

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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### <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Jammie Willis Manager Tyson Foods, Inc. 515 Tyson Road Ashland, AL 36251

SUBJ: Expedited Settlement Agreement Tyson Foods, Inc. Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8006(b)

Dear Mr. Willis:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2007-8006(b)) involving Tyson Foods, Inc. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on today's date.

As required by the ESA, within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$3240, made out to the "Treasurer, United States of America," should be submitted to the following address:

Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15262-0001

The Docket No. should be included on the check. Also, a separate copy of the check and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "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 Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you have any questions, please call Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely,

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Caron B. Falconer, Chief EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures (2)

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

### EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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### DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2007-8006(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to:

### <u>Tyson Foods, Inc.</u> <u>515 Tyson Road</u> <u>Ashland, Alabama 36251</u>

# for violating the following requirement of Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act: 40 CFR § 68.69.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by Tyson Foods, Inc. (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

### ALLEGED VIOLATION

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted on June 7, 2005, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when:

Respondent did not provide evidence that its operating procedures addressed the following as required by 40 CFR § 68.69:

(a)(2) Operating limits: (i) Consequences of deviation, and (ii) Steps required to correct or avoid deviation;

(a)(3) Safety and health considerations: (i) Properties of, and hazards presented by, the chemicals used in the process, (ii) Precautions necessary to prevent exposure, including engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment, (iii) Control measures to be taken if physical contact or airborne exposure occurs, (iv) Quality control for raw materials and control of hazardous chemical inventory levels, and (v) Any special or unique hazards; and

(a)(4) Safety systems and their functions; and

Respondent did not provide evidence that it had annually certified the operating procedures (i.e., that the procedures are current and accurate) on an annual basis as required by 40 CFR § 68.69(c).

### SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violation cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$3240**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violation listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$3240**. Please note that payment should not be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed ESA. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$3240**, in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

> Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15262-0001

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on</u> the check. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

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Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violation of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

Date: 3/27/07KAMSey lova Name (print): Openations Fact Service Title (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Tyson Foods, Inc.

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Date: 2/28/07

Beverly H) Banister Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Susan B. Schub Regional Judicial Officer

hus Date: April 9, 2007

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Tyson Foods, Inc., CAA-04-2007-8006(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Alan Dion U. S. EPA - Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Jammie Willis Manager Tyson Foods, Inc. 515 Tyson Road Ashland, AL 36251

(Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: <u>4-10-0</u>

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk Unites States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-9511

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