



REGION 9

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105



EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA(112r)-09-2026-0018

This ESA is issued to: JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.
1401 W. Del Amo Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501

For: Violation of Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

At: JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., 1401 W. Del Amo Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (“ESA”) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Region 9, by its duly delegated official, Amy C. Miller-Bowen, Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, and JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (“Respondent”) pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). EPA has obtained the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice, pursuant to Section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 2 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), to pursue this administrative enforcement action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Following its May 31, 2024 inspection, EPA alleges Respondent’s failure to:

1. One-ton chlorine and sulfur dioxide containers were unchocked or improperly chocked despite proper chocks being present and available in violation of 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2).
2. Process piping from the Chlorine Railcar Platform was unlabeled and unsupported in violation of 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2).
3. Railcar Connection and Disconnection Procedures posted on the Chlorine Railcar Platform did not match the latest versions of the operating procedures located in the office in violation of 40 CFR § 68.69(a).
4. Process equipment including hand valves, bolts, plates, and piping were corroded in violation of 40 CFR § 68.73(e).

5. The chlorine sensor in the production fill area (CL2-L2) was not operational at the time of the inspection and the Facility continued to operate even though no documentation could be produced showing that they could operate safely without the sensor, in violation of 40 CFR § 68.73(e).
6. The Emergency Action Plan contained contradictory information and elements inappropriate for a non-responding facility in violation of 40 CFR § 68.90(b)(3).

SETTLEMENT

The parties enter into this ESA in order to settle the violations described above for the total penalty amount of **\$7,200**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to CAA 112(r) 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) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issues of fact or law set forth herein; (6) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A); and (7) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA. By signing this consent agreement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of the final order accompanying the consent agreement.
2. Each party to this action shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs, if any.
3. Respondent must pay the civil penalty of **\$7,200** using any method provided on the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and include the docket number assigned to this Agreement by the Regional Hearing Clerk.
4. Within 24 hours of payment, email proof of payment (e.g., a copy of the check or a statement of affirmation regarding electronic funds transfer), including Respondent's name, complete address, and docket number to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105
R9HearingClerk@epa.gov

Kate Kwiecinski
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5. The payment should reference Respondent's name and a copy of this ESA must be included with the check/online payment.
6. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed above. Pursuant to CAA § 114(a)(1)(B) [42 U.S.C. § 7414(a)(1)(B)] **please provide documentation to USEPA Region 9 describing how each area of identified non-compliance has been addressed.** Such documentation is due to EPA within 45 calendar days of your receipt of this letter.

Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, EPA will take no further civil penalty action against Respondent for the violations of the Act alleged above. This ESA shall not be construed as a covenant not to sue, a release, waiver, or limitation of any rights, remedies, powers, or authorities, civil or criminal that EPA has under the Act or any other statutory, regulatory, or common law enforcement authority of the United States, except as stated above.

If the signed ESA with an attached copy of the payment is not returned to the EPA Region 9 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of the proposed ESA and EPA has not granted an extension of its offer to settle, the 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: JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.

Signature: Timothy J. Gaffney  Digitally signed by
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Date: 2025.10.03
13:50:58 -04'00' Date: 10/3/2025

Name (print): Timothy J. Gaffney

Title (print): Executive Vice President

FOR COMPLAINANT: Environmental Protection Agency

**AMY MILLER-
BOWEN**

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BOWEN

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Date: 10/9/2025

Amy C. Miller-Bowen, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region 9

It is hereby ORDERED that this ESA be entered as the Agency has received proof Respondent has paid the above stipulated penalty.

Date: _____

Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA Region 9

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the matter of JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (Docket No. CAA(112r)-09-2026-0018) was filed by the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, and that a true and correct copy of the same was served on the parties, via electronic mail, as indicated below:

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