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**UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

In the Matter of:

Heatron, Inc.
3000 Wilson Avenue
Leavenworth, KS 66048
EPA ID KSD984987867,

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) **Docket No. RCRA-07-2025-0227**
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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

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Respondent.

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 Kansas with notice of the referenced violations of Subtitle C of RCRA as required by Section 3008(a)(2).
- 3) Heatron, Inc. (“Respondent”) is the owner or operator of the facility located at 3000 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth, Kansas (“Facility”). The EPA inspected the Facility, on June 3, 2025. As a result of the findings during the inspection and additional investigation, 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 makes hazardous waste determinations of waste streams. At the time of the EPA inspection, a hazardous waste determination had not been made on one 5-gallon step can near a flammable hazardous waste container in the production area.
 - b. K.A.R. 28-31-262(C)(7) requires that a generator labels accumulating containers of hazardous waste with the words “hazardous waste.” At the time of the EPA inspection, two 5-gallon accumulating containers were not labeled with the words “hazardous waste.”
 - a. 5-gallon bucket of hazardous waste absorbent pads in the Etching Room.
 - b. 5-gallon bucket of flammable hazardous waste in the production area.
 - c. 40 C.F.R. § 265.173(a) requires that a generator keeps accumulating containers closed. At the time of the EPA inspection, two accumulating containers were not closed:
 - a. 5-gallon bucket of hazardous waste absorbent pads in the Etching Room.

- b. 55-gallon container of hazardous waste ferric chloride in the Wastewater Treatment Room.
 - d. 40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)(1)(i) requires that a generator containerizes hazardous waste. At the time of the EPA inspection, three hazardous wastes were not containerized:
 - a. Corrosive waste from leaking pump in the Wastewater Treatment Room.
 - b. Stripper sludge on the outside of a hazardous waste container in the Etching Room.
 - c. Liquid ferric-chloride waste from regeneration unit on ground in the Etching Room.
 - e. 40 C.F.R. § 265.16(b) requires that a generator provides employees with RCRA hazardous waste training. At the time of the EPA inspection, the facility's primary emergency coordinator was not RCRA trained.
- 4) In determining the amount of the penalty to be assessed, EPA has taken into account the factors specified in Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928. After considering these factors, EPA has determined and Respondent agrees that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of six thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$6,250.00) is in the public interest.
- 5) Respondent shall pay the penalty within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and shall be 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
PO Box 979078
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

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

- 6) 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.

- 7) In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (a) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (b) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (c) neither admits nor denies the factual

allegations contained herein; (d) consents to the assessment of this penalty; and (e) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA to the following email address: *jeff.pachl@heatron.com*. Respondent understands that the ESA will become publicly available upon filing.

- 8) By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (a) the alleged violations have been corrected, and (b) 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.
- 9) By signing this 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 Agreement.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.
- 13) Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.
- 14) This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below.

IT IS SO AGREED,

JEFFREY T. TACHAL
Name (print)

CHEMICAL ENGINEER
Title (print)

 9-29-25
Signature Date

APPROVED BY EPA:

David Cozad
Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Date

Christopher Muehlberger, 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.

Respondent is ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Expedited Settlement Agreement. 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, in the matter of Heatron, Inc., EPA Docket No. RCRA-07-2025-0227, was sent this day in the following manner to the following addressees:

Copy via e-mail to Complainant:

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Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed