

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 9

75 HAWTHORNE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94105 EXPEDITED SPCC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO.: SPCC-09-2014-0005

On: February 11, 2014

At: 1500 Southside Drive Gilroy, CA 95020

Owned & Operated by: South County Regional Wastewater Authority (Respondent)

An authorized representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") conducted an inspection to determine compliance with the Oil Pollution Prevention ("SPCC") regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321(j), (the "Act"), and found that Respondent had failed to comply with the SPCC regulations as noted on the attached SPCC INSPECTION FINDINGS, ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AND PROPOSED PENALTY FORM ("Form"), which is hereby incorporated by reference. By its first signature below, EPA ratifies the Inspection findings and Alleged Violations set forth in the Form.

EPA finds the Respondent is subject to the SPCC regulations and has violated the SPCC regulations as further described in the Form. The Respondent admits to being subject to 40 CFR §112 and that EPA has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent does not contest the Inspection Findings, and waives any objections Respondent may have to EPA's jurisdiction.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321(b)(6) (B)(i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 CFR §22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Settlement in order to settle the civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of \$2,000.00. The Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This Expedited Settlement also is subject to the following terms and conditions: Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the violations have been corrected by September 15, 2014, and Respondent has sent a certified check in the amount of \$2,000.00, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" with the notation "Spill Fund - 311" and the Docket Number stated above.

This Expedited Settlement must be returned by certified mail to: David Wampler, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (ENF-3-2), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105-3901. The certified check for payment must be sent by certified mail to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center, P.O. Box 979077, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

After this Expedited Settlement becomes effective, EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violations of the SPCC regulations described in the Form. However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by the Respondent of the SPCC regulations or of any other federal statute or regulations.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Settlement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to EPA's approval of the Expedited Settlement without further notice.

This Expedited Settlement is binding on the parties signing below, and is effective immediately on the date filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Settlement as presented within 30 days of the date of its receipt, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the noncompliance identified in the Form.

APPROVED BY EPA:			
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Kathleen Johnson, Director		7 7	' /
Enforcement Division		•	

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (Print): Thom Vinson*

Title (Print): Project Manager

Mom Date 9/4/2014
Signature

*Operations Management International, Inc. Operator of Record for Respondent

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Steven Jawgiel
Regional Judicial Officer 770 ONIEVEH
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT in the matter of South County Regional Wastewater Authority, SPCC-09-2014-0005, signed by the Regional Judicial Officer (dated September 25, 2014), has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk (file date Sept 25, 2014), and was served on Respondent, and Counsel for EPA, as indicated below:

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL:

(Certified w/Return Receipt)

Respondent -

Thom Vinson

CH2M HILL - OMI 1500Southside Drive Gilroy, CA 95020

HAND DELIVERED:

Complainant -

Andrew Helmlinger, Esq. Office of Regional Counsel

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Dated at San Francisco, Calif., this 25th day of September, 2014.

Steven Armsey

Interim Regional Hearing Clerk

EPA, Region 9