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Case Docket Number TSCA-01-2019-0061

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:

Robert LaVallee
ACM Group, Inc.
50A Northwestern Drive, Unit 10
Salem, NH 03079

Total Dollar Amount of Receivable \$ 7,203.00 Due Date: 8/9/20

SEP due? Yes _____ No Date Due _____

Installment Method (if applicable)

INSTALLMENTS OF:
1st \$ 1,200.50 on 3/12 6th \$ 1,215.50 on 8/9
2nd \$ 1,215.50 on 4/11
3rd \$ 1,215.50 on 5/11
4th \$ 1,215.50 on 6/10
5th \$ 1,215.50 on 7/10

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: _____ Phone Number _____
in the Financial Management Office



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
5 Post Office Square Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109 – 3912**

BY HAND

February 10, 2020

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Office of Regional Hearing Clerk

Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: In Re: ACM Group, Inc.
Docket No. TSCA-01-2019-0061

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced action, please find the original and one copy of a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) settling the matter referenced above pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) and the certificate of service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter DeCambre".

Peter DeCambre
Senior Enforcement Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Robert LaVallee, (ACM)

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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In the Matter of:)
)
ACM GROUP, INC)
50A Northwestern Drive)
Unit 10)
Salem, New Hampshire 03079,)
)
Respondent.)
)
Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the)
Toxic Substances Control Act,)
42 U.S.C. § 2615(a))
_____)

**Docket No.
TSCA-01-2019-0061**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), and Respondent, ACM Group, Inc. (“Respondent”), have agreed that settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that entry of this Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) without further litigation is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter.

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. EPA initiated this proceeding against Respondent pursuant to Section 16 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (“TSCA”), 15 U.S.C. § 2615, by filing an Administrative Complaint.

2. The Complaint alleges that Respondent violated Sections 15 and 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614 and 2689, and federal regulations promulgated under TSCA, including 40

C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E (*Residential Property Renovation*, 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.80-745.92) and 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart L (*Lead-Based Paint Activities*, 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.220- 745.239).

3. The provisions of this CAFO shall apply to and be binding on Respondent, its successors and assigns.

4. Respondent stipulates that EPA has jurisdiction over the subject matter alleged in the Complaint and that the Complaint states a claim upon which relief can be granted against Respondent. Respondent waives any defenses it might have as to jurisdiction and venue and, without admitting or denying the factual allegations contained in the Complaint, consents to the terms of this CAFO.

5. Respondent hereby waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing on any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint and waives its right to appeal the Final Order.

II. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

6. Respondent hereby certifies that it is currently operating and will operate its business in compliance with Sections 402 and 406 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2682 and 2686, and the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E and 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart L.

7. Pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and taking into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violations, EPA has determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is in the amount of seven thousand two hundred three dollars (\$7,203).

8. Respondent consents to the issuance of this CAFO and consents to the payment of a civil penalty of \$7,203, which shall be due in six (6) installments over six months. EPA has determined that the payment of the penalty over a six-month period is in the best interest of the United States. The payments shall be made as follows:

- a. The first payment shall be in the amount of \$1,200.50 and shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.
- b. The second payment shall be made within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this CAFO in the amount of \$1,215.50 (consisting of \$1,200.50 in principal plus \$15 in interest).
- c. The third payment shall be made within ninety days (90) days of the effective date of this CAFO in the amount of \$1,215.50 (consisting of \$1,200.50 in principal plus \$15 in interest).
- d. The fourth payment shall be made within one hundred twenty days (120) days of the effective date of this CAFO in the amount of \$1,215.50 (consisting of \$1,200.50 in principal plus \$15 in interest).
- e. The fifth payment shall be made within one hundred fifty days (150) days of the effective date of this CAFO in the amount of \$1,215.50 (consisting of \$1,200.50 in principal plus \$15 in interest).
- f. The sixth payment shall be made within one hundred eighty days (180) days of the effective date of this CAFO in the amount of \$1,215.50 (consisting of \$1,200.50 in principal plus \$15 in interest).

g. If Respondent fails to make any payment by its due date, the full remaining amount plus interest from the effective date, shall be due immediately. Respondent shall pay interest on the late amount pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, plus any late charges to cover the cost of processing and handling the delinquent claim. The interest on the late amount shall be calculated at the rate of the U.S. Treasury tax and loan rate, in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2).

9. Respondent certifies, under penalty of law, that it cannot pay the penalty within 30 days of the effective date without experiencing an undue financial hardship. Respondent certifies that this statement is true, accurate, and complete based upon personal knowledge or personal inquiry of the person or persons directly responsible for gathering financial information, and that Respondent is aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations

10. Each payment shall be made by remitting a check or making an electronic payment, as described below. The checks or other payments shall designate the name and docket number of this case (*In the Matter of ACM Group, Inc.*; TSCA-01-2019-0061), be in the amounts stated above in paragraph 8, and be payable to "Treasurer, United States of America." Each payment shall be remitted as follows:

If remitted by regular U.S. mail:

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

If remitted by any overnight commercial carrier:

U.S. Bank
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
Include the phrase "Government Lockbox 979077" on the shipping label.

If remitted by wire transfer: Any wire transfer must be sent directly to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City using the following information:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account = 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, New York 10045
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

Respondent shall provide copies of the check (or documentation of other type of payment) to:

Wanda Santiago
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code ORC 4-6
Boston, MA 02109-3912

and

Peter DeCambre
Senior Enforcement Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code ORC 4-3
Boston, MA 02109-3912

11. Pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, and 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. In the event that the civil penalty is not paid when due, the penalty shall be payable, plus accrued interest, without demand. Interest shall be payable at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2) and shall accrue from the original date on which the penalty was due to the date of payment. In addition, a penalty charge of six (6) percent per year will be assessed on any portion of the debt which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due. However, should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it will be assessed as of the first day payment is due under 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).

12. All penalties, interest, and charges payable pursuant to this CAFO shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

13. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, for the violations alleged in the Complaint, contingent on Respondent's full compliance with the terms of this CAFO. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any actions subsequently commenced pursuant to federal laws

and regulations administered by EPA, and it is the responsibility of Respondent to comply with such laws and regulations.

14. Nothing in the CAFO shall be construed to limit the authority of the United States to undertake any action against Respondent in response to conditions that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, welfare, or the environment. This CAFO in no way relieves Respondent or its employees of any criminal liability. Nothing in this CAFO shall be construed as prohibiting, altering, or in any way limiting the ability of EPA to seek any other remedies or sanctions available by virtue of Respondent's violation of this CAFO or Respondent's violation of the statutes and regulations upon which this agreement is based, or for Respondent's violation of applicable provision of law.

15. The parties shall bear their own costs and fees in this action, including attorneys' fees, and specifically waive any right to recover such costs from the other party pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C § 504, or other applicable laws.

16. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to execute and legally bind that party to it.

17. This CAFO does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*, or any regulations promulgated thereunder. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date is the date on which this CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

For Respondent:

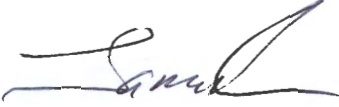


Robert LaVallee, President
ACM Group, Inc

01/28/2020

Date

For Complainant:



Karen McGuire, Director *for*
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region I

2/6/20
Date

II. FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) and (c) of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the foregoing Consent Agreement resolving this matter is incorporated by reference into this Final Order and is hereby ratified. Respondent is ordered to pay the civil penalty amount specified in the Consent Agreement, in the manner indicated.

The terms of the Consent Agreement will become effective on the date it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date:

2/6/00


LeAnn Jensen

Acting Regional Judicial Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I