

**UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

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In the Matter of)	
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Arnold Motor Supply, LLP)	Docket No. RCRA-07-2022-0106
120 South Walnut)	
Ames, Iowa 50010)	
EPA ID: IAD042192005)	EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT
)	AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER
<u>Respondent.</u>		

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement” or “ESA”) pursuant to Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
- 2) The EPA has provided the State of Iowa with notice of the referenced violations of Subtitle C of RCRA as required by Section 3008(a)(2).
- 3) Arnold Motor Supply, LLP (“Respondent”) is the owner or operator of the facility located at 120 South Walnut Street in Ames, Iowa (“Facility”). The EPA inspected the Facility on December 15-16, 2021. The EPA alleges that Respondent violated the following requirements of the RCRA hazardous waste management program:
 - a. 40 C.F.R. § 262.11 requires that a generator of solid waste must make an accurate determination as to whether that waste is a hazardous waste in order to ensure wastes are properly managed according to applicable RCRA regulations. At the time of the inspection, three waste streams were identified for which the Facility had not made a hazardous waste determination. Respondent’s failures to perform hazardous waste determinations on the following waste streams are violations of 40 C.F.R. § 262.11:
 - i. spent lamps;
 - ii. contaminated shop rags;
 - iii. belt grinder residue; and
 - iv. blast cabinet residue.
 - b. 40 C.F.R. § 279.71 prohibits a used oil fuel marketer from initiating a shipment of off-specification used oil to those who do not have an EPA identification number and those who burn the used oil in devices other than an industrial furnace or boiler identified in 40 C.F.R. § 279.61(a). At the time of inspection, Respondent

had sent off-specification used oil to a facility that does not have an EPA identification number, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 279.71.

- c. 40 C.F.R. § 279.74 requires that any used oil marketer who directs a shipment of off-specification used oil to a burner must keep a record of each shipment of used oil to a used oil burner and must keep those records for at least three years. At the time of inspection, Respondent had no records regarding its shipments of used oil for the three years prior to the inspection, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 279.74.
 - d. 40 C.F.R. § 279.75 requires that before an oil generator, transporter, or processor/re-refiner directs the first shipment of off-specification used oil to a burner, it must obtain a one-time written and signed notice from the burner certifying that the burner has notified EPA of their location, their used oil management activities, and that the burner will burn the off-specification used oil only in an industrial furnace or boiler identified in 40 § C.F.R. 279.61(a). At the time of inspection, Respondent did not have a one-time written and signed notice from the burner to which it directed one or more shipments of off-specification used oil, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 279.75.
- 4) In determining the amount of the penalty to be assessed, the EPA has taken into account the factors specified in Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928. After considering these factors, the EPA has determined, and Respondent agrees, that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) is in the public interest. Respondent certifies that it has provided a deposit for payment for the full civil penalty amount, and that such payment identified Respondent by name and docket number, was made by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to:

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

or by alternate payment method described at <http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>.

- 5) A copy of the check or other information confirming payment shall simultaneously be emailed to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
R7_Hearing_Clerk_Filings@epa.gov; and

Milady Peters, Paralegal
peters.milady@epa.gov.

- 6) In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent

and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; (5) agrees to release funds held on deposit as payment to the EPA for the civil penalty upon final EPA approval of this Agreement; (6) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issue of fact or law set forth herein; (7) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 3008(b) of RCRA; and (8) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA to the following email address: *dbates@arnoldgroupweb.com*. Respondent understands that the ESA will become publicly available upon filing.

- 7) By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the alleged violations have been corrected, (2) it is presently in compliance with all requirements of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et. seq.*, its implementing regulations, and any permit issued pursuant to RCRA, and (3) Respondent is submitting proof of payment of the civil penalty with this Agreement.
- 8) The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it. Upon the effective date of this Agreement, payment of the civil penalty shall constitute full settlement of the civil claims alleged herein.
- 9) EPA reserves all of its rights to take an enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of RCRA, any other federal statute or regulation, or this Agreement.
- 10) Full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. The EPA reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other past, present, or future violations of RCRA or any other applicable law.
- 11) The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.
- 12) Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
- 13) This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below.

IT IS SO AGREED,

Duane Bates
Respondent Name (print)

Safety Director
Title (print)

Duane Bates 8/25/22
Signature Date

APPROVED BY EPA:

Candace Bednar
Chemical Branch Chief
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Date

Britt Bieri, Attorney
Office of Regional Counsel

Date

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement resolving this matter is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
To be completed by EPA

I certify that that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order, EPA Docket No. RCRA-07-2022-0106, was sent this day in the following manner to the following addressees:

Copy via e-mail to Complainant:

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bieri.britt@epa.gov

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delong.tiffany@epa.gov

Milady Peters, Office of Regional Counsel
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Copy via e-mail to Respondent:

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Arnold Motor Supply, LLP
dbates@arnoldgroupweb.com

Copy via e-mail to the State of Iowa:

Ed Tormey, Acting Administrator
Environmental Services Division
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Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed