



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4  
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Aerospace/Defense Coatings of Georgia LLC, EPA ID# GAD 984 319 426  
Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket Number RCRA-04-2016-4008(b)  
Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket Number RCRA-04-2016-4009(b)

Dear Ms. Partlow,

Enclosed please find a copy of the executed Consent Agreement and Final Orders (CA/FOs) as filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk in the above-referenced matter. Please note that payment of the civil penalty is due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the CA/FO, which is the date the CA/FOs are filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (404) 562-8590 or by email at [lamberth.larry@epa.gov](mailto:lamberth.larry@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Lamberth".

Larry L. Lamberth  
Chief, Enforcement and Compliance Branch  
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division

Enclosure

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

IN THE MATTER OF: )
Aerospace/Defense Coatings of )
Georgia, Inc. )
2970 Grace Road )
Macon, Georgia 31206 )
EPA ID No.: GAR 000 033 951 )
Respondent )

DOCKET NO.: RCRA-04-2016-4008(b)

Proceeding Under Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)

USEPA REGION 4 OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL HEARING CLERK 2016 SEP 30 AM 11:45

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. This is a civil administrative enforcement action, pursuant to Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), ordering compliance with the requirements of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act (GHWMA), Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-60 et seq. [Subtitle C of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6921-6939f], and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and set forth at Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Rules (GHWMR), Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.01 to 391-3-11-.18 [Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Parts 260 through 270]. This action seeks the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), for violations of Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] and the GHWMR, Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.01 to 391-3-11-.18 [40 C.F.R. Parts 260 through 270].
2. The Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, which govern this action and are promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, provide 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 (CA/FO). 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3).
3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to settle this action. Accordingly, before any testimony has been taken upon the pleadings and without any admission of violation or adjudication of any issue of fact or law and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), Complainant and Respondent have agreed to the execution of this CA/FO, and Respondent hereby agrees to comply with the terms of this CA/FO.

## II. THE PARTIES

4. Complainant is the Chief, Enforcement and Compliance Branch, Resource Conservation and Restoration Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4. Complainant is authorized to issue the instant CA/FO pursuant to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and applicable delegations of authority.
5. Respondent is Aerospace/Defense Coatings of Georgia, Inc., a for profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of Florida, and registered to do business in the State of Georgia (State). Respondent is the owner and operator of an aircraft parts manufacturing business located at 2970 Grace Road, Macon, Georgia (the Facility).

## III. PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

6. Pursuant to Section 3006(b) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926(b), the State has received final authorization to carry out a hazardous waste program in lieu of the federal program set forth in RCRA. The requirements of the authorized State program are found at Sections 12-8-60 to 12-8-83 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-60 *et seq.*, and at Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11.01 to 391-3-11.18.
7. Pursuant to Section 3006(g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926(g), the requirements established by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), Pub. L. 98-616, are immediately effective in all states regardless of their authorization status and are implemented by the EPA until a state is granted final authorization with respect to those requirements. Georgia has received final authorization for certain portions of HSWA, including those recited herein.
8. Although the EPA has granted the State authority to enforce its own hazardous waste program, the EPA retains jurisdiction and authority to initiate an independent enforcement action pursuant to Section 3008(a)(2) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(2). This authority is exercised by the EPA in the manner set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between the EPA and the State.
9. As the State's authorized hazardous waste program operates in lieu of the federal RCRA program, the citations for the violations alleged herein will be to the authorized State program; however, for ease of reference, the federal citations will follow in brackets.
10. Pursuant to Section 3008(a)(2) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)(2), Complainant has given notice of this action to the State before issuance of this CA/FO.
11. Section 12-8-64(1)(A) of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-64(1)(A) [Section 3002(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6922(a)], requires the promulgation of standards applicable to generators of hazardous waste. The implementing regulations for these standards are found at Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. Part 262].
12. Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925], sets forth the requirement that a facility treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste must have a permit or interim status. The implementing regulations for this requirement are found at Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(2) (permitted) and Ga. Comp. R.

and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) (interim status)] [40 C.F.R. Parts 264 (permitted) and 265 (interim status)].

13. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.2], a “solid waste” is any discarded material that is not otherwise excluded from the regulations. A discarded material includes any material that is abandoned by being stored in lieu of being disposed.
14. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3], a solid waste is a “hazardous waste” if it meets any of the criteria set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3(a)(2)] and is not otherwise excluded from regulation as a hazardous waste by Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.4(b)].
15. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.3(a)(2)(i) and 261.20], solid wastes that exhibit any of the characteristics identified in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.21-24] are characteristic hazardous waste and are provided with the EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers D001 through D043.
  - i. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.20 and 261.21], a solid waste that exhibits the characteristic of ignitability is a hazardous waste and is identified with the EPA Hazardous Waste Number D001.
  - ii. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.20 and 261.24], a solid waste that exhibits the characteristic of toxicity is a hazardous waste and is identified with the EPA Hazardous Waste Number associated with the toxic contaminant causing it to be hazardous. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.24], a solid waste that exhibits the characteristic of toxicity for Cadmium is identified with the EPA Hazardous Waste Number D006, and a solid waste that exhibits the characteristic of toxicity for Chromium is identified with the EPA Hazardous Waste Number D007.
16. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.3(a)(2)(ii) and 261.30], a solid waste is a listed “hazardous waste” if it is listed in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart D].
  - i. Listed hazardous wastes include the F-Listed wastes from nonspecific sources identified at Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.31].
  - ii. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.31], a solid waste containing a spent solvent that exhibits the characteristic of ignitability (D001) and is generated from the use of a non-halogenated solvent which contained a minimum of 10 percent of one of the following: xylene, acetone, ethyl acetate, ethyl benzene, ethyl ether, methyl isobutyl ketone, n-butyl alcohol, cyclohexanone, and methanol, before use; meets the definition of an F003 listed hazardous waste.
  - iii. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.31], a solid waste which is a wastewater treatment sludge generated from the treatment

of wastewaters resulting from the electroplating operations except from the following processes: (1) Sulfuric acid anodizing of aluminum; (2) tin plating on carbon steel; (3) zinc plating (segregated basis) on carbon steel; (4) aluminum or zinc-aluminum plating on carbon steel; (5) cleaning/stripping associated with tin, zinc and aluminum plating on carbon steel; and (6) chemical etching and milling of aluminum; meets the definition of an F006 listed hazardous waste.

- iv. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. §§ 261.31], a solid waste which is a spent cyanide plating bath solution from electroplating operations, meets the definition of an F007 listed hazardous waste.
17. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], a “generator” is defined as any person, by site, whose act or process produces hazardous waste identified or listed in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. Part 261], or whose act first causes a hazardous waste to become subject to regulation.
18. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], a “facility” includes “all contiguous land, and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land, used for treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste.”
19. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], a “person” includes a corporation.
20. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], an “owner” is “the person who owns a facility or part of a facility” and an “operator” is “the person responsible for the overall operation of a facility.”
21. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], “storage” means the holding of a hazardous waste for a temporary period, at the end of which the hazardous waste is treated, disposed of, or stored elsewhere.
22. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10], a “tank system” is defined as a hazardous waste storage or treatment tank and its associated ancillary equipment and containment system.
23. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)], a generator of 1,000 kilograms or greater of hazardous waste in a calendar month is a Large Quantity Generator (LQG) and may accumulate hazardous waste on-site for 90 days or less without a permit or without having interim status, as required by Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925], provided that the generator complies with the conditions listed in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(1)-(4)] (hereinafter referred to as the “LQG Permit Exemption”).
24. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(b)], an LQG who accumulates hazardous waste for more than 90 days is an operator of a storage facility subject to permit requirements.

25. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(1)(ii)], which incorporates Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.193], and is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to provide secondary containment which meets the applicable requirements of this part for each of its hazardous waste tanks.
26. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(1)(ii)], which incorporates Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.195], and is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to inspect the applicable parts of its hazardous waste tank system at least once each operating day.
27. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(2)], which is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to mark its containers and tanks with accumulation start dates.
28. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(3)], which is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to mark its containers and tanks with the words "Hazardous Waste."
29. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(4)], which incorporates Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.16(b) & (c)], and is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to successfully complete the program required in paragraph (a) of 40 C.F.R. § 265.16 within six months after the effective date of these regulations or six months after the date of their employment or assignment to the facility and to take part in an annual review of the initial training of paragraph (a) of 40 C.F.R. § 265.16.
30. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(4)], which incorporates Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.53(a) & (b)], and is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to maintain a copy of its hazardous waste contingency plan at its facility and to provide a copy to local emergency agencies.
31. Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(4)], which incorporates Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.31], and is a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption, a generator is required to operate its facility to minimize the possibility of a sudden or non-sudden release.

#### **IV. EPA ALLEGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS**

32. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].
33. Respondent is the "owner/operator" of a "facility" located at 2970 Grace Road, Macon, Georgia, as those terms are defined in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10].

34. Respondent is a “generator” of “hazardous waste” as those terms are defined in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.02(1) [40 C.F.R. § 260.10] and Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.07(1) [40 C.F.R. § 261.3].
35. Respondent performs operations which include painting, metal preparation and metal treatment activities including, but not limited to, sulfuric and chromic acid anodizing of aluminum and chemical conversion coating of aluminum during the production of parts for the aerospace and defense industry.
36. On April 10, 2014, Respondent submitted a notification of hazardous waste activity pursuant to Section 3010(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6930(a) as an LQG of hazardous waste. Respondent notified as being a generator of D001, D006 and D007 characteristic hazardous wastes, and F003, F006 and F007 listed hazardous wastes.
37. On April 23, May 17 and July 30, 2013, the EPA conducted compliance evaluation inspections (CEIs) at Respondent’s Facility. The findings of the CEIs were documented in a Report mailed to Respondent, dated October 2, 2014.
38. On July 30, 2013, the EPA’s Science and Ecosystem Support Division performed a CEI at Respondent’s Facility. The findings of the CEI were documented in a Report mailed to Respondent, dated November 20, 2013.
39. During the July 30, 2013, CEI, the EPA observed Respondent to be storing hazardous waste within Tank 107-B in the Facility’s wastewater treatment area for greater than 90 days without a permit.
40. The EPA therefore alleges that Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status.
41. During the April 23, May 17 and July 30, 2013, CEIs, the EPA observed that Respondent stored D007 characteristic hazardous waste in the tank beneath its metal finishing operations, and that this tank did not have secondary containment.
42. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(1)(ii)], by not having secondary containment for a tank managing hazardous waste as required by Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.193].
43. During the April 23, May 17 and July 30, 2013, CEIs, the EPA observed that Respondent stored hazardous waste in Tank 107-B and the tank beneath its metal finishing operations. Respondent was not conducting weekly inspections of these tanks.
44. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste

without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(1)(ii)], by not inspecting its hazardous waste tanks as required by Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.195].

45. During the April 23, May 17 and July 30, 2013, CEIs, the EPA observed that Respondent stored D007 characteristic hazardous waste in Tank 107-B and the tank beneath its metal finishing operations, and that Respondent was not marking these tanks with accumulation start dates.
46. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(2)], by not marking its hazardous waste tanks with accumulation start dates.
47. During the April 23, May 17 and July 30, 2013, CEIs, the EPA observed that Respondent stored D007 characteristic hazardous waste in Tank 107-B and the tank beneath its metal finishing operations, and that these tanks were not labeled with the words “Hazardous Waste.”
48. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(3)], by not marking its hazardous waste tanks with the words “Hazardous Waste.”
49. During a file review conducted during the April 23 and May 17, 2013, CEIs, the EPA determined that Respondent had not performed initial and annual refresher hazardous waste training on each of its employees managing hazardous waste.
50. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(4)], by failing to perform the required initial and annual refresher hazardous waste training on each of its employees managing hazardous waste as required by Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.16(b) & (c)].
51. During the April 23, May 17 and July 30, 2013, CEIs, the Respondent was unable to produce a copy of its hazardous waste contingency plan for its Facility and was unable to show that it had mailed copies to local emergency agencies.
52. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the



LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(4)], by failing to maintain a copy of its hazardous waste contingency plan at its Facility and to provide a copy to local emergency agencies as required by Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.10(1) [40 C.F.R. § 265.53(a) & (b)].

53. As a result of the July 30, 2013, CEI, the EPA observed what appeared to be plating wastewaters to be leaking from the secondary containment area, and determined that Respondent may have contaminated soil at its Facility with cadmium levels in excess of the D006 regulatory levels. Respondent provided the EPA with documentation indicating that it removed all soil impacted by the leak and made necessary repairs to the secondary containment structure.
54. The EPA therefore alleges Respondent violated Section 12-8-66 of the GHWMA, Ga. Code Ann. § 12-8-66 [Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925] by storing hazardous waste without a permit or interim status, because Respondent failed to meet a condition of the LQG Permit Exemption set forth in Ga. Comp. R. and Regs. 391-3-11-.08(1) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(4)], which incorporates 40 C.F.R. § 265.31, by failing to minimize the possibility of a sudden or non-sudden release.

#### **V. TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

Based on the foregoing Preliminary Statements, Allegations and Determinations, the parties agree to the following:

55. For the purposes of this CA/FO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out in the above paragraphs pursuant to Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928.
56. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations and determinations set out in this CA/FO.
57. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
58. Respondent waives its right to challenge the validity of this CA/FO and the settlement of the matters addressed in this CA/FO based on any issue related to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*
59. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during any discussions with, or to be served with and reply to, any memorandum or communication addressed to EPA officials where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to persuade such official to accept and issue this CA/FO.
60. Respondent waives any and all remedies, claims for relief, and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review that Respondent may have with respect to any issue of fact or law set forth in this CA/FO, including any right of judicial review under Chapter 7 of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706.

61. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CA/FO is consistent with the applicable requirements of RCRA.
62. Respondent, by signing this CA/FO, certifies that Respondent is currently in compliance with RCRA and the authorized State hazardous waste program.
63. The parties agree that compliance with the terms of this CA/FO shall resolve the violations alleged and the facts stipulated to in this CA/FO.
64. Each party will pay its own costs and attorneys' fees.

## VI. PAYMENT OF CIVIL PENALTY

65. Utilizing the RCRA Civil Penalty Policy, the EPA calculated an initial penalty for Respondent's RCRA violations. Respondent alleged an inability to pay the proposed penalty and submitted the required financial documents to support its claim. After review of those documents, the EPA's financial expert determined that payment of the initial proposed penalty is clearly beyond the means of Respondent. The financial expert's ability to pay analysis supported a downward adjustment of the penalty to ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00).
66. Respondent consents to the payment of a civil penalty in the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000), which is to be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this CA/FO.
67. Payment(s) shall be made by cashier's check, certified check, by electronic funds transfer (EFT), or by Automated Clearing House (ACH) (also known as REX or remittance express). If paying by check, the check shall be payable to: **Treasurer, United States of America**, and the Facility name and docket number for this matter shall be referenced on the face of the check. If Respondent sends payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
**Fines and Penalties**  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
P.O. Box 979077  
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

If Respondent sends payment by non-U.S. Postal express mail delivery, the payment shall be sent to:

U.S. Bank  
Government Lockbox 979077  
U.S. EPA Fines & Penalties  
1005 Convention Plaza  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101  
(314) 425-1818

If paying by EFT, Respondent shall transfer the payment to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA: 021030004  
Account Number: 68010727  
SWIFT address: FRNYUS33  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, New York 10045  
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read:  
“D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency”

If paying by ACH, Respondent shall remit payment to:

US Treasury REX / Cashlink ACH Receiver  
ABA: 051036706  
Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency  
CTX Format Transaction Code 22 – checking  
Physical location of US Treasury facility:  
5700 Rivertech Court  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
Contact: Craig Steffen, (513) 487-2091  
REX (Remittance Express): 1-866-234-5681

68. Respondent shall submit a copy of the payment to the following individuals:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

And to:

Daryl R. Himes, Environmental Engineer  
RCRA Compliance and Enforcement Section  
Enforcement and Compliance Branch  
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division  
US EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8909

69. If Respondent fails to remit the civil penalty as agreed to herein, the EPA is required to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the costs of processing and handling the delinquent claim. Interest, at the statutory judgment rate provided for in 31 U.S.C. § 3717, will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty if not paid within 30 calendar days after the effective date of this Consent Agreement or, if paying in installments, not paid in accordance with the installment schedule provided above. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, Respondent must pay the following amounts on any amount overdue:

- a. Interest. Any unpaid portion of a civil penalty or stipulated penalty must bear interest at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717(a)(1). Interest will therefore begin to accrue on a civil penalty or stipulated penalty if it is not paid by the last date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 4 C.F.R. § 102.13(c).
  - b. Monthly Handling Charge. Respondent must pay a late payment handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) on any late payment, with an additional charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each subsequent thirty (30) calendar-day period over which an unpaid balance remains.
  - c. Non-Payment Penalty. On any portion of a civil penalty or a stipulated penalty more than ninety (90) calendar days past due, Respondent must pay a non-payment penalty of six percent (6%) per annum, which will accrue from the date the penalty payment became due and is not paid. This non-payment is in addition to charges which accrue or may accrue under subparagraphs (a) and (b).
70. Penalties paid pursuant to this CA/FO are not deductible for federal purposes under 26 U.S.C. § 162(f).

## VII. PARTIES BOUND

71. This CA/FO shall be binding on Respondent and its successors and assigns. Respondent shall cause its officers, directors, employees, agents, and all persons, including independent contractors, contractors, and consultants acting under or for Respondent, to comply with the provisions hereof in connection with any activity subject to this CA/FO.
72. No change in ownership, partnership, corporate or legal status relating to the Facility will in any way alter Respondent's obligations and responsibilities under this CA/FO.
73. The undersigned representative of Respondent hereby certifies that she or he is fully authorized to enter into this CA/FO and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.

## VIII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

74. Notwithstanding any other provision of this CA/FO, an enforcement action may be brought pursuant to Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or other statutory authority, should the EPA find that the handling, storage, treatment, transportation, or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste at Respondent's Facility may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment.
75. Complainant reserves the right to take enforcement action against Respondent for any future violations of RCRA and the implementing regulations and to enforce the terms and conditions of this CA/FO.

76. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this CA/FO shall constitute or be construed as a release from any civil or criminal claim, cause of action, or demand in law or equity for any liability Respondent may have arising out of, or relating in any way to, the storage, transportation, release, or disposal of any hazardous constituents, hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, pollutants, or contaminants found at, taken to, or taken from Respondent's Facility.

#### **IX. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS**

77. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this CA/FO shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and Federal laws and regulations. Respondent shall obtain or cause its representatives to obtain all permits and approvals necessary under such laws and regulations.

#### **X. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS**

78. A copy of any documents that Respondent files in this action shall be sent to the following attorney who represents the EPA in this matter and who is authorized to receive service for the EPA in this proceeding:

Roberto Buso  
Associate Regional Counsel  
Office of RCRA, OPA and UST Legal Support  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960  
(404) 562-8530

79. A copy of any documents that Complainant files in this action shall be sent to the following individual who represents Respondent in this matter and who is authorized to receive service for Respondent in this proceeding:

Beth Partlow, Esq.  
Law Offices of Elizabeth B. Partlow, LLC  
989 Knox Abbot Drive, Suite 101  
Cayce, South Carolina 29033  
(803) 814 -0868

#### **XI. SEVERABILITY**

80. It is the intent of the parties that the provisions of this CA/FO are severable. If any provision or authority of this CA/FO or the application of this CA/FO to any party or circumstances is held by any judicial or administrative authority to be invalid or unenforceable, the application of such provisions to other parties or circumstances and the remainder of the CA/FO shall remain in force and shall not be affected thereby.


**XII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

81. The effective date of this CA/FO shall be the date on which the CA/FO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

*In the matter of Aerospace/Defense Coatings of Georgia, Inc., Docket No. RCRA-04-2016-4008(b):*

**AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**

**Aerospace/Defense Coatings of Georgia, Inc.**

By:  Dated: 9/26/16  
~~Thomas Scott~~  
GARY L HALL  
VICE President & CFO

**United States Environmental Protection Agency**

By:  Dated: 09/29/16  
Larry Lamberth, Chief  
Enforcement and Compliance Branch  
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division

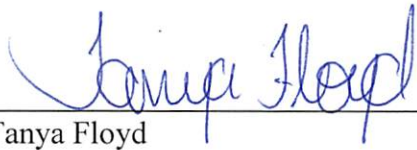
**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4**

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	DOCKET NO.: RCRA-04-2016-4008(b)
	)	
Aerospace/Defense Coatings of Georgia, Inc.	)	
2970 Grace Road	)	Proceeding Under Section 3008(a) of the
Macon, Georgia 31206	)	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,
EPA ID No.: GAR 000 033 951	)	42 U.S.C. § 6928(a)
	)	
Respondent	)	
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**FINAL ORDER**

The foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved, ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order in accordance with 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. Respondent is hereby ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement effective immediately upon filing of this Consent Agreement and Final Order with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Order disposes of this matter pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31.

**BEING AGREED, IT IS SO ORDERED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

BY:   
Tanya Floyd  
Regional Judicial Officer  
EPA Region 4

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day filed the original and a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order (CA/FO), in the Matter of Aerospace/Defense Coatings of Georgia, Inc., Docket Number: RCRA-04-2016-4008(b), and have served the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

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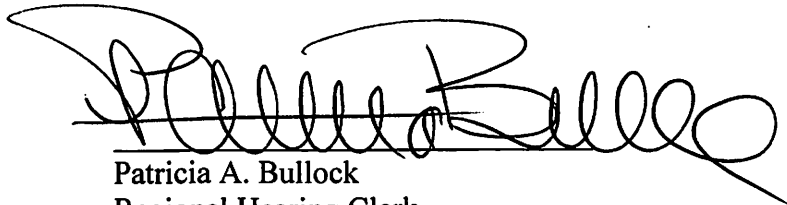
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9-30-16



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