UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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DOCKET NO.: SDWA-08-2011-0024

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
XTO ENERGY, INC.)	FINAL ORDER
RESPONDENT)	

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF February, 2011

Elyana R. Sutin

Regional Judicial Officer

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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In the Matter of:)	ENGINEER CLEAR
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XTO Energy, Inc.) CONSENT AGREEMENT	
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Respondent.)	

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), and Respondent, XTO Energy, Inc., by their undersigned representatives, hereby consent and agree as follows:

- 1. On September 27, 2010, Complainant issued a Complaint and Proposed Compliance Order alleging certain violations of section 1423 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2. The Complaint proposed a civil penalty for the violation alleged therein and the Compliance Order directed Respondent to take certain action to comply with the requirements of the SDWA.
- 2. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint and neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations of the Complaint.
- 3. Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint, or this Consent Agreement.
- 4. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors or assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement. This

Consent Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

5. Respondent consents and agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand four

hundred sixty five dollars (\$2,465) in the manner described below in this paragraph:

Payment is due within 30 calendar days from the date written on the Final a.

Order, issued by the Regional Judicial Officer, that adopts this Consent

Agreement. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal federal holiday, the

due date is the next business day. The date the payment is made is

considered to be the date of the deposit ticket (standard form 215) issued by

the Bank described below. Payments must be received by 11:00 a.m. Eastern

Standard Time to be considered as received that day.

b. The payment shall be made by remitting a cashier's or certified check,

including the name and docket number of this case, for this amount, payable

to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

CHECK PAYMENTS:

US Environmental Protection Agency

Fines and Penalties

Cincinnati Finance Center

PO Box 979077

St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

OVERNIGHT MAIL:

U.S. Bank

1005 Convention Plaza

Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL

St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson

Tel:

314-418-4087

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WIRE TRANSFERS:

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City with the following information:

ABA = 021030004 Account = 68010727 SWIFT address = FRNYUS33 33 Liberty Street New York NY 10045 Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message to read: "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency PNC Bank 808 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20074

Contact – Jesse White 301-887-6548

ABA = 051036706

Transaction Code 22 - checking Environmental Protection Agency Account 310006 CTX Format

ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Department of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

WWW.PAY.GOV Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field Open form and complete required fields. A copy of the check shall be sent simultaneously to:

Sarah Roberts
Technical Enforcement Program (8 UFO)
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC)

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- c. In the event payment is not received by the specified due date, interest accrues from the date of the Final Order, not the due date, at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, and will continue to accrue until payment in full is received. (i.e., on the 1st late day, 30 days of interest accrues).
- d. In addition, a handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed on the 31st day from the date of the Final Order, and each subsequent thirty day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid. In addition, a six percent (6%) per annum penalty shall be assessed on any unpaid principal amount if payment is not received within 90 days of the due date (i.e., the 121st day from the date the final order is signed). Payments are first applied to handling charges, 6% penalty interest, late interest, and any balance is then applied to the outstanding principal amount.
- e. Respondent agrees that the penalty shall never be claimed as a federal or

other tax deduction or credit.

- 6. In addition, Respondent shall submit to EPA within thirty (30) calendar days, a written description of the actions taken by Respondent to prevent the recurrence of exceeding the maximum allowable injection pressure in the future.
- 7. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with the SWDA and its implementing regulations.
- 8. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement shall constitute a breach of the consent agreement and may result in referral of the matter to the Department of Justice for enforcement of this agreement and for such other relief as may be appropriate.
- 9. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the EPA or any other federal entity of its authority to seek costs or any appropriate penalty associated with any collection action instituted as a result of Respondent's failure to perform pursuant to the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 10. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.
- 11. The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.
 - 12. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in connection with this matter.

13. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations alleged in the Complaint.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8,

Complainant.

Date: Q - 17 - 11

By:

Andrew M. Gaydosh

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Date: 11-29-10

By:

Brenda L. Morris Enforcement Attorney Legal Enforcement Program

XTO ENERGY, INC.,

Respondent.

Data:

By:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter of **XTO ENERGY**, **INC.**; **DOCKET NO.**: **SDWA-08-2011-0024** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on February 17, 2011.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the documents were delivered to, Brenda L. Morris, Senior Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned documents were placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt requested on February 17, 2011, to:

Corporation Service Co. XTO Energy, Inc. 2180 South 1300 East, Suite 650 Salt Lake City, UT 84106

Ron Secrest, Regulatory Coordinator XTO Energy, Inc. 978 North Crescent Road Roosevelt, UT 84066

E-mailed to:

Michelle Angel
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

February 17, 2011

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Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk