UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2021-0006(b)

This ESA is issued to: W. T. MILLER, LLC 430 Old Gate Road Midland, Georgia 31820

for violating monitoring, reporting, and/or recordkeeping (MRR) requirements in 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos) and Section 112 of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (Complainant), and by W. T. MILLER, LLC (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on information received in response to an information request letter the EPA sent via electronic mail on January 28, 2021, to Respondent, the asbestos abatement and demolition contractor, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, and 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M. Specifically, the EPA alleges the Respondent failed to conduct a thorough inspection of a commercial building located at 7505 River Road in Columbus, Georgia, 31904 (the "Facility") for asbestos-containing materials prior to beginning demolition activity, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(a). The EPA also alleges the Respondent failed to notify the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) at least 10 working days prior to beginning the demolition activity, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b), at the Facility. Demolition activity occurred at the Facility from approximately December 2, 2020, through December 11, 2020.

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 this ESA in order to settle the violations alleged above, for the total penalty amount of \$5,474.

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 and Final Order 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 is currently in compliance with the National Emission Standard for Asbestos regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M. Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,474. 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 \$5,474 in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses or via wire transfer:

For payment sent via electronic transfer:

The payment should be directed to the <u>Federal Reserve Bank of New York</u> 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, MO 63197-9000

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, MO 63101 Delivery Location Phone Number: 314-425-1819

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on the</u> 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, or proof of electronic payment, 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
R4 Regional Hearing Clerk@epa.gov

and

Pamela Storm U.S. EPA Region 4 Air Enforcement Branch 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Storm.Pamela@epa.gov

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.

Respondent's full compliance with this ESA shall only resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in this ESA. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

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

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, the individuals named in the certificate of service are authorized to receive service related to this proceeding and the parties agree to receive service by electronic means.

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	Date: 06/30/2021
Name (print): William Miller	_
Title (print):	
FOR COMPLAINANT:	
Carol L. Kemker	
Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division	
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division	

FOR RESPONDENT:

FINAL ORDER

I hereby ratify the ESA and	l incorporate	it herein by	y reference.	It is so ORDE	ERED.
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Tanya Floyd Regional Judicial Officer					

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the Matter of W. T. MILLER, LLC, Docket No. CAA-04-2021-0006(b), were filed and copies of the same were emailed to the parties as indicated below.

Via email to all parties at the following email addresses:

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