UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

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HEARING

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DATE: June 12, 2013

SUBJECT: In The Matter Of Robert L. Teitelbaum, Inc.; Docket No. CWA-02-2013-3302

- FROM: Eduardo J. Gonzalez
- TO: Karen Maples Regional Hearing Clerk

Attached for filing, please find a foregoing fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order bearing the above referenced docket number.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 637-3223.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 2 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007



Robert L. Teitelbaum, Inc. 145-23 Liberty Avenue Jamaica, NY 11435 CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

Proceeding Pursuant to § 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g) DOCKET NO. CWA-02-2013-3302

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), having issued the Complaint herein on February 26, 2013, against Respondent Robert L. Teitelbaum, Inc. ("Respondent"), and

Complainant and Respondent having agreed that settlement of this matter is in the public interest, and that entry of this Consent Agreement and Final Order without further litigation is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, before the taking of any testimony, upon the pleadings, without adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and upon consent and agreement of the Parties, it is hereby agreed and ordered as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. EPA initiated this proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty, pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319.
- 2. The Complaint alleges that Respondent violated Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1311(a) and federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements.
- 3. This action was public noticed. No public comment was received.

II. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

4. This Consent Agreement and Final Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondents, its officers, directors, employees, successors and assigns, including, but not limited to, subsequent purchasers.

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- 5. 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.
- 6. Respondent waives any defenses it might have as to jurisdiction and venue, and, without admitting or denying the factual or legal allegations contained in the Complaint, consents to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
- 7. Respondent hereby waives their right to a judicial or administrative hearing or appeal on any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint.
- 8. Pursuant to § 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), the nature of the violations and other relevant factors, EPA has determined that an appropriate civil penalty to settle this action is in the amount of *Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars* (\$3,500.00).

9. For purposes of settlement, Respondent consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement and consents to the payment of the civil penalty cited in the foregoing Paragraph.

III. PAYMENT OF PENALTY

- 10. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of *Three Thousand Five Hundred* dollars (\$3,500.00), to the "Treasurer of the United States of America."
- 11. Respondent agrees to pay the above stated amount in *two (2) installments*. The effective date of this CA/FO shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 2, New York, NY.
 - a. An *initial payment* in the amount of *One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$1,750.00)* shall be made within forty-five (45) calendar days from the effective date of this CA/FO.
 - b. A second payment in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine dollars with Seventeen cents (\$1,759.17) shall be made within one hundred and eighty days (180) calendar days from the effective date of this CA/FO.

These two (2) payments satisfy the totality of the civil penalty of *Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$3,500.00)*.

12. Payments can be made by debit/credit card, check, or electronically. Electronic payments fall into two categories: wires and Automated Clearinghouse (ACH). Wires are same day and more costly. ACH is the next day or any future scheduled day and is less expensive. Please note that wires and ACH payments must be conducted through the sender's bank. The checks (cashier's or certified checks only) shall be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case, set forth in the caption on the first page of this

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Type of Payment	Payment Information		
Debit and Credit	https://www.pay.gov/paygov/		
Card Payments			
Checks from U.S. Banks	<u>é</u> ce	U.S. Postal Service	UPS, Federal Express, or Overnight Mail
Finance Center	Check	US Environmental	U.S. Bank
Contacts:	Payments –	Protection Agency	Government Lockbox 979077
Craig Steffen	Fines and	Fines and Penalties	US EPA Fines & Penalties
(513-487-2091)	Penalties	Cincinnati Finance Center	1005 Convention Plaza
		PO Box 979077	SL-MO-C2-GL
1.0		St. Louis, MO 63197-9000	St. Louis, MO 63101
			314-418-1028
			Contact: Natalie Pearson 314-418-4087
Checks drawn on	Cincinnati Finance		
foreign banks with	US EPA, MS-NWD		
no USA branches	26 W ML King Drive		
(any currency)	Cincinnati OH 45268-0001		
Wire Transfers (any	Federal Reserve Bank of New York		
currency)	ABA: 021030004		
	Account Number: 68010727		
	SWIFT address: FRNYUS33		
2 2	33 Liberty Street		
	New York NY 10045		
	Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read: "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"		
ACH - Automated	US Treasury REX / Cashlink ACH Receiver		
Clearinghouse for	ABA: 051036706		
receiving US	Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency		
currency Finance	CTX Format Transaction Code 22 – checking		
Center Contacts:			
	Physical location of US Treasury facility:		
John Schmid	5700 Rivertech Court		
(202-874-7026)	Riverdale MD 20737		
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REX (Remittance			
Express), 1-866-234-5681			
1-800-234-3081 ON LINE PAV			

document. Payment methods are described below:

ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Department of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below: WWW.PAY.GOV. Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field. Open form and complete required fields.

- 13. Payment must be <u>received</u> pursuant to paragraph 12, above, after the effective date of this Order (see "Final Order" at the end of this document which states that the effective date shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 2, New York, NY). The date by which payment must be received shall hereafter be referred to as the "due date".
 - a. failure to pay the penalty in full according to the above provisions will result in a referral of this matter to the United States Department of Justice or the United States Department of the Treasury for collection;
 - b. further, if the payment is not received on or before the due date, interest will be assessed at the annual rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to the Debt Collection Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3717, on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of payment. In addition, a late payment handling charge of \$15.00 will be assessed for each 30 day period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid. A 6% per annum penalty also will be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date;
 - c. in addition, pursuant to Section 309(g)(9) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9), if payment is not received by the due date, a quarterly nonpayment penalty will be imposed for each calendar quarter during which such nonpayment persists. The quarterly nonpayment penalty is 20% of the aggregate amount of penalties and quarterly nonpayment penalties which are unpaid as of the beginning of such quarter;
 - d. Respondent also may be required to pay attorneys fees and costs for collection proceedings in connection with nonpayment.
- 14. The penalty to be paid is a civil penalty assessed by the EPA and shall not be deductible from the Respondent's federal or state taxes.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 15. The Respondent waives any right they may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication addressed to the Director or the Regional Administrator where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to discuss a proposed settlement of this matter or to recommend that such official accept this Consent Agreement and issue the accompanying Final Order.
- 16. Nothing in this agreement 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 agreement or of the statutes and regulations upon which this agreement is based, or for Respondent's violation of any applicable provision of law.

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- 17. This Consent Agreement and Order shall not relieve Respondent of their obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state or local law, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state or local permit.
- 18. This Consent Agreement and Final Order constitute a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to the Clean Water Act for the violations alleged in the Complaint. Nothing in this Consent Agreement and Final Order is intended to nor shall be construed to operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of the Respondent. Compliance with this Consent Agreement and Final Order 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.
- 19. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this Consent Agreement 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.
- 20. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees in connection with the action resolved by this Consent Agreement and Order.

FOR RESPONDENT, Robert L. Teitelbaum, Inc.: BY: M. chae 165 MICHAEL COSTELLOE

DATE: 6 5/2015

FOR COMPLAINANT U.S. EPA, REGION 2:

BY

DATE: 6/10/13

Dore LaPosta, Director Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance U.S. EPA, Region 2 290 Broadway, 21st Floor New York, New York 10007-1866

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V. FINAL ORDER

The Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2, ratifies the foregoing Consent Agreement. The Agreement entered into by the parties is hereby approved, incorporated herein, and issued as an Order. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 2, New York, NY.

<u>6/10/17</u> Date

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on the date noted below, I served the foregoing fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order, bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner.

Copy by Certified Mail to Respondent's Counsel <u>Return Receipt Requested</u>:

Sean W. Schaefer, Esq. Peknic, Peknic & Schaefer, LLC. Attorneys at Law 1005 West Beech Street Long Beach, NY 11561 Phone: (516) 432-9400 Fax: (516) 432-5396 <u>sschaefer@pekniclaw.com</u>

Original and One Copy By Hand-Delivery to : Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 16th floor New York, New York 10007-1866

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