



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Mark Knight
Director of Operations
Perdue Foods, LLC
5025 Highway 231 South
Cromwell, Kentucky 42320

Re: Perdue Foods, LLC
Expedited Settlement Agreement
CAA-04-2018-8008(b)

Dear Mr. Knight:

Enclosed, please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2018-8008(b)) involving Perdue Foods, LLC. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing. Payment instructions are included in the ESA and should be submitted within fifteen days of receipt of this letter.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you need additional information in this matter, please call Jordan Noles at (404) 562-9105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony G. Toney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony G. Toney
Chief
Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4

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EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT HEARING CLERK

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2018-8008(b)

This ESA is issued to: Perdue Foods, LLC
5025 Highway 231 South
Cromwell, Kentucky 42320

for violating 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2), 40 CFR § 68.195(b), and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency EPA Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by the Perdue Foods, LLC, facility (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 5025 Highway 231 South, Cromwell, Kentucky, April 5, 2017, the EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program, when at the time of inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It documented that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2); and

It submitted a Risk Management Plan correction within one month of any change in the emergency contact information as required by 40 CFR § 68.195(b).

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith efforts to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$2,500**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the

Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA or otherwise contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violations listed in this ESA.

Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of **\$2,500**. Respondent's payment shall be made by sending a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$2,500**, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses or via wire transfer:

For payment sent via electronic transfer

For payment by wire transfer, in lieu of a cashier's check or certified check, if desired, should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York using the following information:

ABA: 021030004

Account: 68010727

SWIFT address: FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

The wire transfer instructions shall reference the Respondent's name and Docket Number of this ESA.

For payment sent via Standard Delivery

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077

St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000; or

For payment sent for Signed Receipt Confirmation (FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS Certified, Registered, etc.)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077

1005 Convention Plaza

SL-MO-C2-GL

St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Delivery Location Phone Number: 314- 425-1819

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA must be included on the check. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA. 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 ESA to:

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

Jordan Noles
U.S. EPA Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency
Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303


The penalty specified in this ESA shall represent civil penalties assessed by the EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of State or Federal taxes.

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, the EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced in this ESA. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

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This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

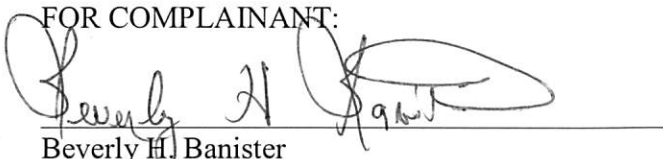
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Date: 12-11-17

Name (print): Mark Knight

Title (print): Dir. of Ops
Perdue Foods, LLC

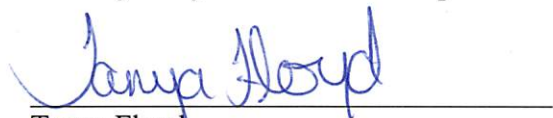
FOR COMPLAINANT:



Date: 1/26/18

Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.



Date: February 28, 2018

Tanya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA), in the matter of Perdue Foods, LLC, CAA-04-2018-8008(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Robert W. Bookman
U. S. EPA, Region 4
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

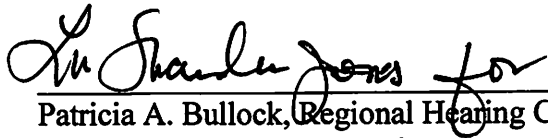
Michi Kono
U. S. EPA, Region 4
Office of Regional Counsel
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Mr. Mark Knight
Director of Operations
Perdue Foods, LLC
5025 Highway 231 South
Cromwell, Kentucky 42320

(Via Certified Mail -
Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 3/1/2018



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
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Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-9511