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U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7
11201 RENNER BOULEVARD
LENEXA, KANSAS 66219

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:)
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City of Creston, Iowa,) Docket No. CAA-07-2018-0255
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Respondent.)
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

Preliminary Statement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA or Complainant), and the City of Creston, Iowa (Respondent) have agreed to a settlement of this action before the filing of a complaint, and thus this action is simultaneously commenced and concluded pursuant to Rules 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2).

Jurisdiction

1. This proceeding is an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties instituted pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d). Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), the Administrator and the Attorney General jointly determined that this matter, in which the first date of alleged violation occurred more than twelve months prior to the initiation of the administrative action, was appropriate for administrative penalty action.

2. This Consent Agreement and Final Order serves as notice that the EPA has reason to believe that Respondent has violated the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions in 40 C.F.R. Part 68, promulgated pursuant to Section 112(r) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r), and that Respondent is therefore in violation of Section 112(r) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r). Furthermore, this Consent Agreement and Final Order serves as notice pursuant to Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A), of the EPA's intent to issue an order assessing penalties for these violations.

Parties

3. Complainant, by delegation from the Administrator of the EPA and the Regional Administrator, EPA, Region 7, is the Director of the Air and Waste Management Division, EPA, Region 7.

4. Respondent is the City of Creston, Iowa, a municipality in the state of Iowa, which owns and operates the Twelve Mile Water Treatment Plant – City of Creston Water Works located at 1730 Lark Avenue, Creston, Iowa (Respondent's Facility).

Statutory and Regulatory Background

5. On November 15, 1990, the President signed into law the CAA Amendments of 1990. The Amendments added Section 112(r) to Title I of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r), which requires the Administrator of the EPA to, among other things, promulgate regulations in order to prevent accidental releases of certain regulated substances. Section 112(r)(3), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(3), mandates that the Administrator promulgate a list of regulated substances, with threshold quantities, and defines the stationary sources that will be subject to the chemical accident prevention regulations mandated by Section 112(r)(7). Specifically, Section 112(r)(7), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), requires the Administrator to promulgate regulations that address release prevention, detection, and correction requirements for these listed regulated substances.

6. On June 20, 1996, the EPA promulgated a final rule known as the Risk Management Program, 40 C.F.R. Part 68, which implements Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7). This rule requires owners and operators of stationary sources to develop and implement a risk management program that includes a hazard assessment, a prevention program and an emergency response program.

7. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 set forth the requirements of a risk management program that must be established at each stationary source. The risk management program is described in a Risk Management Plan (RMP) that must be submitted to the EPA.

8. Pursuant to Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 68.150, an RMP must be submitted for all covered processes by the owner or operator of a stationary source that has more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance in a process no later than the latter of June 21, 1999, or the date on which a regulated substance is first present above the threshold quantity in a process.

9. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 68.10 set forth how the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions apply to covered processes. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 68.10(d), a covered process is subject to Program 3 requirements if the process does not meet the eligibility requirements of Program 1, as described in 40 C.F.R. § 68.10(b), and it either falls under a specified North American Industry Classification System code or is subject to the OSHA process safety management standard, 29 C.F.R. § 1910.119. Respondent's facility is subject to Program 3 requirements.

10. Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), states that the Administrator may issue an administrative order against any person assessing a civil administrative penalty of up to \$25,000 per day of violation whenever, on the basis of any available information, the Administrator finds that such person has violated or is violating any requirement or prohibition of Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), and its implementing regulations. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 2461, as amended by the

Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, and most recently by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, 28 U.S.C. § 2461, and implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 19, increased these statutory maximum penalties to \$37,500 per day for violations that occurred from January 12, 2009, through November 2, 2015; to \$45,268 per day for violations that occurred after November 2, 2015 and for which penalties were assessed on or after January 15, 2017 but before January 15, 2018; and to \$46,192 per day for violations that occurred after November 2, 2015 and for which penalties are assessed on or after January 15, 2018.

Definitions

11. Section 302(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e), defines “person” to include any individual, corporation, partnership, association, State, municipality, political subdivision of a State, and any agency department, or instrumentality of the United States and any officer, agent, or employee thereof.

12. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 68.3 define “stationary source,” in part, as any buildings, structures, equipment, installations or substance-emitting stationary activities which belong to the same industrial group, which are located on one or more contiguous properties, which are under the control of the same person (or persons under common control), and from which an accidental release may occur.

13. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 68.3 define “regulated substance” as any substance listed pursuant to Section 112(r)(3) of the CAA, as amended, in 40 C.F.R. § 68.130.

14. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 68.3 define “threshold quantity” as the quantity specified for regulated substances pursuant to Section 112(r)(5) of the CAA, as amended, listed in 40 C.F.R. § 68.130 and determined to be present at a stationary source as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 68.115.

15. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 68.3 define “process” as any activity involving a regulated substance including any use, storage, manufacturing, handling or on-site movement of such substances, or combination of these activities. For the purposes of this definition, any group of vessels that are interconnected, or separate vessels that are located such that a regulated substance could be involved in a potential release, shall be considered a single process.

General Factual Allegations

16. Respondent is, and at all times referred to herein was, a “person” as defined by Section 302(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e).

17. Respondent’s Facility is a “stationary source” pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 68.3.

18. Chlorine is a “regulated substance” pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 68.3. The threshold quantity for Chlorine, as listed in 40 C.F.R. § 68.130, is 2,500 pounds.

19. On or about May 16-17, 2016, representatives of the EPA conducted an inspection of Respondent's Facility to determine compliance with Section 112(r) of the CAA and 40 C.F.R. Part 68.

20. Information gathered during the EPA inspection revealed that Respondent had greater than 10,000 pounds of Chlorine in a process at its facility.

21. From the time Respondent first had onsite greater than 2,500 pounds of Chlorine in a process, Respondent was subject to the requirements of Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), and 40 C.F.R. Part 68 because it was an owner and operator of a stationary source that had more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance in a process.

22. From the time Respondent first had onsite greater than 2,500 pounds of Chlorine in a process, Respondent was subject to Program 3 prevention program requirements because pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 68.10(d), the covered process at its facility did not meet the eligibility requirements of Program 1 and was subject to the OSHA process safety management standard, 29 C.F.R. § 1910.119.

23. From the time Respondent first had onsite greater than 2,500 pounds of Chlorine in a process, Respondent was required under Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), to submit an RMP pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(a) and comply with the Program 3 requirements provided at 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(d).

Allegations of Violation

24. Complainant hereby states and alleges that Respondent has violated the CAA and federal regulations promulgated thereunder as follows:

Count 1

25. The facts stated in Paragraphs 16 through 23 above are herein incorporated.

26. The regulation at 40 C.F.R. § 68.15 requires that the owner or operator of a stationary source with processes subject to Program 3 requirements shall develop a management system to oversee the implementation of a Risk Management Program.

27. The EPA inspection revealed that Respondent failed to develop a management system to oversee the implementation of the Risk Management Program.

28. Respondent's failure to develop a management system to oversee the implementation of a Risk Management Program, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.15, is a violation of Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7).

Count 2

29. The facts stated in Paragraphs 16 through 23 above are herein incorporated.

30. The regulation at 40 C.F.R. § 68.36 requires that the owner or operator of a stationary source shall review and update the offsite consequence analyses at least once every five years, and 40 C.F.R. § 68.39 requires that the owner or operator must maintain records of these analyses.

31. The EPA inspection revealed that Respondent failed to review and update the offsite consequence analyses at least once every five years, and did not maintain records of any such analyses.

32. Respondent's failure to review and update the offsite consequence analyses at least once every five years, and not maintain records of any such analyses, as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.36 and 68.39, is a violation of Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7).

Count 3

33. The facts stated in Paragraphs 16 through 23 above are herein incorporated.

34. The regulation at 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(d) requires the owner or operator of a stationary source with a process subject to Program 3 to implement the Program 3 prevention requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.65 through 68.87.

35. The EPA inspection revealed that Respondent failed to implement the Program 3 prevention requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.65 through 68.87, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(d)(3). Specifically:

- (a) Respondent failed to compile written process safety information pertaining to the equipment in the covered process, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.65(d)(1);
- (b) Respondent failed to document that equipment in the covered process complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.65(d)(2);
- (c) Respondent failed to perform an initial process hazard analysis appropriate to the complexity of the process, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.67;
- (d) Respondent failed to develop and implement written operating procedures that provide clear instructions, address each operating phase, contain operating limits, contain safety and health considerations or include safety systems per 40 CFR 68.69(a);
- (e) Respondent failed to certify annually that the operating procedures of the covered process are current and accurate, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.69(c);

- (f) Respondent failed to establish safe work practices for employees and contractors to control hazards during operations, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.69(d);
- (g) Respondent failed to provide standard operating procedure refresher training every three years, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.68.71(b) and failed to document employee training as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.71(c);
- (h) Respondent failed to establish and implement a mechanical integrity program and perform inspections and tests on process equipment, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.73(b) and (d);
- (i) Respondent failed to establish and implement written procedures to manage changes to its covered process, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.75;
- (j) Respondent failed to conduct pre-startup safety reviews, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.77(a); and
- (k) Respondent failed to conduct compliance audits and retain the two most recent reports, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.79;
- (l) Respondent failed to have a written employee participation plan, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.83;
- (m) Respondent failed to have a contractor program, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.87.

36. Respondent's failures to comply with Program 3 prevention requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.65 through 68.87, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(d), violate Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7).

Count 4

37. The facts stated in Paragraphs 16 through 23 above are herein incorporated.

38. The regulations under 40 C.F.R. Subpart G, 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.150 through 68.195, require the owner or operator of a stationary source with a process subject to Program 3 to follow the requirements set forth in those regulations for the filing and maintaining of a RMP.

39. The EPA inspection revealed that Respondent failed to file and maintain a RMP for the facility as required by 40 C.F.R. Subpart G, specifically:

- (a) Respondent failed to submit a RMP that correctly included the information required regarding the emergency response program, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.180;

- (b) Respondent failed to review and update the RMP at least every five years, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.190(b)(1);
- (c) Respondent failed to submit a RMP that included accurate information about the facility as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.155 through 68.185 and 68.150(a);
- (d) Although the emergency contact person at the facility changed in August 2012, Respondent failed to update this change, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.195(b).

40. Respondent's failures to comply with 40 C.F.R. Subpart G, 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.150 through 68.195, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(d), violate Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7).

CONSENT AGREEMENT

41. For the purpose of this proceeding, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2), Respondent:

- (a) Admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth herein;
- (b) Neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations stated herein];
- (c) Consents to the assessment of a civil penalty, as stated herein;
- (d) Consents to the issuance of any specified compliance or corrective action order;
- (e) Consents to any conditions specified herein;
- (f) Consents to any stated Permit Action;
- (g) Waives any right to contest the allegations set forth herein; and
- (h) Waives its rights to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

42. Respondent consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement and Final Order and consents for the purposes of settlement to the payment of the civil penalty specified herein and to completion of the SEP described below.

43. Respondent and EPA agree to conciliate this matter without the necessity of a formal hearing and to bear their respective costs and attorneys' fees.

Penalty Payment

44. Respondent agrees that, in settlement of the claims alleged herein, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$20,362) and shall perform a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) as set forth in this Consent Agreement and Final Order. The projected cost of the SEP is One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$133,750). The SEP is further described below.

45. Respondent shall pay the penalty within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and shall be 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>.

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

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219; and

Raymond C. Bosch, Attorney
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

47. Respondent understands that its failure to timely pay any portion of the civil penalty or any portion of a stipulated penalty as stated herein may result in the commencement of a civil action in Federal District Court to recover the full remaining balance, along with penalties and accumulated interest. In such case, interest shall begin to accrue on a civil or stipulated penalty from the date of delinquency until such civil or stipulated penalty and any accrued interest are paid in full. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(1). Interest will be assessed at a rate of the United States Treasury Tax and loan rates in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 3717. Additionally, a charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection including processing and handling costs, and a non-payment penalty charge of six (6) percent per year compounded annually will be assessed on any portion of the debt which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due. 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(2).

Supplemental Environmental Project

48. In response to the violations of the CAA alleged in this Consent Agreement and Final Order and in settlement of this matter, although not required by the CAA or any other federal, state, or local law, Respondent shall complete the SEP described in this Consent Agreement and Final Order, which the parties agree is intended to secure significant environmental or public health protection and improvement.

49. Respondent shall complete the following SEP: Replace the current chlorine gas disinfection system with a sodium hypochlorite decontamination system. The SEP shall cost at least One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand and Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$133,750). Respondent agrees that:

- (a) Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent shall submit a SEP Work Plan that describes the details and implementation of the SEP identified above. The Work Plan shall include, but not be limited to the scope of work for the SEP; the estimated start date and completion date for the SEP; and the names and positions of persons implementing the SEP. The Work Plan shall be submitted to the EPA contact listed in Paragraph 54 below.
- (b) The SEP shall be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the Effective Date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

50. This SEP shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

51. Within two hundred ten (210) days of the Effective Date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent shall submit a SEP Completion Report to the EPA contact identified in Paragraph 54 below. The SEP Completion Report shall be subject to EPA review and approval. The SEP Completion Report shall contain the following information:

- (a) Detailed description of the SEP as implemented.
- (b) Description of any problems encountered in implementation of the projects and the solution thereto;
- (c) Description of the specific environmental and/or public health benefits and to the extent feasible, quantify the benefits associated with the project and provide a report setting forth how the benefits were measured or estimated resulting from implementation of the SEP; and
- (d) Certification that the SEP has been fully implemented pursuant to the provisions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

52. In itemizing its costs in the SEP Completion Report, Respondent shall clearly identify and provide acceptable documentation for all SEP costs. For purposes of this paragraph,

“acceptable documentation” includes invoices, purchase orders, or other documentation that specifically identifies and itemizes the individual costs of the goods and/or services for which payment is being made. Cancelled drafts do not constitute acceptable documentation unless such drafts specifically identify and itemize the individual costs of the goods and/or services for which payment is being made.

53. The SEP Completion Report shall include the statement of Respondent, through an officer, signed and certifying under penalty of law the following:

I certify under penalty of law that I have examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment.

54. The SEP Completion Report shall be submitted on or before the due date specified above to:

Dave Hensley
Chemical and Oil Release Prevention Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

55. SEP Completion Report Approval: The SEP Completion Report shall be reviewed in accordance with the procedures outlined in this paragraph. EPA will review the SEP Completion Report and may approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove and provide comments to Respondent. If the SEP Completion Report is disapproved with comments, Respondent shall incorporate EPA’s comments and resubmit the SEP Completion Report within thirty (30) days of receipt of EPA’s comments. If Respondent fails to revise the SEP Completion Report in accordance with EPA’s comments, Respondent shall be subject to the stipulated penalties as set forth below.

56. Any public statement, oral or written, in print, film, internet, or other media, made by Respondent making reference to the SEP under this Consent Agreement and Final Order from the date of its execution of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall include the following language:

This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to enforce federal laws.

57. With regard to the SEP, Respondent certifies the truth and accuracy of each of the following:

- (a) That all cost information provided to the EPA in connection with the EPA's approval of the SEP is complete and accurate and that Respondent in good faith estimates that the minimum cost to implement the SEP is...
- (b) That, as of the date of executing this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent is not required to perform or develop the SEP by any federal, state, or local law or regulation and is not required to perform or develop the SEP by agreement, grant, or as injunctive relief awarded in any other action in any forum;
- (c) That the SEP is not a project that Respondent was planning or intending to construct, perform, or implement other than in settlement of the claims resolved in this Consent Agreement and Final Order;
- (d) That Respondent has not received and will not receive credit for the SEP in any other enforcement action;
- (e) That Respondent will not receive reimbursement for any portion of the SEP from another person or entity; and
- (f) Respondent is not a party to any open federal financial assistance transaction that is funding or could fund the same activity as the SEP described herein.

58. Stipulated penalties for failure to complete SEP/Failure to spend agreed-on amount:

- (a) In the event Respondent fails to comply with any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement relating to the performance of the SEP, above, and/or to the extent that the actual expenditures for the SEP do not equal or exceed the cost of the SEP described in this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent shall be liable for stipulated penalties according to the provisions set forth below:
 - i. If a SEP has not been completed satisfactorily and timely pursuant to this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent shall pay a stipulated penalty to the United States in the amount of \$133,750, minus any documented expenditures determined by EPA to be acceptable for the SEP.
 - ii. If the SEP is completed in accordance with this Consent Agreement and Final Order, but Respondent spent less than proposed SEP cost, Respondent shall pay a stipulated penalty to the United States which equals the difference between the proposed SEP amount as defined above and the actual cost of SEP.

- iii. For failure to submit the SEP Work Plan, Respondent shall pay a stipulated penalty in the amount of \$250 for each day after the Work Plan was originally due until the Work Plan is submitted.
 - iv. For failure to submit the SEP Completion Report, Respondent shall pay a stipulated penalty in the amount of \$100 for each day after the report was originally due until the report is submitted.
- (b) The determinations of whether the SEP has been satisfactorily completed and whether the Respondent has made a good faith, timely effort to implement the SEP shall be in the sole discretion of EPA.
 - (c) Stipulated penalties shall begin to accrue on the day after performance is due, and shall continue to accrue through the final day of the completion of the activity or other resolution under this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
 - (d) Respondent shall pay stipulated penalties not more than fifteen (15) days after receipt of written demand by EPA for such penalties. Method of payment shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Penalty Payment section above. Interest and late charges shall be paid as provided in Paragraph 47 herein.
 - (e) Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as prohibiting, altering or in any way limiting the ability of EPA to seek any other remedies or sanctions available by virtue of Respondent's violation of this agreement or of the statutes and regulations upon which this agreement is based, or for Respondent's violation of any applicable provision of law.
 - (f) The United States may, in the unreviewable exercise of its discretion, reduce or waive stipulated penalties otherwise due under this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

Effect of Settlement and Reservation of Rights

59. Full payment of the penalty proposed in this Consent Agreement shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. Complainant reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other violations of the CAA or any other applicable law.

60. The effect of settlement described in the immediately preceding paragraph is conditioned upon the accuracy of Respondent's representations to the EPA, as memorialized in paragraph directly below.

61. Respondent certifies by the signing of this Consent Agreement that it is presently in compliance with all requirements of the CAA and its implementing regulations.

62. Full payment of the penalty proposed in this Consent Agreement shall not in any case affect the right of the Agency or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. This Consent Agreement and Final Order does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of the CAA and regulations promulgated thereunder.

63. Complainant reserves the right enforce the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

General Provisions

64. By signing this Consent Agreement, the undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to execute and enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and has the legal capacity to bind the party he or she represents to this Consent Agreement.

65. This Consent Agreement shall not dispose of the proceeding without a final order from the Regional Judicial Officer or Regional Administrator ratifying the terms of this Consent Agreement. This Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be effective upon the filing of the Final Order by the Regional Hearing Clerk for EPA, Region 7. Unless otherwise stated, all time periods stated herein shall be calculated in calendar days from such date.

66. The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.

67. This Consent Agreement and Final Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and Respondent's agents, successors and/or assigns. Respondent shall ensure that all contractors, employees, consultants, firms, or other persons or entities acting for Respondent with respect to matters included herein comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

RESPONDENT:
CITY OF CRESTON, IOWA

Date: 1-25-18

Valarie R Allen
Signature

Valarie R Allen
Name

Chair
Title

COMPLAINANT:
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date 8-3-18



Mark A. Smith
Acting Director, Air and Waste Management Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

Date Aug 3, 2018



Raymond C. Bosch
Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), 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 Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order.

Respondent is ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of the foregoing Consent 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 Borrromeo
Karina Borrromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

Aug. 7, 2018
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Email to Complainant:

Raymond C. Bosch
bosch.raymond@epa.gov

Copy via Email to Respondent:

Valarie R. Allen, Chair
Creston Water Works Board
vallen@iowatelecom.net

Dan McIntosh
SIRWA General Manager and
Creston Treatment Plant Manager
dmc@sirwa.org

Copy via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to Respondent:

Valarie R. Allen, Chair
Creston Water Works Office
820 S. Park Street
Creston, IA 50801

Dan McIntosh
IRWA General Manager and
Creston Treatment Plant Manager
820 S. Park Street
Creston, Iowa 50801

Dated this 8th day of August, 2018.


Signed _____