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Mr. George Sims
President
Joint Construction One
2662 Smoke House Place SW
Marietta, Georgia 30064

Re: Joint Construction One
Consent Agreement and Final Order
Docket No. CAA-04-2011-1509(b)

Dear Mr. Sims:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. As stated in Section V of the CAFO, no civil penalty will be assessed to resolve this matter.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "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 Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Mr. Tony Spann of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeaneanne M. Gettle".

Jeaneanne M. Gettle
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic
Substances Branch

Enclosures

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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In the Matter of:)
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George Sims d/b/a)
Joint Construction One)
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Respondent.)
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Docket No. CAA-04-2011-1509(b)

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Respondent is George Sims d/b/a Joint Construction One.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 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), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

3. The authority to take action under Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this

authority under the CAA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 7-6-A, last updated on August 4, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has reddelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 7-6-A. Pursuant to the aforementioned 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.

4. In December 1977, pursuant to Section 112(f) of the CAA, EPA delegated the Administrator's authorities and responsibilities to implement and enforce emission standards and prevention requirements for asbestos under Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, to the State of Georgia. Pursuant to Georgia Department of Natural Resources Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1-.02(9)(b)(7), the State has incorporated and adopted EPA's rules for asbestos located at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, by reference. As indicated in Section 112(f)(7) of the CAA, nothing in Section 112(f) of the CAA shall prohibit the Administrator from enforcing any applicable emission standard or requirement under Section 112 of the CAA.
5. Asbestos is a "hazardous air pollutant" as that term is defined in Sections 112(a)(6) and 112(b)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412(a)(6) and 7412(b)(1), and is the subject of regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, "National Emission Standard for Asbestos," promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Any person who violates Section 112 of the CAA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C.

§ 7413(d). The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires EPA to review and adjust penalties, as necessary, for inflation at least once every four years. As such, pursuant to the Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the revised maximum penalty for each violation occurring after January 30, 1997, through March 15, 2004, is \$27,500, for each violation occurring after March 15, 2004, through January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$32,500, and for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$37,500. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4), the following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Tony Spann
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-8971.

III. Specific Allegations

7. Respondent is a contractor that was hired by a facility owner to conduct demolition activities at a vacant commercial building (the facility), located at 724 11th Street NW in Atlanta, Georgia.
8. A facility is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, in part, as any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including any structure, installation, or building containing condominiums or individual dwelling units operated as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having four or fewer dwelling units).

9. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602.
10. Respondent is an owner or operator of a demolition activity.
11. An owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation, or both.
12. On or after April 15, 2009, Respondent demolished the facility.
13. Demolition is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations, or the intentional burning of any facility.
14. Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, and 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(1), by failing to provide written notice of intention to demolish or renovate a regulated facility.

IV. Consent Agreement

15. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the allegations as set forth above.
16. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
17. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of the National Emission Standard for Asbestos, 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.

18. In settlement of this matter, Respondent agrees that any renovations or demolitions conducted in the future at any facilities for which the Respondent is an owner or operator will be conducted in accordance with all of the regulatory requirements contained in 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA.
19. An analysis of the Respondent's ability to pay a civil penalty conducted by EPA shows that the Respondent currently has no ability to pay a civil penalty.
20. Based on all of the facts and circumstances as set forth herein, and Respondent's agreement herein that he will not allow the renovation or demolition of any future facilities that he owns to be conducted unless all of the requirements contained in 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M are met; Complainant has determined that a zero penalty will be assessed to resolve this matter.
21. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, for the specific violations alleged herein. Except as specifically provided in this CAFO, EPA reserves all other civil and criminal enforcement authorities, including the authority to address imminent hazards. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any other actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is Respondent's responsibility to comply with said laws and regulations.
22. 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 the CAA.

V. Final Order

23. As set forth above, no civil penalty will be assessed to resolve this matter.
24. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
25. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
26. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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VI. Effective Date

27. 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:

Respondent: George Sims d/b/a
Joint Construction One
Docket No.: CAA-04-2011-1509(b)

By: Joint Construction
Name: George R Sims Jr
Title: owner

Date: April 9 - 2011

Complainant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By: Carol H. Kamber for
Beverly H. Banister, Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division

Date: 5/13/11

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 23rd day of May, 2011.

By: Susan B Schub
Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

George Sims d/b/a
Joint Construction One
CAFO: CAA-04-2011-1509(b)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

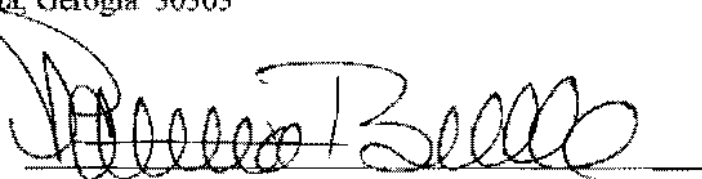
I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Joint Construction One, Docket Number: CAA-04-2011-1509(b), to the addressees listed below.

George Sims (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)
President
Joint Construction One
2662 Smoke House Place SW
Marietta, Georgia 30064

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Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
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By:



Patricia A. Bullock
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U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth St., S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Date:

5-24-11

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