

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 2 EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837**



Daren R. Jackson, Chief Executive Officer Advance Auto Parts, Inc. 5008 Airport Road NW Roanoke, VA 24012

In the Matter of Advance Auto Parts, Inc. Docket No. TSCA-02-2010-9205

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in the above-referenced proceeding, signed by the Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Please note that the forty-five (45) day period for the payment of the civil penalty commences as of the date this Final Order is signed by the Regional Administrator. Please arrange for payment of this penalty according to the instructions given in the Consent Agreement (see "Terms of Consent Agreement"). Specifically, please remember to send a copy of your payment check to the Complainant, as detailed in the Consent Agreement.

Sincerely,

John Gorman, Acting Chief Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosure

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

In the Matter of

Advance Auto Parts, Inc.,

Respondent.

Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act. CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND
FINAL ORDER

Docket No. TSCA-02-2010-9205



# PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was instituted pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). 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 (July 1, 2000) (hereinafter "Consolidated Rules"), provide in 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) that when the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of an administrative complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and order pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3). The Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, Region 2, United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant"), alleges that Advance Auto Parts, Inc. ("Respondent") violated Section 6(e) of the TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e), and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that Section, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 761, relating to polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") and Section 15(1) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1).

EPA and Respondent agree that settling this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), is an appropriate means of resolving this case without further litigation. This CAFO is being issued pursuant to said provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22. No formal or adjudicated findings of fact or conclusions of law have been made. The following constitute Complainant's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is Advance Auto Parts, Inc.
- Respondent owns, operates, and/or controls the facility in and around 2901
   W. State Street, Olean, New York 14760 (hereinafter "Respondent's facility").
- 3. Respondent has owned, used and maintained, or stored for reuse or disposal "PCBs", as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 761.3, at Respondent's facility.
- 4. On February 12, 2009, Respondent distributed in commerce to Safety Kleen, Inc. approximately 50 gallons of used oil containing PCBs at a concentration over 50 ppm.
- 5. On or about May 5, 2009, duly designated representatives of the EPA conducted an inspection of and at Respondent's facility pursuant to Section 11 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2610 (hereinafter "the inspection").

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent, as the owner and/or operator of the facility which is the subject of this CAFO, is subject to the regulations and requirements pertaining to PCBs. and PCB Items promulgated pursuant to Section 6(e) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e), and set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 761.

- 2. Respondent is a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.
- 3. Distributing in commerce used oil containing PCBs constitutes a failure to comply with the prohibition on PCB processing and distribution in commerce at Section 6(e)(3) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e)(3), and 40 C.F.R. § 761.20(c), which is a violation of Sections 15(1)(B) and (C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614(1)(B)(C).

# **TERMS OF CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and in accordance with the Consolidated Rules, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, and accepted by Respondent, that Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to, and shall, comply with the following terms:

- Respondent shall hereinafter comply with all applicable provisions of TSCA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to it.
- 2. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, Respondent (a) admits that EPA has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), to commence a civil administrative proceeding for the violations alleged in the "Conclusions of Law" section above; (b) neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in the "Findings of Fact" section, above; and (c) neither admits nor denies the assertions set forth in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above.
- 3. Respondent shall pay, by cashier's or certified check, a civil penalty in the amount of **Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600)** payable to the "Treasurer of the United States of America." The payment shall be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case, set forth in the caption on the

first page of this document.

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

Alternatively, payment may be by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Respondent shall provide the following information to its remitter bank:

- 1) Amount of Payment
- 2) SWIFT address: FRNYUS33, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045
- 3) Account: 68010727
- 4) ABA number: 021030004
- 5) Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"
- 6) Name of Respondent
- 7) Docket Number

Promptly after payment has been made, Respondent shall send copies of this payment or furnish reasonable proof that such payment has been made to both:

Mr. Michael Bious Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, MS-105 Edison, NJ 08837

and

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

Payment must be <u>received</u> at the above address on or before 45 calendar days after the date of the signature of the Final Order at the end of this document (the date by which payment must be received shall hereinafter be referred to as the "due date").

a. Failure to pay the penalty in full according to the above provisions will result in the referral of this matter to the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection.

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b. Further, if payment is not received on or before its due date, interest will be assessed, at the annual rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the Debt Collection Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3717, on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of payment. In addition, a late payment handling charge of \$15 will be assessed for each 30 day period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid. A 6% per annum penalty also will be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

- 4. This Consent Agreement is being voluntarily and knowingly entered into by the parties in full and final settlement of the civil liabilities under the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder 40 C.F.R. Part 761, that attach or might have attached as a result of the "Findings of Fact" section, above, and the allegations contained in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement, understands its terms, finds it to be reasonable, and consents to its issuance and its terms. Respondent consents to the issuance of the accompanying Final Order. Respondent agrees that all terms of settlement are set forth herein.
- 5. Respondent explicitly and knowingly consents to the assessment of the civil penalty as set forth in this Consent Agreement, and agrees to pay the penalty in accordance with the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 6. Respondent hereby waives its right to seek or to obtain any hearing (pursuant to Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 22) or other judicial proceeding on the assertions contained in the "Findings of Fact" section, above, and the allegations contained in the "Conclusions of Law" section, above, or on any allegations arising thereunder. Respondent further waives its right otherwise to contest all such assertions and/or allegations.

- 7. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 22.8 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to discuss a proposed settlement of this matter or to recommend acceptance of this Consent Agreement and issue the attached Final Order.
- 8. This Consent Agreement does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise effect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations.
- 9. Each undersigned signatory to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this Consent Agreement and all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement.
  - 10. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees in this matter.

11. Respondent consents to service upon Respondent of a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.

RESPONDENT:

NAME: MICHAEL W. MAROUT (PLEASE PRINT)

TITLE: SVP STORE SUPPORT

DATE:

**COMPLAINANT:** 

Dore LaPosta, Director Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007

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# **FINAL ORDER**

The Regional Judicial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, concurs in the foregoing Consent Agreement in the case of <u>In the Matter of Advance Auto Parts, Inc.</u>, bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2010-9205. Said Consent Agreement, having been duly accepted and entered into by the parties, shall be, and hereby is, ratified, incorporated into and issued, as this Final Order, which shall become effective when filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2 (40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b)). This Final Order is being entered pursuant to the authority of 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3) and shall constitute an order issued under Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2605 for purposes of Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1)(C).

DATE: June 22, 2010

Helen Fererra

Regional Judicial Officer

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 2

290 Broadway

New York, NY 10007

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on June 29, 2010, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2010-9205, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Daren R. Jackson, CEO Advance Auto Parts, Inc. 5008 Airport Road NW Roanoke, VA 24012

On the same date, I mailed via EPA internal mail to the Region 2 Regional Hearing Clerk at 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007 the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order.

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