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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 9

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105

IN THE MATTER OF:) DOCKET NO. UIC-09-2022-0034
Wailuku Professional Plaza LLC,)
Respondent.) CONSENT AGREEMENT) AND FINAL ORDER
Proceedings under Sections 1423(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300h-2(c).)))))

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I. AUTHORITIES AND PARTIES

1. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region IX and Wailuku Professional Plaza LLC, ("Respondent") (collectively the "Parties") agree to settle this matter and consent to the entry of this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CA/FO"). This CA/FO is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 1423(c)(1) for Class V wells of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1), and Sections 22.13(b), 22.18(b)(2) and (3), and 22.45 of the *Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the*

Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

- 2. Complainant is, by lawful delegation, the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division of EPA, Region 9. The Administrator of EPA delegated to the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 9 the authority to bring and settle this action under the SDWA. In turn, the Regional Administrator further delegated the authority to bring this action and sign a consent agreement settling this action under the SDWA to the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.
- 3. Respondent is the limited liability company Wailuku Professional Plaza, which owns and operates the Wailuku Professional Plaza in Hilo, Hawaii.
- 4. Where the Parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, an administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
- 5. The Parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.
- 6. Respondent consents to the terms of this CA/FO, including the assessment of the civil penalty of \$43,000 and the compliance requirements specified below.

II. JURISDICTION AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW AND HEARING

- 7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CA/FO and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in this CA/FO.
- 8. Respondent waives any and all remedies, claims for relief, and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review that Respondent may have with respect to any issue of fact or law set forth in this CA/FO including, but not limited to, its right to request a hearing under 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c) and Section 1423(c)(3) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(3); its right to seek federal judicial review of the CA/FO pursuant to Chapter 7 of the

Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-06; any right to contest the allegations in this CA/FO; and its right to appeal this CA/FO under Section 1423(c)(6) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(6). Respondent also consents to the issuance of this CA/FO without further adjudication.

III. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 9. Section 1421 of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h, requires that the Administrator of EPA promulgate regulations, which shall include permitting requirements as well as inspection, monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, for state underground injection control (UIC) programs to prevent underground injection which endangers drinking water sources.
- 10. Section 1421(d)(1) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h(d)(1), defines "underground injection" as the subsurface emplacement of fluids by well injection and excludes the underground injection of natural gas for purposes of storage and the underground injection of fluids or propping agents (other than diesel fuels) pursuant to hydraulic fracturing operations related to oil, gas, or geothermal production activities.
- 11. Pursuant to Sections 1421 and 1422 of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300h and 300h-1, respectively, EPA has promulgated UIC regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 144, 146, 147 (Subpart M), and 148.
- 12. 40 C.F.R. § 144.1(g) provides that the UIC programs regulate underground injection by six classes of wells, and all owners or operators of these injection wells must be authorized either by permit or rule.
- 13. Section 1401(6) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(6), and 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 define "contaminant" as any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.
- 14. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "fluid" as any material or substance which flows or moves whether in a semisolid, liquid, sludge, gas, or any other form or state.

- 15. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "well injection" to mean the subsurface emplacement of fluids through a well.
- 16. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "well" to mean, in relevant part, a dug hole whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension.
- 17. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines a "cesspool" as a "drywell," which is a type of "well" that is completed above the water table.
- 18. 40 C.F.R. § 144.81(2) defines "large capacity cesspools" (LCCs) to include "multiple dwelling, community or regional cesspools, or other devices that receive sanitary wastes, containing human excreta, which have an open bottom and sometimes perforated sides." LCCs do not include single-family residential cesspools or non-residential cesspools which receive solely sanitary waste and have the capacity to serve fewer than twenty (20) persons per day. *Id*.
- 19. 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.80(e) and 144.81(2) classifies LCCs as Class V UIC injection wells.
- 20. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines Class V UIC injection wells as a "facility or activity" subject to regulation under the UIC program.
- 21. Section 1401(12) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12), defines "person" as an individual, corporation, company, association, partnership, State, municipality, or Federal agency (and includes officers, employees, and agents of any corporation, company, association, State, municipality, or Federal agency). *See also* 40 C.F.R. § 144.3.
- 22. 40 C.F.R. § 144.3 defines "owner or operator" to mean the owner or operator of any "facility or activity" subject to regulation under the UIC program.
- 23. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.82, the "owner or operator" of a Class V UIC well "must comply with Federal UIC requirements in 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 through 147," and must

also "comply with any other measures required by States or an EPA Regional Office UIC Program to protect [underground sources of drinking water]."

- 24. 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.84(b)(2) and 144.88 required that owners or operators of existing LCCs to have closed those LCCs by no later than April 5, 2005, and banned new LCCs.
- 25. Pursuant to Section 1422(c) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-1(c), and 40 C.F.R. § 147.601, EPA administers the UIC program in the State of Hawaii.
- 26. Section 1423(a)(2) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(a)(2), provides that any person found to be in violation of any requirement of an applicable UIC program in a state that does not have primacy may be assessed a civil penalty and be subject to an order requiring compliance pursuant to Section 1423(c)(1) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1).
- 27. Under Section 1423(c)(1) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$25,076 for each day of violation, up to a maximum administrative penalty of \$313,448 for violations occurring after November 2, 2015 and where penalties are assessed on or after January 12, 2022 and/or issue an order requiring compliance.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

- 28. Respondent is a limited liability company and thus qualifies as a "person" within the meaning of Section 1401(12) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12), and 40 C.F.R. § 144.3.
- 29. Respondent is a part owner of a parcel of land (TMK: 3-2-3-014-014) located at 305 Wailuku Drive, Hilo, Hawaii 96720, on the Island of Hawaii (the "Property"), since at least April 5, 2005. Respondent operates the land parcel as a commercial property with ten (10) separate rentable commercial units.
- 30. During all times that it has owned and operated the Property, Respondent has used two (2) cesspools for the disposal of sanitary wastewater at the Property.

- 31. The Property regularly has more than twenty (20) visitors per day, including employees, customers, etc., who may have access to the restrooms connected to the cesspools.
- 32. The cesspools that service the Property meet the definition of an LCC, as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 144.81(2), in that it has the capacity to serve twenty (20) or more persons per day.
 - 33. The LCCs identified in the preceding paragraphs currently remain open.
- 34. Each day that Respondent fails to close the LCCs at the Property after April 5, 2005 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.84(b)(2) and 144.88.

V. SETTLEMENT TERMS

A. Civil Penalty

- 35. Section 1423(c)(4)(B) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. 300h-2(c)(4)(B), requires the Administrator to take into account the seriousness of the violation, the economic benefit (if any) resulting from the violation, any history of such violations, any good faith efforts to comply with the applicable requirements, the economic impact of the penalty on the violator, and such other matters as justice may require, when assessing a civil penalty for violations of the SDWA.
- 36. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this CA/FO, Respondent must pay a \$43,000 civil penalty by sending a check (mail or overnight delivery), wire transfer, automated clearing house, or online payment. Payment instructions are available at: http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment.

For checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail: sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

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

For checks sent by express mail (non-U.S. Postal Service which won't deliver mail to P.O. Boxes): sending a casher's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The check must state Respondent's name and the docket number of this CA/FO.

For electronic funds transfer: electronic funds transfer, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," and sent to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA No. 021030004 Account No. 68010727 33 Liberty Street New York, NY 10045

The comment or description field of the electronic funds transfer must state Respondent's name and the docket number of this CA/FO.

For Automated Clearinghouse (ACH), also known as REX or remittance express: ACH electronic funds transfer, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," and sent to:

US Treasury REX/Cashlink ACH Receiver ABA: 051036706 Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency CTX Format Transaction Code 22-checking

The comment area of the electronic funds transfer must state Respondent's name and the docket number of this CA/FO.

For on-line payment, go to <u>www.pay.gov</u>. Use the Search Public Forms option on the tool bar and enter SFO 1.1 in the search field. Open the form and complete the required fields.

37. Currently with payment, Respondent shall provide proof of payment to the Regional Hearing Clerk at the following address:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ORC-1
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
r9HearingClerk@epa.gov

Respondent shall also send notice of payment and a transmittal letter via email to the EPA
Region 9 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division's Enforcement Officer and the EPA
Region 9 Office of Regional Counsel attorney identified in Paragraph 54.

- 38. This civil penalty represents an administrative civil penalty and shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes. 26 U.S.C. § 162(f).
- 39. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, in addition to any stipulated penalties due under Paragraphs 46, 47, and 48 below, Respondent must pay the following on any penalty amount overdue under this CA/FO: interest accrued on any overdue amount from the date payment was due at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2); the United States' enforcement expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the United States for collection proceedings; a \$15 handling charge fee each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due; and 6% per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.
- 40. If Respondent does not pay timely the civil penalty due under Paragraph 36 and/or any stipulated penalties due under Paragraphs 46, 47, and 48 below, EPA may request the United States Department of Justice bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of the penalty with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties, and the United States' enforcement expense for the collection action under Section 1423(c)(7) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-

2(c)(7). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

B. Compliance Requirements

- 41. As required by Section 1423(c)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c)(1), and consistent with the timeframes set forth below, Respondent shall:
 - a. By July 31, 2023, close the LCCs at the Property in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.84(b)(2), 144.88(a), and 144.89(a), and all other applicable requirements, including all Hawaii Department of Health ("HDOH") closure, conversion, and/or replacement requirements. If Respondent installs one or more replacement wastewater systems, such as Individual Wastewater Systems ("IWSs"), then installation and operation of such systems shall comply with all HDOH requirements. If Respondent connects to a municipal sewer system, then that connection shall comply with all applicable sewer connection requirements; and
 - b. Within thirty (30) days of closure of the LCCs, submit to EPA a final report describing how the LCCs were closed and identify the contractor(s) providing the service as well as copies of the cesspool Backfill Closure Reports for the closure of the cesspool. At the same time, Respondent shall also submit all related approvals, including for any replacement systems, issued by HDOH or any other agency provided that, should the applicable agency not issue any approval within thirty (30) days of closure, Respondent shall submit the approval to EPA within fourteen (14) days of its receipt of the approval.

42. If Respondent fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 41, above, EPA may request the United States Department of Justice bring an action to seek penalties for violating this CA/FO under Section 1423(b) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(b).

C. Reporting Requirements

- 43. Respondent shall submit compliance reports to the EPA Region 9 Compliance Officer on a semiannual basis, with the first report (covering the period of January 1, 2022-July 1, 2022) due on July 5, 2022, and the second report due on January 3, 2023. Subsequent reports shall be due on the first business day following each six-month period thereafter, until the final report is submitted pursuant to Paragraph 41(b). Each compliance report shall discuss Respondent's progress towards meeting the compliance deadline in Paragraph 41.
- 44. Each compliance report must be accompanied with a certification, as described in Paragraph 55, from Respondent's authorized representative documenting the progress towards meeting the compliance deadline in Paragraph 41.

D. Stipulated Penalties

- 45. Respondent shall pay stipulated penalties in accordance with this Section for any violations of this CA/FO.
- 46. If Respondent fails to make the payment specified in Section IV.A. of this CA/FO or fails to meet the compliance deadline for closure of the cesspools at the Property by the deadline specified in Section IV.B. of this CA/FO, Respondent agrees to pay in addition to the assessed penalty, a stipulated penalty of \$250 per day for each day the Respondent is late in making the penalty payment or meeting the closure deadline for Property's LCCs.
- 47. If Respondent fails to timely submit any reports, referred to in Paragraph 41.b. and 43, in accordance with the timelines set forth in this CA/FO, Respondent agrees to pay a

stipulated penalty of \$75 for each day after the report was due until it submits the report in its entirety.

- 48. Respondent agrees to pay any stipulated penalties within thirty (30) days of receipt of EPA's written demand for such penalties. All penalties shall begin to accrue on the first date of noncompliance and shall continue to accrue through the date of completion of the delinquent CA/FO requirement. Respondent will use the method of payment specified in Paragraph 36 and agrees to pay interest, handling charges and penalties that accrue for late payment of the stipulated penalty in the same manner as set forth in Paragraph 36.
- 49. Neither the demand for, nor payment of, a stipulated penalty relieves Respondent of its obligation to comply with any requirement of this CA/FO or modifies or waives any deadlines set forth in this CA/FO.
- 50. EPA may, in the unreviewable exercise of its discretion, elect to pursue any other administrative or judicial remedies in addition to or in lieu of assessing stipulated penalties and/or reduce or waive stipulated penalties due under this CA/FO.

E. Force Majeure

51. For purposes of this CA/FO, Force Majeure is defined as any event arising from causes that are beyond the control of Respondent, any entity controlled by Respondent, or Respondent's contractors, which delays or prevents the performance of any obligation under this CA/FO despite Respondent's reasonable best efforts to fulfill the obligation. The requirement that Respondent exercise "reasonable best efforts to fulfill the obligation" includes using reasonable best efforts to anticipate any potential Force Majeure event and reasonable best efforts to address the effects of any such event (a) as it is occurring and (b) after it has occurred to prevent or minimize any resulting delay to the greatest extent possible. Examples of Force Majeure events include, but are not limited to, unforeseen environmental, geological, or

archaeological conditions; or pandemics, epidemics, or disease. Examples of events that are not Force Majeure include, but are not limited to, increased costs or expenses of any work to be performed under this CA/FO and normal inclement weather.

- 52. Respondent shall exercise its best efforts to avoid or minimize any delay and any effects of a delay. If any event occurs which causes or may cause delays meeting the deadlines set forth in this CA/FO, Respondent or its attorney shall, within seventy-two (72) hours of the delay or within seventy-two (72) hours of Respondent's knowledge of the anticipated delay, whichever is earlier, notify EPA by email in accordance with Paragraph 54. Within fifteen (15) days thereafter, Respondent shall provide in writing the reasons for the delay, the anticipated duration of the delay, the measures taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay, and a timetable by which those measures will be implemented. Failure to comply with the notice requirement of this paragraph shall preclude Respondent from asserting any claim of Force Majeure.
- 53. If EPA agrees in writing that the delay or anticipated delay in compliance with this CA/FO has been or will be caused by circumstances entirely beyond the control of Respondent, the time for performance may be extended for the period of the delay resulting from the circumstances causing the delay. In such event, EPA will grant in writing an extension of time. An extension of the time for performing an obligation granted by EPA pursuant to this paragraph shall not, of itself, extend the time for performing a subsequent obligation.

VI. SUBMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

54. All reports, notifications, documentation, submissions, and other correspondence required to be submitted by this Order must be submitted to EPA electronically, to the extent possible. If electronic submittal is not possible, the submissions must be made by certified mail (return receipt requested). Electronic submissions must be sent to the following addresses: Jelani

Shareem – Shareem.jelani@epa.gov and Daron Ravenborg – ravenborg.daron@epa.gov. The subject line of all email correspondence must include the facility name, docket number, and subject of the deliverable. All electronically submitted materials must be in final and searchable format, such as Portable Document Format (PDF) with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) applied. Mailed submissions must be sent to the following addresses:

Jelani Shareem U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ECAD-3-3 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105 shareem.jelani@epa.gov

and

Daron Ravenborg
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ORC-2-4
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
ravenborg.daron@epa.gov

55. All reports, notifications, documentation, and submissions must be signed by a duly authorized representative of Respondent and shall include the following statement consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 144.32(d):

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that the qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

56. If Respondent finds at any time after submitting information that any portion of that information is false or incorrect, the signee must notify EPA immediately. Knowingly submitting false information to EPA in response to this CA/FO may subject Respondent to criminal prosecution under Section 1423(b) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(b), as well as 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 1341.

- 57. Submissions required by this CA/FO shall be deemed submitted on the date they are sent electronically or on the date postmarked if sent by U.S. mail.
- 58. EPA may use any information submitted in accordance with this CA/FO in support of an administrative, civil, or criminal action against Respondent.
- 59. The information required to be submitted pursuant to this CA/FO is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq*.

VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 60. Full payment of the penalty as described in Paragraph 36, above, and full compliance with this CA/FO shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged in this CA/FO. Violation of this CA/FO shall be deemed a violation of the SDWA for purposes of Section 1423(b) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(b).
- 61. The parties consent to service of this CA/FO by e-mail at the following valid e-mail addresses: ravenborg.daron@epa.gov (for Complainant) and pmchenry@cades.com (for Respondent).
- 62. This CA/FO, inclusive of all exhibits appendices, and attachments, is the entire agreement between the Parties.
- 63. The provisions of this CA/FO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its officers, directors, employees, and successors or assigns. Action or inaction of any persons, firms, contractors, employees, agents, or corporationsacting under, through, or for Respondent shall not excuse any failure of Respondent to fully perform its obligations under this CA/FO except for extensions of time to complete such obligations provided by EPA pursuant to Paragraph 52.
- 64. Full compliance with this CA/FO does not in any manner affect the right of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive relief or other equitable relief or criminal

sanctions for any violation of law, except with respect to the claims described in Section IV that have been specifically resolved by this CA/FO.

- 65. This CA/FO is not a permit or modification of a permit and does not affect Respondent's obligations to comply with all federal, state, local laws, ordinances, regulations, permits, and orders. Issuance of, or compliance with, this CA/FO does not waive, extinguish, satisfy, or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable requirements of the SDWA, regulations promulgated thereunder, and any order or permit issued thereunder, except as specifically set forth herein.
- 66. EPA reserves any and all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce this CA/FO, as well as the right to seek recovery of any costs and attorneys' fees incurred by EPA in any actions against Respondent for noncompliance with this CA/FO.
- 67. Unless otherwise specified, the parties shall each bear its own costs and attorney fees in this action.
- 68. This CA/FO may be executed and transmitted by facsimile, email, or other electronic means, and in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute an instrument. If any portion of this CA/FO is determined to be unenforceable by a competent court or tribunal, the Parties agree that the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 69. The undersigned representative of each party certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this CA/FO.
- 70. For purposes of the identification requirement of Section 162(f)(2)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)(ii), performance of Section IV.B (Compliance Requirements) is restitution or required to come into compliance with law.

VII. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

- 71. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, this CA/FO will be subject to public notice and comment at least forty (40) days prior to it becoming effective through the issuance of the final order by the Regional Judicial Officer.
- 72. The Parties acknowledge and agree that final approval by EPA of this CA/FO is subject to 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4), which sets forth requirements under which a person not a party to this proceeding may petition to set aside a consent agreement and final order on the basis that material evidence was not considered.
- 73. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b)(3) and 22.31(b), this CA/FO shall be effective on the date that the final order contained in this CA/FO, having been approved and issued by either the Regional Judicial Officer or Regional Administrator, is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

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WAILUKU PROFESSIONAL PLAZA LLC:

By: Gregory G. Gadd, President of Big Island Homes

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FINAL ORDER

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IX ("EPA"), and the Respondent, Wailuku Professional Plaza LLC ("Respondent"), having entered into the foregoing Consent Agreement, and EPA having duly publicly noticed the Stipulations and Findings and Final Orderregarding the matters alleged therein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The foregoing Consent Agreement and this Final Order (Docket No. UIC-09-2022-0034) be entered;
- 2. Respondent pay an administrative civil penalty of \$43,000 to the Treasurer of the United States of America in accordance with the terms set forth in the Consent Agreement.
- 3. Respondent close the cesspool by July 31, 2023 in accordance with the terms set forth in Paragraph 41 of the Consent Agreement; and

4. Respondent comply with all other requirements of the Consent Agreement.

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the Parties, shall become effective on the date that it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18, 22.31, and 22.45. IT IS SO ORDERED.

STEVEN JAWGIEL JAWGIEL

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Steven L. Jawgiel Regional Judicial Officer, Region IX U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original of the fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in the matter of **Wailuku Professional Plaza**, **LLC** (**UIC-09-2022-0034**) was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region IX, and that copies were sent by electronic mail to:

RESPONDENT: Gregory G. Gadd, President

Wailuku Professional Plaza, LLC 1251 Kilauea Avenue, Suite 194

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Greg@Bigislandhomesandland.com

Patricia J. McHenry, Senior Counsel

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COMPLAINANT: Daron Ravenborg, Attorney Advisor

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Region IX – Office of Regional Counsel

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105 Ravenborg.Daron@epa.gov

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Date