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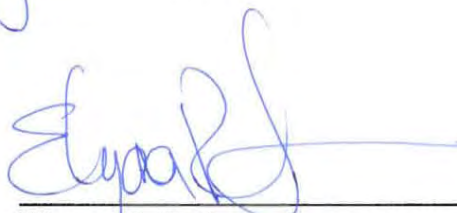
DOCKET NO. **CWA-08-2009-0022**

In the Matter of: )  
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Big H Water Service, Inc. )  
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Respondent )  
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FINAL ORDER

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 the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF July, 2009



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**Elyana R. Sutin**  
**Regional Judicial Officer**

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**EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

**Docket No: CWA-08-2009-0022**

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, and Respondent, Big H Water Service (also known as Big H Water Hauling), by their undersigned representatives, hereby settle the civil cause of action arising out of a spill of oil that occurred on or about March 17, 2008, and agree as follows:

The Clean Water Act (the Act), as amended, authorizes the Administrator of EPA to assess administrative penalties against any person who discharges oil into or upon the navigable waters and adjoining shorelines of the United States in quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6) and (b)(3). This determination includes discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards; (2) cause a film, sheen, or discoloration of the surface of the water or the adjoining shoreline; or (3) cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or the adjoining shoreline, 40 C.F.R. § 110.3. This authority has been properly delegated to the undersigned EPA official.

Respondent owns and/or operates Big H Water Service located at 2202 Ute Avenue, Rifle, CO.

Respondent admits that on or about March 17, 2008, Respondent discharged approximately 15-20 barrels of oily produced water and diesel fuel into or upon Horsethief Creek or its unnamed tributary. Horsethief Creek is a tributary of the Colorado River.

Respondent's discharge caused a sheen upon, or discoloration of, or caused a sludge or emulsion to be deposited on the surface of Horsethief Creek or its unnamed tributary.

Respondent's discharge constitutes a violation of Section 311 (b)(3) of the Act.

Respondent admits that EPA has jurisdiction in this proceeding.

Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any civil tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in this agreement.

This agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors and 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 Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

Respondent consents and agrees to the assessment of a civil penalty of \$ 500.00 for the discharge of oil in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, which, shall be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Final Order by means of a cashier's or certified check, or by wire transfer. If paying by check, the Respondent shall submit a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Environmental Protection Agency," and bearing the notations "OSLTF - 311" and the title and docket number of this case. If the Respondent sends payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

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

If the Respondent sends payment by overnight mail, the payment should be sent to:

U.S. Bank  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson  
314-418-4087

Wire transfers should be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA: 021030004  
Account: 68010727  
SWIFT address: FRNYUS33  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10045

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The Respondent shall submit copies of the check (or, in the case of a wire transfer, copies of the confirmation) to the following persons:

**Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC)**  
**U.S. EPA Region 8**  
**1595 Wynkoop**  
**Denver, CO 80202-1129**

and

**Jane Nakad**  
**Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-UFO)**  
**U.S. EPA Region 8**  
**1595 Wynkoop**  
**Denver, CO 80202-1129**

Respondent states, under penalty of perjury, that they have (1) investigated the cause of the spill; (2) cleaned up the spill pursuant to federal requirements; and (3) taken corrective actions to prevent future spills.

Respondent further agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the penalty amount as required by this agreement once incorporated into the final order, or fails to make the corrective measures to obtain compliance or has not cleaned up the discharged oil as represented, this agreement is null and void, and EPA may pursue any applicable enforcement options.

The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions for this agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.

Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees in connection with this matter.

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 described in this agreement.

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8,  
Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice, Complainant.**

By : Mark A.R. Chalfant Date: 7/16/2009  
Mark A.R. Chalfant, Director  
Technical Enforcement Program  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance and  
Environmental Justice

**Big H Water Service, Inc., Respondent.**

By : H. G. Parkinson Date: 7/13/09  
Name: Hans G. Parkinson  
Title: Owner

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter of **BIG H WATER SERVICE, INC.: CWA-08-2009-0022** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on July 21, 2009.


Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the documents were delivered to Mark A.R. Chalfant, Director, Technical Enforcement Program, 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 July 21, 2009 to:

Hans G. Parkinson, Owner  
Big H Water Service, Inc.  
2202 Ute Avenue  
Rifle, CO 81650-3808

E-mailed to:

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

July 21, 2009

  
Tina Artemis  
Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk