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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1 – NEW ENGLAND

In the Matter of:)
) EPA Docket No.
IDK Ventures, Inc. dba)
CertaPro Painters of Maine	TSCA-01-2023-0029
740 Stroudwater Street)
Westbrook, Maine 04092) CONSENT AGREEMENT
) AND
Respondent.) FINAL ORDER
Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the)
Toxic Substances Control Act,)
42 U.S.C. § 2615(a).	
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 1 ("Complainant") alleges that IDK Ventures, Inc. dba CertaPro Painters of Maine ("Respondent") violated Sections 402 and 406 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2682 and § 2686, and federal regulations promulgated thereunder set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, as amended (the "Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule" or "RRP Rule").

This Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") simultaneously commences and concludes the cause of action described herein, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant and Respondent (collectively, the "Parties") agree that settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that entry of this CAFO without litigation is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter.

I. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 1. In 1992, Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act (the "Act") in response to findings that "pre-1980 American housing stock contains more than 3,000,000 tons of lead in the form of lead-based paint" and that dust from this lead paint creates significant health problems for children. 45 U.S.C. § 4851. The Act added a new section to TSCA entitled *Subchapter IV Lead Exposure Reduction* (TSCA Sections 401-412, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2681-2692) to, among other purposes, ensure that "the existence of lead-based paint hazards is taken into account in... [the] renovation of homes and apartments." 45 U.S.C. § 4851a (4).
- 2. In 1998, EPA promulgated regulations to implement Section 406(b) of TSCA (Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet Renovation of Target Housing), 15 U.S.C. § 2686(b), and those regulations are set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E (commonly referred to as the "Pre-Renovation Education Rule" or "PRE Rule").
- 3. In 2008, EPA promulgated regulations to implement Section 402(c)(3) of TSCA [Lead-Based Paint Activities Training and Certification Renovation and Remodeling Certification Determination], 15 U.S.C. § 2682(c)(3), by amending both the PRE Rule at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, as well as the LBP Activities Rule at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart L, now commonly referred to as the "RRP Rule." See 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.100, 745.103, 745.107(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4), and 745.113(b)(1)-(6). As further described below, the RRP Rule sets forth procedures and requirements for, among other things, renovator and renovator firm certifications, records retention, and work practices for renovation, repair, and painting activities in "target housing" and child-occupied facilities, and the establishment and retention of records to document compliance.

- 4. "Target housing" is "any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities or any 0-bedroom dwelling (unless any child who is less than 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing)." 15 U.S.C. § 2681(17).
- 5. A "renovator" is "an individual who either performs or directs workers who perform renovations." A "certified renovator" is "a renovator who has successfully completed a renovator course accredited by EPA or an EPA-authorized State or Tribal program." 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.
- 6. A "firm" is "company, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship or individual doing business, association, or other business entity; a Federal, State, Tribal, or local government agency; or a nonprofit organization." 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.
- 7. "Renovation" is "the modification of any existing structure, or portion thereof, that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces, unless that activity is performed as part of an abatement as defined by this part (40 CFR [§] 745.223). The term renovation includes (but is not limited to): the removal, modification or repair of painted surfaces or painted components (e.g., modification of painted doors, surface restoration, window repair, surface preparation activity (such as sanding, scraping, or other such activities that may generate paint dust)); the removal of building components (e.g., walls, ceilings, plumbing, windows); weatherization projects (e.g., cutting holes in painted surfaces to install blown-in insulation or to gain access to attics, planing thresholds to install weather-stripping), and interim controls that disturb painted surfaces. A renovation performed for the purpose of converting a building, or part of a building, into target housing or a child-occupied facility is a renovation under this subpart. The term renovation does not include minor repair and maintenance activities." 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.

- 8. "Minor repair and maintenance activities" means "activities, including minor heating, ventilation or air conditioning work, electrical work, and plumbing, that disrupt 6 square feet or less of painted surface per room for interior activities or 20 square feet or less of painted surface for exterior activities where none of the work practices prohibited or restricted by § 745.85(a)(3) are used and where the work does not involve window replacement or demolition of painted surface areas. When removing painted components, or portions of painted components, the entire surface area removed is the amount of painted surface disturbed. Jobs, other than emergency renovations, performed in the same room within the same 30 days must be considered the same job for the purpose of determining whether the job is a minor repair and maintenance activity." 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.
- 9. Except in specific circumstances not relevant to Respondent or the violations alleged in this CAFO, firms renovating target housing for compensation must:
 - i. Obtain EPA certification, pursuant to the procedures outlined in 40 C.F.R.
 § 745.89, before "perform[ing], offer[ing], or claim[ing] to perform renovations";
 - ii. Provide the owner of the unit being renovated with an informational pamphlet;
 - iii. Cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable impermeable material extending ten feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris, whichever is greater; and
 - iv. Close and cover all ducts opening in the work area with taped-down plastic sheeting or other impermeable material.

See 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.81(a)(2), 745.89(a), 745.84(a), and 745.85(a)(2)(i)(B).

- 10. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with these or any other rules issued under Subchapter IV of TSCA. 15 U.S.C § 2689. See also 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.87(a), (b).
- 11. TSCA Section 16(a) authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 for each violation of Section 409 of TSCA. *See also* 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(d). This amount was amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 ("FCPIAA"), as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 and the FCPIAA's implementing regulations, promulgated and updated by EPA at 40 C.F.R. Part 19 (most recently at 87 Fed. Reg. 1676, 1679 (Jan. 12, 2022)), which together authorize the assessment of civil administrative penalties of up to \$43,611 for violations that occur after November 2, 2015, for which a penalty is assessed on or after January 15, 2022.

II. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Respondent is a corporation registered with the State of Maine in or around 2020, with its principal offices located at 740 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook, Maine. Respondent performs or hires subcontractors to perform residential painting services in Maine.
- 13. Thus, Respondent is a "firm," as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 745.83, and a "person" as defined by the same.
- 14. At all times relevant to the violations alleged in this CAFO, Respondent hired subcontractors to perform renovation activities in calendar year 2021 that constituted "renovations" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 745.83. Respondent was most recently certified by EPA as a firm on July 13, 2020.

- 15. Respondent performed "renovations for compensation" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.
- 16. On December 28, 2021, EPA sent Respondent an information request letter ("IRL") in order to obtain information relating to Respondent's compliance with the RRP Rule. Respondent submitted a response to the IRL on January 26, 2022.
- 17. EPA has determined, based on Respondent's response to the IRL and other information received by EPA, that Respondent hired subcontractors to perform eleven renovations in target housing during calendar year 2021. The subcontractors listed below performed the renovations at the addresses also listed without having obtained firm certification:
 - i. A property located at 6 Bauer Street, Lisbon Falls, Maine, built in 1930, was performed by Prolines Painting, which Respondent hired as the second subcontractor to complete the scraping and painting of the exterior of the property upon terminating the initial subcontractor. However, Prolines Painting failed to adhere to lead safe work practices by using plastic sheeting that was insufficient to contain paint chips that became scattered throughout the lawn, and not packaging the plastic sheeting correctly for disposal.
 - ii. A property located at 5 Sayward St., Kennebunk, Maine, built in 1885, was performed by 876 Painters consisted of scuffing, sanding and painting the walls and stairs of the entryway of the house. The renovation began on November 29, 2021. During the renovation, there were there was an uncovered heating duct, a vacuum that was used is not recommended by the manufacturer for lead dust removal and lead dust was found in the renovation area after the job was

- completed. Lead dust testing performed after the completion of the renovation showed that dust containing lead was present.
- iii. A property located at 732 River Road, Windham, Maine, built in 1836, had exterior work done by Picture Perfect Pro Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on November 19, 2021. This work included scraping loose paint and painting the exterior siding and trim.
- iv. A property located at 8 Blue Heron Drive, Kennebunkport, Maine, built in 1920, had exterior renovation work performed by 876 Painters, a subcontractor of Respondent, on July19, 2021. This renovation included scraping loose paint and painting the exterior siding and trim.
- v. A property located at 135 Dumont Avenue, Lewiston, Maine, built in 1940, had exterior renovation work performed by 876 Painters, a subcontractor of Respondent, on June 25, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint, painting the trim and touchups of exterior paint.
- vi. A property located at 502 Deering Avenue, Portland, Maine, built in 1884, had exterior work performed by Picture Perfect Pro Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on June 15, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint and painting the exterior siding and trim.
- vii. A property located at 73 Warwick Street, Portland, Maine, built in 1948, had exterior work done by Picture Perfect Pro Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on May 6, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint, painting the exterior siding and trim, and shake and fascia board removal

and replacement.

- viii. A property located at 15 Mountain Road, Falmouth, Maine built in 1850, had exterior work done by Old Port Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on June 3, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint and painting the exterior siding and trim.
- ix. A property located at 18 Wardtown Road, Freeport, Maine, built in 1900, had exterior work done by Picture Perfect Pro Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on November 19, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint and painting the exterior siding, trim, and decking.
- x. The property located at 54 Federal Street, Brunswick, Maine, built in 1966, had exterior work performed by Picture Perfect Pro Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on November 19, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint, painting the exterior siding and trim, and repair/replacement of windowsills.
- xi. The property located at 35 Elmwood Road, Auburn, Maine built in 1850, had exterior work performed by Picture Perfect Pro Painting, a subcontractor of Respondent, on November 09, 2021. This renovation work included scraping loose paint and painting the exterior siding and trim.
- 18. The renovations described in paragraph 17 above, did not constitute minor repair or maintenance activities, or emergency repairs. *See* 40 C.F.R. 745.82(b).
- 19. The residences listed in paragraph 17 above, were built before 1978, and thus, qualify as "target housing." 15 U.S.C. § 2681(17), 40 C.F.R. § 745.103. The residences do not

satisfy the requirements for an exemption from the definition of target housing. *See id*, 40 C.F.R. § 745.82.

III. <u>VIOLATIONS</u>

- 20. EPA has identified the following violations of TSCA and the RRP Rule based on information received in response to EPA's IRL and other information received by EPA.
- 21. Each of the four violations alleged below is a violation for which penalties may be assessed pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 2615.

COUNT ONE: FAILURE TO ENSURE FIRMS PERFORMING RENOVATIONS RECEIVED CERTIFICATION FROM EPA

- 22. Paragraphs 1 through 21 above, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a)(2), on and after April 22, 2010, no firm may perform, offer, or claim to perform renovations in target housing or child-occupied facilities without certification from EPA under 40 C.F.R. § 745.89, unless the renovation is exempt under C.F.R. § 745.82. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745. 89(a)(1), firms performing renovations for compensation must apply to EPA for certification to perform renovations. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745. 89(d)(3), firms performing renovations must ensure that all renovations performed by the firm are performed in accordance with the work practice standards in § 745.85. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a), renovations must be performed by certified firms using certified renovators as directed by 40 C.F.R. § 745.89.
- 24. Respondent contracted with the owners of the residences listed in paragraph 17 above, to perform renovations. Respondent then hired subcontractors to perform those renovations. None of the four subcontractors hired by Respondent and listed in paragraph 17

above, were certified firms pursuant to the RRP Ruled at the time of the renovations.

25. Thus, Respondent failed to ensure that the four firms listed in paragraph 17 above, were certified firms at the time of the renovations, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(3) and 40 C.F.R. 745.85(a).

COUNT TWO: FAILURE TO PROVIDE A PAMPHLET

- 26. Paragraphs 1 through 25, above, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 27. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a), a firm performing a renovation must, no more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities in target housing, provide the owner of the unit with the *Renovate Right* or EPA-approved pamphlet and obtain a written certification that the owner has received the pamphlet, or obtain a certificate of mailing seven days prior to the renovation. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(4), firms performing renovations must ensure that the pre-renovation education requirements of § 745.84 have been performed.
- 28. Respondent's subcontractor, Picture Perfect Pro Painting, completed a renovation of target housing on November 19, 2021, at a property located at 18 Wardtown Road, Freeport, Maine. The RRP Rule pamphlet acknowledgement was signed on January 16, 2022, after the renovation was completed.
- 29. Thus, on at least one occasion, Respondent failed to ensure that the pamphlet was provided to the owner of the unit no more than 60 days before the renovation began, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a) and 40 C.F.R. 745.89(d)(4).

COUNT THREE: FAILURE TO COVER THE GROUND WITH PLASTIC SHEETING

30. Paragraphs 1 through 29 above, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth

herein.

31. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(3), firms performing renovations must ensure that the renovations are performed in accordance with the work practice standards in § 745.85.

32. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C), firms performing renovations must,

before beginning the renovation, cover the ground with plastic sheeting or other disposable

impermeable material extending ten feet beyond the perimeter of surfaces undergoing renovation

or a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris, whichever is greater, unless the property

line prevents ten feet of such ground covering.

33. Respondent's subcontractor, Prolines Painting, did not adequately cover the

ground with plastic sheeting when it performed renovation work at 6 Bauer Street, Lisbon Falls,

Maine, resulting in paint chips being scattered across the lawn of the property.

34. Thus, Respondent failed to ensure that all renovations performed by the firm are

performed in accordance with the work practice standards of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, in violation of

40 C.F.R. §§ 745.89(d)(3) and 745.85(a)(2)(ii)(C).

COUNT FOUR: FAILURE TO COVER DUCTS WITH PLASTIC SHEETING

35. Paragraphs 1 through 34 above, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth

herein.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.89(d)(3), firms performing renovations must ensure

that the renovations are performed in accordance with the work practice standards in § 745.85.

37. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(a)(2)(i)(B), firms performing renovations must

close and cover all ducts opening in the work area with taped-down plastic sheeting or other

impermeable material.

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- 38. During the renovation of 5 Sayward Street, Kennebunk, Maine, subcontracted by Respondent to 876 Painters, the ducts opening in the work area were not covered with taped-down plastic sheeting or other impermeable material.
- 39. Thus, by failing to ensure that all ducts opening in the work area were covered with plastic sheeting or other impermeable material during the renovation at 5 Sayward Street, Kennebunk, Maine, Respondent violated 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.89(d)(3) and 745.85(a)(2)(i)(B).

IV. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

- 40. Without admitting or denying the factual allegations in Section III of this CAFO, Respondent consents to the terms and issuance of this CAFO and agrees to the payment of the civil penalty set forth herein.
- 41. Respondent certifies that it is currently operating and will continue to operate in compliance with Sections 402 and 406 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2682 and 2686, and federal regulations promulgated under TSCA, including 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E. Specifically, Respondent shall:
 - i. Ensure that firms it hires to perform renovations obtain certification pursuant to the RRP Rule prior to performing the renovation, in compliance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.89(d)(3) and 745.85(a);
 - ii. Provide the Renovate Right pamphlet to the homeowner and obtain a written certification that the owner has received the pamphlet or obtain a certificate of mailing seven days prior to the renovation, in compliance with 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a);
 - iii. Ensure that firms it hires to perform renovations cover the ground with plastic

- sheeting in a manner that prevents paint chips from escaping, in compliance
- iv. Ensure that firms it hires to perform renovations close and cover all ducts opening in the work area with taped-down plastic or other impermeable material, in compliance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.89(d)(3) and 745.85(a)(2)(i)(B).
- 42. Respondent shall pay the sixteen thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$16,636) within 30 days of the effective date of this CAFO in the following manner: The payment shall be made by remitting a check or making an electronic payment, as described below. The check or other payment shall reference *In the Matter of IDK Ventures dba CertaPro Painters of Maine*; Consent Agreement and Final Order, EPA Region 1," Respondent's name and address, and the EPA Docket Number of this action (TSCA-01-2023-0029), and be payable to "Treasurer, United States of America." The payment shall be remitted as follows:

If remitted by regular U.S. mail:

U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If remitted by any overnight commercial carrier:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101

If remitted by wire transfer: Any wire transfer must be sent directly to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City using the following information:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

ABA = 021030004

Account = 68010727

SWIFT address = FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

Within 24 hours of payment of the penalty, send proof of payment (for example, a copy of the check) by email to:

Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 r1 hearing clerk_filings@epa.gov

and

Andrea Simpson, Senior Enforcement Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 simpson.andrea@epa.gov

43. 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. In the event that Respondent does not fully pay the civil penalty required by this CAFO when due, the unpaid penalty shall be payable with accrued interest from the original due date to the date of payment, with the interest calculated at the rate established in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2). A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorneys' fees. In addition, a penalty charge of six 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, with the charge accruing from the date of delinquency in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d). In any such collection action, the validity, amount and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

- 44. The civil penalty due, and any interest, non-payment penalties or charges that arise pursuant to this CAFO shall represent penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes. Accordingly, Respondent agrees to treat all payments made pursuant to this CAFO as penalties within the meaning of Section 1.162-21 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 1.162-21, and further agrees not to use these payments in any way as, or in furtherance of, a tax deduction under federal, state or local law.
- 45. Respondent admits, for the purposes of this proceeding, that Complainant has jurisdiction over the subject matter alleged in this CAFO and that this CAFO states claims upon which relief may be granted against Respondent. Respondent waives any defenses it might have as to jurisdiction and venue.
- 46. Respondent waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing on any issue of law or fact set forth in this CAFO and waives its right to appeal the Final Order.
- 47. The provisions of this CAFO shall be binding on Respondent and Respondent's successors and assigns.
- 48. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to TSCA for the violations specifically alleged in Section III of this CAFO. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is the responsibility of Respondent to comply with such laws and regulations. This CAFO in no way relieves Respondent or its employees of any criminal liability. Nothing in this CAFO shall be construed to limit the authority of the United States to undertake any action against Respondent in response to conditions which may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public.

- 49. This CAFO shall not relieve Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state or local law, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state or local permit.
- 50. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he fully authorized by the party represented to enter into the terms and conditions of this CAFO and to execute and legally bind that party to it.
- 51. By signing this CAFO, Respondent certifies that the information it has supplied concerning this matter, including financial information, was at the time of submission true, accurate and complete for each such submission, response, and statement. Respondent acknowledges that there are significant penalties for submitting false or misleading information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing submission of such information, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
- 52. The parties agree that Respondent and EPA may execute this CAFO by electronic signature. EPA and Respondent acknowledge that electronic signatures carry the legal effect, validity, or enforceability of handwritten signatures. Therefore, the Parties shall not deny the legal effect, validity, or enforceability of records containing electronic signatures that they transmit and receive on the ground that such records, including the signature(s), are in electronic form. EPA has provided Respondent with a copy of the EPA Region 1 Regional Judicial Officer's Authorization of EPA Region 1 Part 22 Electronic Filing System for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents Standing order, dated June 19, 2020. Electronic signatures shall comply with, and be maintained in accordance with, that Order. Respondent further consents to accept electronic service of the full executed CAFO, by electronic mail, to the following address:

ikopp@certapro.com. Respondent understands that this e-mail address may be made public when the CAFO and Certificate of Service are filed and uploaded to a searchable database.

- 53. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees in connection with the action resolved by this CAFO. Respondent specifically waives any right to recover such costs from EPA pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504, or other applicable law.
- 54. The terms, conditions, and compliance requirements of this CAFO may not be modified or amended except upon the written agreement of the Parties and approval of the Regional Judicial Officer. or Respondent.

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Date: December 7, 2022

Ian Kopp, Owner

IDK Ventures, Inc. dba CertaPro Painters of Maine

For Complainant:

JAMES CHOW Date: 2022.12.08 12:59:45 -05'00'

Dated via electronic signature

James Chow, Deputy Director for Karen McGuire, Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division U.S. EPA, Region 1

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b) and (c) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, the foregoing Consent Agreement resolving this matter is incorporated by reference into this Final Order and is hereby ratified. Respondent IDK Ventures, Inc. dba CertaPro Painters of Maine is ordered to pay the civil penalty amount specified in the Consent Agreement in the manner indicated therein.

The terms of the Consent Agreement shall become effective on the date that the CAFO is filed, either in person or electronically via email, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

LeAnn W. Jensen, Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. EPA, Region 1