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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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) DOCKET NO. CAA-10-2015-0116
) CONSENT AGREEMENT
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I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

- 1.1. This Consent Agreement is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d).
- 1.2. Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties," 40 C.F.R. Part 22, EPA issues, and Idaho Transportation Department ("Respondent") agrees to issuance of, the Final Order attached to this Consent Agreement ("Final Order").

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II. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 2.1. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), issuance of this Consent Agreement commences this proceeding, which will conclude when the Final Order becomes effective.
- 2.2. The Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, EPA Region 10
 ("Complainant") has been delegated the authority pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA,
 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), to sign consent agreements between EPA and the party against whom an administrative penalty for violations of the CAA is proposed to be assessed.
- 2.3. Part III of this Consent Agreement contains a concise statement of the factual and legal basis for the alleged violations of the CAA together with the specific provisions of the CAA and the implementing regulations that Respondent is alleged to have violated.

III. <u>ALLEGATIONS</u>

- 3.1. Pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, EPA has adopted National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for asbestos, which are codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.
- 40 C.F.R. § 61.145 applies to any person who is the owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity.
- 3.3. Section 302(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e), defines "person" as including, inter alia, a State.
- 3.4. 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 defines "owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity" to include any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility

being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises

the demolition or renovation operation, or both.

3.5. 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 defines "demolition" as the wrecking or taking out of any

load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or

the intentional burning of any facility.

3.6. 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 defines "facility" to include, inter alia, any institutional,

commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building.

3.7. 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a) requires the owner or operator of a demolition activity to

thoroughly inspect the facility, prior to the commencement of the demolition, for the presence of

asbestos.

3.8. 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(1) requires the owner or operator of a demolition activity to

provide EPA with written notice of intent to demolish a facility.

3.9. Respondent is a "person" as defined in CAA § 302(e).

3.10. Respondent is the "owner" of the former Jachetta Building, located at 200 Idaho

57, Priest River, Idaho 83856.

3.11. The Jachetta Building is a "facility" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

3.12. Respondent began "demolition" of the facility on November 12, 2014, as defined

in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

3.13. Samples taken from the debris at the site of the former facility on November 14,

2014, after demolition began, indicate the presence of asbestos.

3.14. Respondent failed to thoroughly inspect the facility for asbestos, prior to its

demolition, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a).

3.15. Respondent failed to provide EPA with written notice of intent to demolish the facility, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b)(1).

3.16. Under Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19,

EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$37,500 per day of violation.

IV. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

4.1. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of this Consent Agreement.

4.2. Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in

this Consent Agreement.

4.3. As required by Section 113(e)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e)(1), EPA has

taken into account the size of the business, the economic impact of the penalty on the business,

Respondent's full compliance history and good faith efforts to comply, the duration of the

violation as established by any credible evidence, payment by Respondent of penalties

previously assessed for the same violation, the economic benefit of noncompliance, the

seriousness of the violation, and such other factors as justice may require. After considering

these factors, EPA has determined and Respondent agrees that an appropriate penalty to settle

this action is \$51,986.

4.4. Respondent agrees to pay the total civil penalty set forth in Paragraph 4.3 within

30 days of the effective date of the Final Order.

4.5. Payment under this Consent Agreement and the Final Order may be paid by check

(mail or overnight delivery), wire transfer, ACH, or online payment. Payment instructions are

available at: http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment. Payments made by a cashier's check

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or certified check must be payable to the order of "Treasurer, United States of America" and delivered to the following address:

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

Respondent must note on the check the title and docket number of this action.

4.6. Concurrently with payment, Respondent must serve photocopies of the check, or proof of other payment method, described in Paragraph 4.5 on the Regional Hearing Clerk and EPA Region 10 at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10, Mail Stop ORC-113
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, Washington 98101
smith.candace@epa.gov

John Pavitt
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Alaska Operations Office
222 W. 7th Avenue, MS-19
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
pavitt.john@epa.gov

- 4.7. If Respondent fails to pay any portion of the penalty assessed by this Consent Agreement and the Final Order in full by its due date, the entire unpaid balance of penalty and accrued interest shall become immediately due and owing. If such a failure to pay occurs, Respondent may be subject to a civil action pursuant to Section 113(d)(5) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(5), to collect the assessed penalty under the CAA. In any collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.
- 4.8. If Respondent fails to pay any portion of the penalty assessed by this Consent Agreement and the Final Order in full by its due date, Respondent shall be responsible for payment of the following amounts:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, ORC-158 Seattle, Washington 98101 (206) 553-1037 4.8.1. Interest. Any unpaid portion of the assessed penalty shall bear interest at

the rate established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2) from the effective date of the

Final Order, provided, however, that no interest shall be payable on any portion of the

assessed penalty that is paid within 30 days of the effective date of the Final Order

contained herein.

4.8.2. Attorneys Fees, Collection Costs, Nonpayment Penalty. Pursuant to

42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(5), should Respondent fail to pay the assessed penalty and interest

on a timely basis, Respondent shall also be required to pay the United States'

enforcement expenses, including but not limited to attorneys fees and costs incurred by

the United States for collection proceedings, and a quarterly nonpayment penalty for each

quarter during which such failure to pay persists. Such nonpayment penalty shall be ten

percent of the aggregate amount of Respondent's outstanding penalties and nonpayment

penalties accrued from the beginning of such quarter.

4.9. The penalty described in Paragraph 4.3, including any additional costs incurred

under Paragraph 4.8, represents an administrative civil penalty assessed by EPA and shall not be

deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

4.10. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is

authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind

Respondent to this document.

4.11. Except as described in Paragraph 4.8, each party shall bear its own costs and

attorneys fees in bringing or defending this action.

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- 4.12. Respondent expressly waives any right to contest the allegations contained in this Consent Agreement and to appeal the Final Order.
- 4.13. The provisions of this Consent Agreement and the Final Order shall bind Respondent and its agents, servants, employees, successors, and assigns.
- 4.14. Respondent consents to the issuance of any specified compliance or corrective action order, and to any stated permit action.
- 4.15. The above provisions in Part IV are STIPULATED AND AGREED upon by Respondent and EPA Region 10.

DATED:

FOR RESPONDENT:

JAMES CARPENTER, Chief Operations Officer

Idaho Transportation Department

DATED:

FOR COMPLAINANT:

7/21/2015

EDWARD J. KOWALSKI, Director Office of Compliance and Enforcement

EPA Region 10

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPT.,) PRIEST RIVER FACILITY,)	FINAL ORDER
200 Idaho 57) Priest River, Idaho 83856,)	
Respondent.	

- 1.1. The Administrator has delegated the authority to issue this Final Order to the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 10, who has redelegated this authority to the Regional Judicial Officer in EPA Region 10.
- 1.2. The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. Respondent is ordered to comply with the terms of settlement.
- 1.3. This Consent Agreement and this Final Order constitute a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties under the CAA for the violations alleged in Part III of the Consent Agreement. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(a), nothing in this Final Order shall affect the right of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. This Final Order does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligations to comply with all applicable provisions of the CAA and regulations promulgated or permits issued thereunder and any applicable implementation plan requirements.

1.4. This Final Order shall become effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing

Clerk.

SO ORDERED this

day of

, 2015.

M. SOCORRO RODRIGUEZ

Regional Judicial Officer

EPA Region 10

Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER, In the Matter of: Idaho Transportation Department, Docket No.: CAA-10-2015-0116, was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the addressees in the following manner on the date specified below:

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to:

Grace Hwang, Esquire
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10, Mail Stop ORC-113
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, Washington 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 to:

James Carpenter Chief Operations Officer Idaho Transportation Department 3311 State Street Boise, Idaho 83707-1129

DATED this 22 day of

CANDACE H. SMITH Regional Hearing Clerk

EPA Region 10