



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

MAY 12 2011

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SC-5J

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Rod Hemann  
Northern County Cooperative/Alden  
P.O. Box 217  
203 East Spring Street  
Stacyville, Iowa 50476

RE: Expedited Settlement Agreement  
ESA Docket No. RMP-11-ESA-015  
Docket No. **CAA-05-2011-0037**

BA# 2751103A033

Dear Mr. Hemann:

Enclosed please find a copy of the fully executed Risk Management Plan Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA). The ESA is binding on EPA and Northern County Cooperative/Alden. EPA will take no further action against Northern County Cooperative/Alden for the violations cited in the ESA. The ESA requires no further action on your part.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Greg Chomycia at (312)353-8217, or [chomycia.greg@epa.gov](mailto:chomycia.greg@epa.gov), if you have any questions regarding the enclosed document or if you have any other question about the program. Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Mayhugh".

Bob Mayhugh, Acting Chief  
Chemical Emergency  
Preparedness & Prevention Section

Enclosure



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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT  
 AGREEMENT (ESA)**

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DOCKET NO: RMP-11-ESA-015

This ESA is issued to: Northern County Cooperative Company

At: 155 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Alden, Minnesota

for violating Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

BS#

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This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, by its duly delegated official, the Director, Superfund Division, and by Respondent pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

**ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

On February 19, 2010, EPA sent a Request for Information Pursuant to Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act to the subject facility (Respondent) to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the Act. EPA found that the Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 112(r) of the Act by failing to comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 68.190(b)(1), the requirement to resubmit its RMP at least every five years.

**SETTLEMENT**

In consideration of Respondent's size of business, its full compliance history, its good faith effort 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 violation for the total penalty amount of **\$600.00**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent, by signing below, waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, 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. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the U. S. Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations and has sent a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$600.00** in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

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

The DOCKET NUMBER OF THIS ESA **must be included on the check.** (The DOCKET NUMBER is RMP-11-ESA-015.)

This original ESA and a copy of the check must be sent by certified mail to:

Greg Chomycia  
Chemical Emergency  
Preparedness and Prevention Section (SC-6J)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violation of the Clean Air Act or any other statute.

If the signed original ESA with an attached copy of the check is not returned to the EPA Region 5 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of it (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.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

Signature: *Rooney A. Hemman*

Date: 04/08/11

Name (print): ROONEY A. HEMMAN

Title (print): CONTROLLER

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FOR COMPLAINANT:

*Richard C. Karl*

Date: 5-5-11

Richard C. Karl, Director  
Superfund Division

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I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

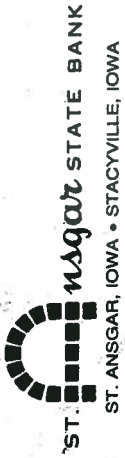
*Susan Hedman*

Date: 5-9-11

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator

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REMITTER Northern Country Coop

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MORE THAN \$1,000.00

*W. J. ...*  
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RETAIN THIS COPY AS YOUR RECEIPT

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