

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7

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In the Matter of)	
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Iowa Mold Tooling Company Inc.)	Docket No. RCRA-07-2022-0033
Garner, Iowa)	
EPA ID No.: IAD005286539)	EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT
)	AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER
Respondent.)	

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement” or “ESA”) pursuant to Section 3008 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
2. By copy of this letter, the EPA is providing the State of Iowa with notice of the referenced violations of Subtitle C of RCRA as required by Section 3008(a)(2).
3. Iowa Mold Tooling Company Inc. (“Respondent”) is the owner or operator of the facility located at 500 Highway 18 W, Garner, Iowa 50309 (“Facility”). The EPA inspected the Facility, on June 23, 2021. The EPA alleges that Respondent violated the following requirements of the RCRA hazardous waste management program:
 - a. 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a) states that a generator may accumulate as much as fifty-five (55) gallons of non-acute hazardous waste or either one quart of liquid acute hazardous waste or 1 kg (2.2 lbs) of solid acute hazardous waste in containers at or near any point of generation where wastes are initially accumulated which is under the control of the operator of the process generating the waste, without a permit or interim status and without complying with the requirements of parts 124, 264 through 267, and 270 of this chapter, provided that all of the conditions for exemption in this section are met. Because Respondent failed to comply with the satellite accumulation conditional exclusions described below, Respondent was not authorized to accumulate hazardous waste at the satellite accumulation areas for any length of time, and therefore was operating a hazardous waste storage facility without a permit in violation of Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925.
 - i. 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(5)(i) requires that a generator mark or label satellite accumulation containers with the words “Hazardous Waste.” At the time of the EPA inspection, three satellite accumulation containers holding hazardous waste were not labeled with the words “Hazardous Waste.”
 - ii. 40 C.F.R. § 262.15(a)(5)(ii) requires that a generator mark or label satellite accumulation containers with an indication of the hazards of the contents. At the

time of the EPA inspection, three satellite accumulation containers holding hazardous waste were not labeled with an indication of hazards of the contents.

- b. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17 states that a large quantity generator (LQG) may accumulate hazardous waste on site without a permit or interim status, and without complying with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. parts 124, 264 through 267 and 270, or the notification requirements of section 3010 of RCRA, provided that all the conditions for exemption listed at 40 C.F.R. Part 264.17 are met. Because the following conditions for exemption for a LQG were not met, Respondent was not authorized to store hazardous waste at the Facility, and therefore was operating a hazardous waste storage facility without a permit in violation of Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925.
- i. 40 C.F.R. 262.17(a)(1)(v) requires that at least weekly, the large quantity generator must inspect central accumulation areas. The large quantity generator must look for leaking containers and for deterioration of containers caused by corrosion or other factors. Respondent failed to conduct weekly inspections of a Container Accumulation Area located next to the assembly line.
- ii. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6) requires the LQG to comply with the contingency plan quick reference guide requirements set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 262.262(b). 40 C.F.R. § 262.262(b)(4) requires that a large quantity generator that first becomes subject to these provisions after May 30, 2017, or a large quantity generator that is otherwise amending its contingency plan must at that time submit a quick reference guide of the contingency plan to the local emergency responders or, as appropriate, the Local Emergency Planning Committee that includes a map of the facility showing where hazardous wastes are generated, accumulated and treated and routes for accessing these wastes. At the time of the inspection, it was observed that Respondent failed to prepare a quick reference guide which included a map that contained the locations where hazardous waste is generated and accumulated.
4. The EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is in the public interest. Respondent certifies that it has provided a deposit for payment for the full civil penalty amount, and that such payment identified Respondent by name and docket number, was made by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to:

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

or by alternate payment method described at <http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>.

5. A copy of the check or other information confirming payment shall simultaneously be emailed to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
R7_Hearing_Clerk_Filings@epa.gov; and

Milady Peters, Paralegal
peters.milady@epa.gov

6. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; (5) agrees to release funds held on deposit as payment to the EPA for the civil penalty upon final EPA approval of this Agreement; (6) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issue of fact or law set forth herein; (7) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 3008(b) of RCRA; and (8) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA to the following email address: *jimhomann@imt.com*.
7. By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the alleged violations have been corrected, (2) it is presently in compliance with all requirements of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et. seq.*, its implementing regulations, and any permit issued pursuant to RCRA, and (3) Respondent is submitting proof of payment of the civil penalty with this Agreement.
8. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it. Upon the effective date of this Agreement, payment of the civil penalty shall constitute full settlement of the civil claims alleged herein.
9. EPA reserves all of its rights to take an enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of RCRA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
10. Full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. The EPA reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other past, present, or future violations of RCRA or any other applicable law.
11. The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.
12. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

13. This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below.

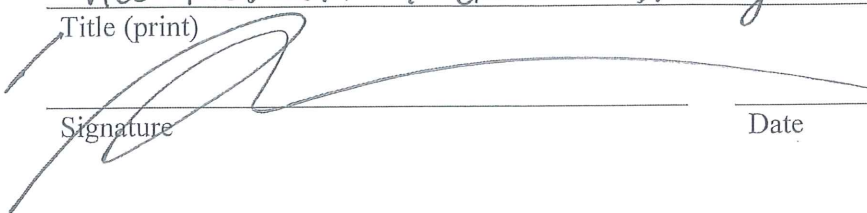
IT IS SO AGREED,

Amy Brownlee

Name (print)

Vice President & General Manager

Title (print)

 Signature

4/26/22
Date

APPROVED BY EPA:

Candace Bednar
Chemical Branch Chief
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Date

Kelley Catlin, Attorney
Office of Regional Counsel

Date

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of Section 3008(a) and (g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a) and (g), and 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, the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement resolving this matter is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

Date _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
To be completed by EPA

I certify that that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy via e-mail to Complainant:

Kelley Catlin, Office of Regional Counsel
catlin.kelley@epa.gov

Marc Matthews, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
matthews.marc@epa.gov

Copy via e-mail to Respondent:

Mr. Jim Homann
S&E Manager
Iowa Mold Tooling Company Inc.
500 Highway 18 W
Garner, IA 50438
jimhomann@imt.com

Copy via e-mail to the State of Iowa:

Ed Tormey, Acting Administrator
Environmental Services Division
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
ed.tormey@dnr.iowa.gov

Mike Sullivan, Section Supervisor
Contaminated Sites Section
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed