

EPA ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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Office & Mail Code Phone number

Case Docket Number CWA-01-2008-0090

Site-specific Superfund (SF) Acct. Number _____

This is an original debt This is a modification

Name and address of Person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment:

Town of Litchfield, NH

Total Dollar Amount of Receivable \$ 4,000

Due Date: 2/7/09

SEP due? Yes _____ No Date Due _____

Installment Method (if applicable)

INSTALLMENTS OF:

1st \$ _____ on _____

2nd \$ _____ on _____

3rd \$ _____ on _____

4th \$ _____ on _____

5th \$ _____ on _____

For RHC Tracking Purposes:

Copy of Check Received by RHC _____ Notice Sent to Finance _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number _____

If you have any questions call: _____
in the Financial Management Office

_____ Phone Number



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I
ONE CONGRESS STREET SUITE 1100
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114-2023

January 29, 2009

Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region I
One Congress Street
Suite 1100, Mail Code RAA
Boston, MA 02114-2023

BY HAND

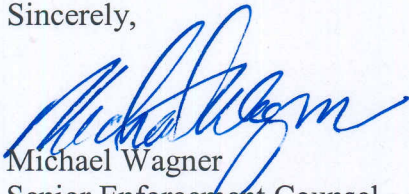
Re: In the Matter of: Town of Litchfield, New Hampshire
Docket No. CWA-01-2008-0090

Dear Ms. Santiago,

Enclosed for filing, please find a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) settling the matter referenced above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Michael Wagner
Senior Enforcement Counsel
EPA Region 1

Enclosure

cc: Frank A. Byron, Chairman, Litchfield Board of Selectman

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
)	AND FINAL ORDER
Town of Litchfield, New Hampshire)	
)	Docket No. CWA 01-2008-0090
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Statutory Authority

1. This Consent Agreement and Final Order is issued under the authority granted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (the "Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or suspension of Permits," at 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (the "Consolidated Rules").
2. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) of the Consolidated Rules, the parties agree to simultaneously commence and conclude this action by the issuance of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
3. The Town of Litchfield, New Hampshire ("Town" or "Respondent") admits that jurisdiction exists for the entry of this Consent Agreement, and consents to the assessment of an administrative penalty set forth herein. Respondent neither admits nor denies the other legal or factual allegations contained in this Consent Agreement.

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REQUIRED NOTICE

4. Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), provides that, prior to issuing an order assessing a penalty under Section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g), EPA must provide public notice of, and reasonable opportunity to comment on, the proposed issuance of such order. EPA will satisfy this requirement for notice by providing public notice of, and reasonable opportunity to comment on, this Consent Agreement prior to the issuance of the Final Order.

ALLEGATIONS

5. The Respondent is a municipality, as defined in Section 502(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(4).
6. The Respondent is a person under Section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5).
7. The Respondent is the owner and operator of a regulated small municipal separate storm sewer system ("Regulated Small MS4") as defined at 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.26(b)(16) and 122.32(a)(1).
8. The Town discharges, from its Regulated Small MS4, storm water containing pollutants within the meaning of Section 502(6) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(6), from catch basins through one or more outfalls constituting "point sources" within the meaning of Section 502(14) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(14), to waters including, but not limited to, Darrah Pond, Common Pond, Duck Pond, Chase Brook, NesenKeag Brook, and the Merrimack River.
9. Darrah Pond, Common Pond, Duck Pond, Chase Brook, NesenKeag Brook, and the Merrimack River are "waters of the United States" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 122.2 and

- "navigable waters" as defined by Section 502(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1362(7).
10. Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), prohibits the discharge of pollutants by any person from a point source into waters of the United States except in compliance with, among other things, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued under Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342.
 11. Pursuant to Section 402(p) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p), and the Storm Water Regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.26(a)(9), 122.32, and 122.33, Regulated Small MS4s must have permit coverage to discharge storm water to waters of the United States.
 12. On April 18, 2003, the Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection of EPA, Region I (the "Director of OEP"), issued a NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Regulated Small MS4s (the "Permit") pursuant to the authority given to the Administrator of EPA by Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342. The Permit authorizes Regulated Small MS4s to discharge storm water to the waters of the United States when certain conditions are met.
 13. On August 4, 2003, the Town submitted to EPA its Notice of Intent that the discharges from its MS4 would be covered by the Permit. On August 26, 2003, EPA granted the Town authorization to discharge stormwater from its MS4 subject to the terms and conditions of its Permit (Permit No. MAR041084).
 14. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.34(g)(3) and the Permit, Part II, F.1., the Town was required to submit annual reports by May 1 each year, commencing May 1, 2004 ("Annual Reports").
 15. The Town did not file the Annual Report due May 1, 2007 and did not file the Annual

Report due May 1, 2008 until August 4, 2008.

16. By violating the terms and conditions of the Permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, the Town has violated Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).
17. On August 3, 2007, EPA, Region I issued a letter to the Town informing them that EPA had not received the May 1, 2007 Report and reminding the Town that an additional annual report would be required on May 1, 2008.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

18. The parties have agreed to a settlement on the following terms. In agreeing to the following penalty, EPA has taken into account the statutory penalty factors at Section 309(g)(3) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(3).

PAYMENT OF PENALTY

19. The Respondent shall pay a penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for those past violations of the Act specifically alleged in the preceding paragraphs.
20. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order, Respondent shall submit a cashier's or certified check payable to "Treasurer, United States of America" and referencing the title and docket number of the action, in the amount specified in the preceding paragraph to:

EPA Region I
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

Respondent shall simultaneously submit copies of the penalty payment check to both:

Wanda Rivera
Regional Hearing Clerk (RAA)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

and

Diane Boisclair
Office of Environmental Stewardship (SEW)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region I
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023.

21. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(9) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9), a failure by the Respondent to pay the penalty assessed by this Consent Agreement and Final Order in full by its due date shall subject the Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalty, plus interest at current prevailing rates from the date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order. The rate of interest assessed shall be at the rate set forth in 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2) or, if payment is delinquent by more than 90 days, at the rate set forth in 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d), promulgated under 31 U.S.C. § 3717. Any person who fails to pay on a timely basis the amount of an assessed penalty, unless such failure results from causes beyond the reasonable control of Respondent, shall be required to pay in addition to such amount and interest, attorney's fees, costs for collection proceedings, and a quarterly nonpayment penalty for each quarter during which such failure to pay persists. Such nonpayment penalty shall be in an amount equal to twenty percent of the aggregate amount of such person's penalties and nonpayment penalties which are unpaid as of the

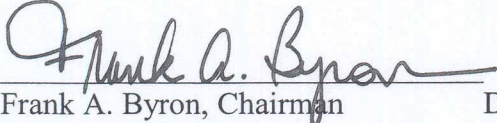
beginning of such quarter. In any such collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

22. Respondent waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing or appeal on any issue of law or fact set forth in this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
23. The provisions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be binding upon Respondent, its agents, successors and assigns.
24. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees in this proceeding.
25. Issuance of this Consent Agreement and Final Order constitutes a full and complete settlement by EPA of all claims for judicial and administrative civil penalties pursuant to Sections 309(d) and (g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319(d) and (g), for all past violations of the Act specifically alleged herein against the Respondent through the date of execution of this document by EPA, Region 1, Director of the Office of Environmental Stewardship.
26. Issuance of this Consent Agreement and Final Order does not constitute a settlement by EPA of its right to enforce the substantive legal requirements underlying this administrative penalty assessment, whether administratively or judicially pursuant to Sections 309(a), (b) and (c) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319(a), (b) and (c), or Section 504 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1364.
27. This Consent Agreement and Final Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq., or any regulations promulgated thereunder.


28. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized by Respondent to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order and legally bind Respondent.

Town of Litchfield, New Hampshire


Frank A. Byron, Chairman Date
Board of Selectman

25 Aug. 2008

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

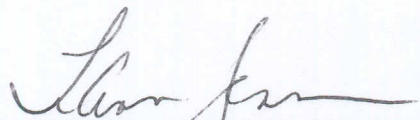

Susan Studlien, Director
Office of Environmental Stewardship

09/15/08
Date

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(B), and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the forgoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is ordered to comply with the terms of the referenced Consent Agreement. This Consent Order shall become effective 30 days from today.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



LeAnn Jensen, Acting Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA, Region I

1-28-09
Date

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement was transmitted to the following persons, in the manner specified, on the date below:

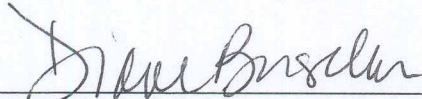
One copy
hand-delivered:

Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region I
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Copy by certified mail,
return receipt requested:

Frank Byron, Chairman
Board of Selectman
Town of Litchfield
Two Liberty Way - Suite 1
Litchfield, NH 03052

Dated: 1-29-09



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Office of Environmental Stewardship
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SEW)
Boston, MA 02114-2023
Phone: (617) 918-1762
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