#### BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

In the Matter of:

:

FINAL ORDER

Docket No. CAA-III-11-009

Baltimore Auto Recycling, Inc.,

Respondent.

C4A-03-2011-0314

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 22, Subpart C, § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), and Subpart G, § 22.31, it is hereby ORDERED that:

## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. This proceeding is governed by the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22, §§ 22.18(b)(2)and (3) and 22.31 govern the process of concluding this proceeding by final order.
- 2. The undersigned ratifies and incorporates by reference into this final order the consent agreement executed by the parties in this proceeding.
- 3. This final order constitutes the final Agency action in this proceeding as to Respondent BAR.
- 4. Nothing in this final order is intended to, or shall be construed to, operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of Respondent. Nothing in this final order shall be construed to limit the authority of EPA to undertake 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 or welfare, or the environment.
- 5. As provided in the aforementioned consent agreement, this final order resolves only Respondent BAR's civil penalty liability for the violation of 40 C.F.R. § 82.162(c) referenced in the consent agreement.
- 6. This final order does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent BAR's obligations to comply with all applicable provisions of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

7. This final order is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

### II. CIVIL PENALTY

- 1. A civil penalty in the amount of thirty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$33,991) is assessed against Respondent BAR.
- 2. Payment by Respondent BAR of the civil penalty amount set forth in Paragraph 1 immediately above 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.*, CAA-III-11-009;
  - 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 to:

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

Contact: Eric Volck (513-487-2105)

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

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA, Fines & Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: (314-418-1028)

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA = 021030004 Account No. = 68010727 SWIFT address = FRNYUS33 33 Liberty Street New York, NY 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read: D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency

g. 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 No.: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency CTX Format Transaction Code 22 - Checking

Physical location of U.S. Treasury facility: 5700 Rivertech Court Riverdale, MD 20737 Contact: John Schmid (202-874-7026) or REX (1-866-234-5681)

# BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region III

# 1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

In the Matter of:

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Baltimore Auto Recycling, Inc.,

Docket No. CAA-III-11-009 Corrected

CAH-03-2011-0314 Respondent.

# I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Director, Air Protection Division, Region III, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has the authority to make a finding of violation of 40 C.F.R. § 82.162(c), a certain requirement of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-767 lg, and its implementing regulations for the protection of stratospheric ozone, by Baltimore Auto Recycling, Inc. (BAR). The above-referenced implementing regulations are codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

### II. STIPULATIONS

- ١. 40 C.F.R. § 82.162(c) provides, in pertinent part, that "[n]o later than August 12, 1993, persons recovering refrigerant from...MVACs [motor vehicle air conditioners], and MVAC-like appliances for purposes of disposal of these appliances must certify to the Administrator that such person has acquired recovery equipment that meets the standards set forth in...and that such person is complying with the applicable requirements of [40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F]...Certification shall take the form of a statement signed by the owner of the equipment or another responsible officer and setting forth...The certification shall be sent to the appropriate address in...".
- 2. Respondent BAR is a Maryland corporation which, at times prior to August 12, 2011 recovered, and continues to recover, refrigerant from MVACs and/or MVAC-like appliances for purposes of disposal of these appliances. Respondent BAR did not attempt to submit complying certifications on the EPA form until August 12, 2011.
- 3. Section 113(a)(3)(A) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3)(A), provides, in pertinent part, that "...whenever, on the basis of any information available to the Administrator, the Administrator finds that any person has violated...[any requirement of various provisions of the CAA, including Section 608 of the CAA], including, bur not limited to, a requirement...of any rule...promulgated...under those provisions..., the Administrator may issue an administrative

penalty order in accordance with [Section 113(d) of the CAA]...".

4. Section 113(d)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), provides, in pertinent part, that "...The Administrator may issue an administrative order against any person assessing a civil administrative penalty of up to \$25,000 per day of violation, whenever, on the basis of any available information, the Administrator finds that such person...has violated...any... requirement...of [various provisions of the CAA, including Section 608 of the CAA], including, but not limited to, a requirement...of any rule...promulgated...under [those provisions]...".

### III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. This proceeding is governed by the Consolidated Rules, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. As provided in 40 C.F.R. Part 22, § 22.18(b)(1), EPA encourages settlement of a proceeding at any time if the settlement is consistent with the provisions and objectives of the CAA and applicable regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 22.13 provides that where the parties agree to settlement of one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order. In the event a settlement is reached, the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22, § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), and (c), govern the process of effectuating the settlement and concluding the proceeding.
- Any and all terms and conditions of this settlement are recorded herein.
- 3. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent BAR admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this consent agreement.
- 4. For the purpose of concluding this proceeding, Respondent BAR waives any right to contest the finding of violation of 40 C.F.R. § 82.162(c) in this consent agreement and in the accompanying proposed final order, and waives any right to appeal the proposed final order. Respondent BAR consents to the issuance of the proposed final order.
- 5. The parties agree to bear their own costs and attorneys fees.

### IV. <u>SETTLEMENT</u>

1. The civil penalty noted below for the above-referenced CAA violation was determined in accordance with 1) Section 113(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), and 2) EPA's Clean Air Act Stationary Source Civil Penalty Policy, dated October 25, 1991 (CAA penalty policy), as modified, including Appendix X thereto (for certain violations of 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F), as issued on June 1, 1994. Relevant modifications to the CAA penalty policy since its issuance on October 25, 1991 include modifications, dated May 9, 1997, September 21, 2004, and December 29, 2008, to implement the Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 19), pursuant to the Debt

Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (inflation modifications). These inflation modifications essentially increased penalty policy amounts by 10%, 17.23%, and 9.83%, respectively.

- 2. To develop the CAA penalty, EPA took into account the CAA penalty policy, as supplemented and modified, and the particular facts and circumstances of this case.
- 3. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent BAR consents to the assessment of a civil penalty of thirty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$33,991) against it for the violation of 40 C.F.R. § 82.162(c) referenced above. Respondent BAR agrees to pay the full amount of rhis civil penalty in accordance with the proposed final order accompanying this consent agreement.
- 4. Full payment of the civil penalty provided for herein shall only resolve Respondent BAR's civil penalty liability for the violation of 40 C.F.R. § 82.162(c) referenced above. Nothing in this consent agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of Respondent. Nothing in this consent agreement shall be construed to limit the authority of EPA to undertake 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 or welfare, or the environment.
- 5. Respondent BAR certifies that, as of the time of its execution of this consent agreement, it is in compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F. On and after the date of Respondent BAR's execution of this consent agreement, Respondent BAR shall maintain compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.
- 6. The undersigned representative of Respondent BAR certifies that he is fully authorized by that Respondent to execute this consent agreement and to legally bind that Respondent to its terms and conditions.

Date: 8/31/11 Description Duff, President Baltimore Auto Recycling, Inc.

Date: 9/16/11

Diana Esher, Director
Air Protection Division

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