



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Mr. Richard T. Bilbro
Shield Industries, Inc.
131 Smokehill Lane
Woodstock, GA 30188

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3030(b)
Shield Industries, Inc.

Dear Mr. Bilbro:

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 on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section IV of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$8,425 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 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. Dawn Johnson at (404) 562-9017.

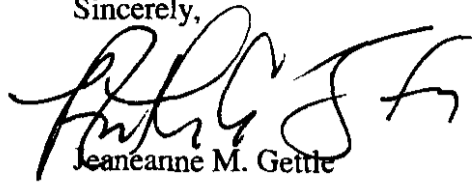
Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeananne M. Gettle', written in a cursive style.

Jeananne M. Gettle
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic
Substances Branch

Enclosures

cc: Tommy Gray
Georgia Department of Agriculture
State File No. 052801149701

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)
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Shield Industries, Inc.) Docket No. FIFRA-04-2009-3030(b)
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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 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (FIFRA), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Respondent is Shield Industries, Inc.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR § 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 CFR § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14, dated May 11, 1994.
4. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Dawn Johnson
Pesticides Section
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-9017

5. Respondent is Shield Industries, Inc., a Georgia corporation, located at 131 Smokehill Lane, Woodstock, Georgia 30188.
6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

III. Specific Allegations

7. On or about December 6, 2007, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at Shield Industries, Inc., 131 Smokehill Land, Woodstock, Georgia 30188.
8. During the aforementioned inspection, the product "MoldBlock," was identified as being produced and distributed by Respondent.
9. The product is a "pesticide" as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which includes any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

10. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
11. At the time of the inspection, the MoldBlock was not registered as a pesticide with the EPA in accordance with Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
12. The inspector documented the distribution of the MoldBlock from the Respondent. Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), defines the term “distribute or sell” to include: sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment.
13. Under Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A), it is unlawful for any person to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide that is not registered under Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a.
14. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A) and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
15. At the time of the inspection, the MoldBlock product was misbranded.
16. According to FIFRA 2(q)(1)(D), 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1)(D), a pesticide is misbranded if its label does not bear the registration number assigned under Section 7.
17. According to FIFRA 2(q)(1)(C), 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(1)(C), a pesticide is misbranded if it is sold or distributed as an imitation of or is offered for sale under the name of another pesticide.

18. According to FIFRA 2(q)(2)(A), 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(2)(A), a pesticide is misbranded if its label does not bear an ingredient statement on the immediate container which is presented or displayed under customary conditions of purchase.
19. Under FIFRA 12(a)(1)(E), 7 U.S.C. § 136j(12)(a)(1)(E), it is unlawful for any person in any State to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide which is misbranded.
20. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(12)(a)(1)(E), and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.
21. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$8,425) against the Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

III. Consent Agreement

22. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
23. 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.

24. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
25. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
26. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent 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.
27. 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 FIFRA.

IV. Final Order

28. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$8,425), which shall be paid within 30 days from the effective date of this CAFO.
29. Respondent shall remit the penalty by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check via U.S. mail to the following address:

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

The check shall reference the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO [“Shields Industries, Inc., FIFRA-04-2009-3030(b)”].

30. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment is being 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 30303-8960;

Dawn Johnson
Pesticides Management 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.

31. 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.
32. 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.

33. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
34. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
35. 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.

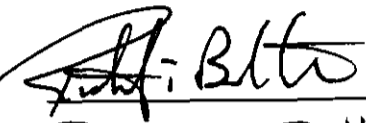
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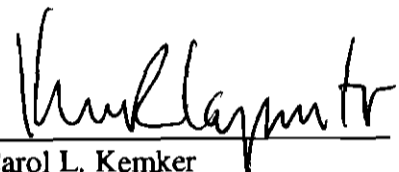
36. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

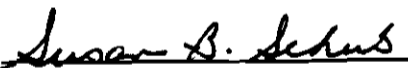
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FIFRA-04-2009-3030(b)

By:  (Signature) Date: 3/16/2009
Name: Richard T. Bilbro (Typed or Printed)
Title: President (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 3/27/09
Carol L. Kemker
Acting Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 9th day of April 2009.


Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

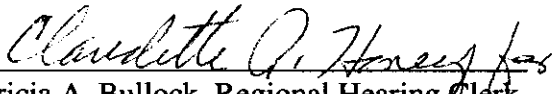
I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Shields Industries, Inc., Docket Number: FIFRA-04-2009-3030(b), to the addressees listed below.

Carlton Layne (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
3272 Sherman Ridge Drive
Marietta, GA 30064

Dawn Johnson (via EPA's internal mail)
Pesticides Management Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Leif Palmer (via EPA's internal mail)
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Date: APR 10 2009


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 3/31/09 (Name) (Date)

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

Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree USAO COLLECTS

Administrative Order/Consent Agreement FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT

SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree DOJ COLLECTS

Oversight Billing - Cost Package required: Sent with bill

Other Receivable

Not sent with bill

This is an original debt

Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required

This is a modification

PAYEE: Shield Industries Inc (Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 8,425 (If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: FIFRA N 2009 3030(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:

- 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

B. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS: Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

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