# BEFORE THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RECEIVED

## **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)**

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DOCKET NO:

EPCRA-10-2009-0095

This ESA is issued to:

ChemStation Auburn, WA

### for violating section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA), by its representative, the Manager, Emergency Response Unit and by ChemStation (Respondent) pursuant to section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

#### **ALLEGED VIOLATION**

EPA alleges that Respondent, owner and/or operator of the facility at 3104 C Street NE, Suite 202, Auburn, WA 98002 (Facility), failed to timely submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form as described in 40 C.F.R. § 370.25 and 40 C.F.R. Part 370, Subpart D) for the year 2007 as required by section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and 40 C.F.R. Part 370. Under section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and 40 C.F.R. Part 370, Respondent was required to submit its Tier I or Tier II form for the year 2007 on or before March 1, 2008.

#### SETTLEMENT

EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a penalty of **TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 2,000)** is in the public interest. In signing this ESA, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to the requirements of section 312 of EPCRA; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; and (5) waives any right to contest the allegations contained herein.

By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the alleged violation has been corrected, and (2) Respondent is submitting payment of the civil penalty with this ESA. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

The civil penalty of **TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 2,000)** must be paid by cashier's or certified check to the "Treasurer, United States of America." <u>The Docket Number of this ESA (located at the top left corner) must be included on the check</u>. Send the penalty payment with a copy of the signed ESA by certified mail to:

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

Send the signed, original ESA and a copy of the check by certified mail to:

EPA Washington Operations Office 300 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 102

Lacey, WA 98503

Attn: Suzanne E. Powers, EPCRA Enforcement Coordinator

Upon Respondent's submission of the original signed ESA, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of EPCRA identified in the ESA. EPA does not waive any right to file an enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of EPCRA or any other federal statute or regulation.

If Respondent does not return the signed, original ESA with an attached copy of the check to EPA at the above address in correct form within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of this ESA (90 days if an extension is granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), this ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO AGREED,

**EPA Region 10** 

Signature: Name (print): Rece T. Pullippi Title (print): DIRECTOR OF RESERVE & MANUFACTURING.	Date: 3/9/2009
FOR COMPLAINANT:	
Kelly Huyah, Manager Emergency Response Unit Office of Environmental Cleanup	te: 3/16/09
I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference to the second se	erence. It is so ORDERED. te: 3/19/05

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT in In the Matter of: ChemStation, DOCKET NO.: EPCRA-10-2009-0095 was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on March 20, 2009.

On March 20, 2009 the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to:

Deborah Hilsman, Esquire US Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Sixth Avenue, ORC-158 Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on March 20, 2009, to:

Bruce J. Phillippi Director of Research & Manufacturing 3104 C Street, Ste. 202 Auburn, WA 98002

DATED this 20th day of March 2009.

Carol Kennedy

Regional Hearing Clerk

EPA Region 10