

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
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Ms. Marilyn Hurst 3815 SW 16th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

SUBJ: Consent Agreement and Final Order

Docket No. TSCA-04-2007-2714(b)

Dear Ms. Hurst:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above referenced matter. The CAFO is effective as of the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. Please make note of the provisions in the CAFO, paragraphs 13 and 14, with respect to payment of the assessed penalty which must begin no later than 30 days from the effective date of the CAFO.

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 the potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If you have any questions with regard to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Liz Wilde of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-8998.

Sincerely,

Joanne Benante

Chief

Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

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Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4 IN THE MATTER OF: Marvin Gardens Apartments Docket Number: TSCA-04-2007-2714(b)

Respondent

CONSENT AGREEMENT FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

- 1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 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 Marvin Gardens Apartments (hereinafter, "Respondent").
- 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.

II. Preliminary Statements

- 3. The Administrator of EPA promulgated regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F under the authority of Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. § 4852d. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4852d(b)(5), a violation of any rule in 40 C.F.R. Part 745, is a prohibited act under Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689. Any person who violates Section 409 of TSCA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$10,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) and Section 1018. For a violation occurring after January 31, 1997, a penalty of up to \$11,000 may be assessed pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 745,118(f).
- 4. The authority to take action under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under TSCA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 12-2-A, dated May 11, 1994.

III. Specific Allegations

- 5. Respondent is a lessor, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103, of residential housing identified as Marvin Gardens Apartments located at 3815 SW 16th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This residential housing is "target housing," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.103.
- 6. Based on information obtained by EPA on or about April 1, 2003, relating to Respondent's contracts to lease its target housing described above, EPA alleges that Respondent violated Section 409 of TSCA and the following regulations:
 - Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.107(a)(1), a lessor shall provide the lessee an EPAapproved lead hazard information pamphlet before the lessee is obligated under any contract to lease target housing.

Respondent failed to provide lessees an EPA-approved pamphlet.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(1), each contract to lease target housing shall include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a "Lead Warning Statement."

Respondent failed to include the required "Lead Warning Statement."

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(2), each contract to lease target housing shall
include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a statement disclosing the
presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target
housing being leased or a statement indicating no knowledge of the presence of
lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

Respondent failed to include an appropriate statement.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.113(b)(3), each contract to lease target housing shall
include, as an attachment to or within the contract, a list of any records or reports
available to the lessor pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint
hazards in the housing that have been provided to the lessee, or an indication that
no such records or reports are available.

Respondent failed to include the appropriate information.

IV. Consent Agreement

- 7. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.
 - 8. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein.

- 9. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
- 10. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is otherwise in compliance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.
- 11. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of 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 pursue criminal enforcement.
- 12. 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 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart F.

V. Final Order

- 13. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of Three Thousand and Eighty Dollars (\$3080). Respondent shall pay the civil penalty within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- 14. Respondent shall pay the penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Accounting Operations Mellon lockbox 371099M Pittsburgh, PA 15251-7099

Wire transfer of US dollars must be wired to the following address:

Mellon Bank
SWIFT address = MELNUS3P
ABA 043000261
Account 9109125
22 Morrow Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

The checks shall reference on their face the name of the Respondent and Docket Number of this CAFO.

15. 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 CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

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

Liz Wilde
Children's Health, Lead and Asbestos
Management Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
SNAFC – 12th Floor
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Saundi Wilson
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303.

- 16. 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 CAPO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAPO.
- 17. 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.
- 18. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
 - 19. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
- 20. The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Liz Wilde
Children's Health, Lead &
Asbestos Management Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8998

21. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

VI. Effective Date

22. 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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| Regional Judicial | Officer | | |

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day filed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of: Marvin Gardens Apartments, <u>Docket No. TSCA-04-2007-2714(b)</u>, and served same on the date shown below, to the parties listed in the manner indicated:

Liz Wilde
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Air, Pesticides, and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Saundi Wilson U.S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Respondent)

(Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Ms. Marilyn Hurst Marvin Gardens Apartments 3815 SW 16th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Date: 6-5-0

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511

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