# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

IN THE MATTER OF:	)			
Ron Anderson Ford, In, Waycross, GA	)	1524(b)		
Respondent.	) ) )		2007 SEP -1	ro Dec
CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER		G CLERK	4 PM 4: 1	
I. Nature of the	ne Action/Jurisdictional Statements		0	

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is Ron Anderson Ford, Inc., (hereinafter, "Respondent").
- 2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.
- 3. The authority to take action under Section 113(d) of CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under the CAA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 7-6-A. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 7-6-A. Pursuant to that delegation, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.
  - 4. Respondent is a corporation doing business in the State of Georgia.
  - 5. Respondent is a "person" as defined in CAA § 302(e), 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e).

- 6. Respondent performs "service for consideration," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 82.32(h), at its service facility located at 2825 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA, 31501.
- 7. Respondent performs "service involving refrigerant," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 82.32(h), at its service facility located at 2825 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA, 31501.
- 8. Section 609(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7671h(d), and regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart B, establish that any person servicing MVAC systems shall certify to the Administrator that such person has acquired, and is properly using, approved equipment and that each individual authorized to use the equipment is properly trained and certified.
- 9. Regulation 40 C.F.R. § 82.42(a) states no later than January 1, 1993, or within 30 days of a change of ownership, any person repairing or servicing motor vehicle air conditioners for consideration shall certify to the Administrator that such person has acquired, and is properly using, approved equipment and that each individual authorized to use the equipment is properly trained and certified.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty of not more than \$32,500 for each violation of Section 609 of CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7671h, that occurred after March 15, 2004.

### II. Factual Allegations

11. EPA alleges that Respondent failed to certify in a timely manner to EPA that persons performing service were using approved refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment. Respondent violated CAA § 609(d), 42 U.S.C. §7671h(d), and 40 C.F.R. § 82.42(a) by failing to certify in a timely manner that they have acquired and were properly using approved refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment.

#### III. Consent Agreement

- 12. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out in Paragraphs 1 through 10 above, but Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out in paragraph 11 above.
- 13. As provided in 40 C.F.R. §22.18(b)(2), Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations listed above and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying this consent agreement.
- 14. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

- 15. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance at all of its automotive repair facilities that perform MVAC work with all relevant MVAC requirements of the CAA at Section 609.
- 16. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the alleged violations contained herein, and EPA hereby releases Respondent from all liability for the violations of Section 609 alleged herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent, if any, to the United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement for allegations of violations not contained in this CAFO.
- 17. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of the CAA.

#### IV. Final Order

- 18. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS** (\$500.00) which shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the date Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed CAFO.
- 19. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to: "Treasurer, United States of America," to the following address:

# US checks in US dollars sent by regular US postal service mail:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency P.O. Box 371099M Pittsburgh, PA 15251

#### For Fedex and other non-US Postal Service express mail:

Mellon Client Service Center ATTN: Shift Supervisor, Room 0690 Lockbox 371099M Account 9109125 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001

#### The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

20. 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 CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Ms. Laurie Savoy
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division
Air and EPCRA Enforcement Branch
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Ms. Saundi Wilson (OEA) U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

- 21. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for the civil penalty payment made pursuant to paragraph 18.
- 22. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge may be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.
- 23. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
  - 24. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 25. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Ms. Laurie Savoy
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division
Air and EPCRA Enforcement Branch
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

26. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

## V. Effective Date

27. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

# **AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**

Kon Anderson Ford, Inc.	
By: York Solling Mr. Robbie Roberson Manager	Date: <u></u>

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** 

By: Finely A. Sugar	Date: 8/10/07
Beverly H. Banister, Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Man Region 4	

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 4 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the date set out below I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: Ron Anderson Ford, Inc., Docket No. CAA-04-2007-1524(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Mr. Robbie Roberson Ron Anderson Ford, Inc. 2825 Memorial Drive Waycross, GA 31501 (Via Federal Express)

Karol Berrien U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Laurie Savoy (Via Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division Air and EPCRA Enforcement Branch U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Date: \_ 9-5-07

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk United States Environmental Protection

Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404)562-9511

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