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By email

Mr. Michael J. Knapp
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Re: *In the Matter of Pioneer Plastics Corporation*, Docket Number CAA-01-2026-0016

Dear Mr. Knapp:

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2), and simultaneously transmitted with this letter, please find an Expedited Settlement Agreement (“ESA”) and proposed final order settling the above-referenced action. The ESA has been signed by the parties and is now being submitted to you for approval.

If signed by you, the ESA will resolve administrative civil penalty liability of the Respondent for the alleged violations of Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7) described in the ESA.

The memorandum entitled *“Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Provision, 40 C.F.R. Part 68”* (Jan. 5, 2004), as revised by the memorandum *“Changes to Restrictions on the Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Regulations”* (Dec. 20, 2013) approves the use of ESAs for certain easily correctable violations. As required by these memoranda, the ESA includes Respondent’s certification that it has come into compliance with Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA and requires it to pay a \$10,200 penalty.

The parties’ consent to the use of digital signatures (as well as Respondent’s consent to electronic service of the ESA, once filed) is included in the ESA. I will be submitting the Respondent’s original signature page to the Regional Hearing Clerk when EPA receives it in the mail. This settlement does not have any public notice requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Koopman
Environmental Inspector

Enclosures

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