u> at the above address (or account of EPA) on or before **45 calendar days** after the date of the signature of the Final Order at the end of this document (the date by which payment must be received shall hereinafter be referred to as the "due date"). Promptly after payment has been made, Respondent shall send copies of this payment or furnish reasonable proof that such payment has been made to both:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, NY 10007

and

Vivian Chin, Environmental Engineer Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, MS-105 Edison, New Jersey 08837

- a. Failure to pay the penalty in full according to the above provisions will result in the referral of this matter to the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection.
- b. Further, if payment is not received on or before the due date, interest will be assessed, at the annual rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the Debt Collection Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3717, on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of

payment. In addition, a late payment handling charge of \$15.00 will be assessed for each 30 day period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid. A 6% per annum penalty also will be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

- 4. This Consent Agreement is being voluntarily and knowingly entered into by the parties in full and final settlement of the civil liabilities that might have attached as a result of the allegations in the Complaint. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement, understands its terms, finds it to be reasonable, and consents to its issuance and its terms. Respondent consents to the issuance of the accompanying Final Order. Respondent agrees that all terms of settlement are set forth herein.
- 5. Respondent explicitly and knowingly consents to the assessment of the civil penalty as set forth in this Consent Agreement, and agrees to pay the penalty in accordance with the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Respondent explicitly waives its right to request or to seek any Hearing on the Complaint or any of the allegations therein asserted, on this Consent Agreement or the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein, or the accompanying Final Order.
- 7. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 22.8 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication addressed to the Regional Administrator, the Deputy Regional Administrator, or the Regional Judicial Officer where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to discuss a proposed settlement of this matter or to recommend that such official accept this Consent Agreement and issue the attached Final Order.

- 8. This Consent Agreement does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations.
- 9. Each undersigned signatory to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this Consent Agreement and all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement.
  - 10. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in this matter.
- 11. Respondent consents to service upon Respondent of a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.

RESPONDENT:

Foster Wheeler North America
Corporation

NAME: William P. Dillon
(PLEASE PRINT)

Executive Vice President TITLE: AND Chief Operating Officer

DATE: 4 AUG 2009

COMPLAINANT:

Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and
Compliance Assistance
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

DATE: 8/(1/09

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### FINAL ORDER

The Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 concurs in the foregoing Consent Agreement in the case of In the Matter of Foster Wheeler North America Corporation, bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2009-9102. Said Consent Agreement, having been duly accepted and entered into by the parties, shall be, and hereby is, 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 Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2605 for purposes of Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1)(C).

DATE: Nyls+ 12,2009 Nele Jenara

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Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 2

290 Broadway

New York, New York 10007

In the Matter of Foster Wheeler North America Corporation Docket Number TSCA-02-2009-9102

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on the 19th day of August 2009, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order bearing Docket

Number TSCA-02-2009-9102, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Mr. James vonKaenel General Counsel Foster Wheeler North America Corporation Perryville Corporate Park Clinton, New Jersey 08809-4000

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.

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