



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

MAY 25 2010

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Mr. Ollie Jerome Higdon, Jr.
President
Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
961 Windmill Lane
Evans, Georgia 30809

Re: Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
Docket No. CAA-04-2010-1514(b)

Dear Mr. Higdon:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served upon all parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section 21 of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$4,282.00 is due in accordance with the payment plan in that Section with the first payment due 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the Respondent and the Docket Number of this case.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Pamela McIlvaine at (404) 562-9197.

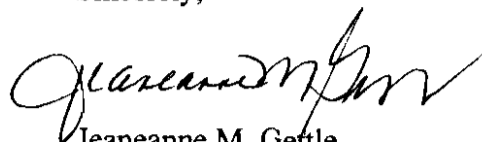
Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document

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puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely,



Jeaneanne M. Gettle
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic
Substances Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)
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Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.)
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Respondent.)
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

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, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits; Final Rule (Consolidated Rules), 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 Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
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.

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II. Preliminary Statements

3. Asbestos is a "hazardous air pollutant" as that term is defined in Sections 112(a)(6) and 112(b)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412(a)(6) and 7412(b)(1), and is the subject of regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, "National Emission Standard for Asbestos," promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Any person who violates Section 112 of the CAA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d). The statutory penalty of \$25,000 has been adjusted for inflation. For a violation occurring after January 31, 1997, and through March 15, 2004, a penalty of up to \$27,500 may be assessed. For a violation occurring after March 15, 2004, and through January 12, 2009, a penalty of up to \$32,500 may be assessed. For a violation occurring after January 12, 2009, a penalty of up to \$37,500 may be assessed. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

4. In December 1977, pursuant to Section 112(I) of the CAA, EPA delegated the Administrator's authorities and responsibilities to implement and enforce emission standards and prevention requirements for asbestos under Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, to the State of Georgia. Pursuant to Georgia Department of Natural Resources Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1-.02(9)(b)7, the State has incorporated and adopted EPA's rules for asbestos located at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, by reference. As indicated in Section 112(I)(7) of the CAA, nothing in Section 112(I) of the CAA shall prohibit the Administrator from enforcing any applicable emission standard or requirement under Section 112 of the CAA.

5. The authority to take action under Section 113(d) of the 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, last updated on August 4, 1994. 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 the aforementioned delegations, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.
6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Pamela McIlvaine
Chemical Products and
Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-9197.

III. Specific Allegations

7. Respondent is the owner of Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc. located at 961 Windmill Lane in Evans, Georgia. Respondent is the subcontractor that was hired to conduct a demolition at Newell Recycling, LLC (the facility) located at 1540 Doug Bernard Parkway in Augusta, Georgia.
8. A facility is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 in part as any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including any structure, installation, or building containing condominiums or individual dwelling units operated

as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having four or fewer dwelling units).

9. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602.
10. Respondent is an owner or operator of a demolition activity.
11. An owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation, or both.
12. Sometime between March 9, 2009, and April 9, 2009, a building previously utilized for commercial purposes at the facility was demolished by the Respondent. The Respondent obtained a demolition permit from Richmond County for the demolition.
13. Demolition is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or the intentional burning of any facility.
14. Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, and 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(1), by failing to provide written notice of intention to demolish or renovate a regulated facility prior to the initiation of demolition activities.

IV. Consent Agreement

15. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations as set forth above.
16. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.

17. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
18. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of the National Emission Standard for Asbestos, 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.
19. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, for the specific violations alleged herein. Except as specifically provided in this CAFO, EPA reserves all other civil and criminal enforcement authorities, including the authority to address imminent hazards. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any other actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is Respondent's responsibility to comply with said laws and regulations.
20. 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.

V. Final Order

21. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars (\$4,282.00). Eight payments will be made to complete payment of the entire civil penalty including interest. The first payment is due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO, and subsequent payments will be due every three months thereafter. Including the civil penalty and interest, the total amount that will be paid upon the completion of all payments will be Four Thousand, Four

Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$4,427.76). Respondent shall make payments in accordance with the following schedule.

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Payment Due Date</u>	<u>Payment Due</u>
1	30 days of filing of CAFO	\$553.47
2	3 months after payment #1	\$553.47
3	6 months after payment #1	\$553.47
4	9 months after payment #1	\$553.47
5	12 months after payment #1	\$553.47
6	15 months after payment #1	\$553.47
7	18 months after payment #1	\$553.47
8	21 months after payment #1	\$553.47

22. Respondent shall remit the civil penalty payments by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check to the following address by U.S. Postal Service:

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

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

For payment submittal by any overnight mail service (Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc.) use the following address:

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

Contact: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087

23. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to each of the following persons at the following addresses:

Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
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Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960,

Pamela McIlvaine
Chemical Products and
Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960,

and


Saundi Wilson
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

24. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
25. 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. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
26. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
27. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.

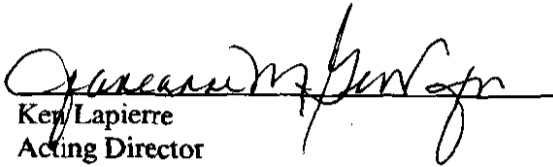
28. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

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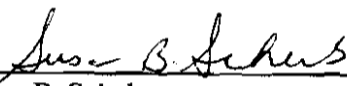
Respondent: Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
Docket No.: CAA-04-2010-1514(b)

By:  (Signature) Date: 4-21-2010
Name: Dillie Higdon (Typed or Printed)
Title: President (Typed or Printed)

Complainant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 5-17-2010
Ken Lapierre
Acting Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 25th day of May, 2010.

By: 
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: Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc., Docket Number: CAA-04-2010-1514(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Ollie Jerome Higdon, Jr. (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)
President
Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
961 Windmill Lane
Evans, Georgia 30809

Pamela McIlvaine (via EPA's internal mail)
Chemical Products and
Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Robert Caplan, Attorney (via EPA's internal mail)
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Date: 5-25-10


Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Saundi Wilson on 5/21/10
(Name) (Date)

in the Region 4, ORC, OEA at (404) 562-9504
(Office) (Telephone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
USAO COLLECTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Order/Consent Agreement
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
DOJ COLLECTS | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:
Sent with bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sent with bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a modification |

PAYEE: Precision Tower Maintenance, Inc.
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 4,282
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CAA 04 2010 1514 (6)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: _____

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: _____

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: _____ Date _____

If you have any questions, please call: _____ of the Financial Management Section at: _____

DISTRIBUTION:

A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:

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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer
Environmental Enforcement Section
Department of Justice RM 1647
P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)
3. Designated Program Office |
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B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

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| 1. Originating Office
2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 3. Designated Program Office
4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |
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