

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: LC-8J

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Mr. Don Garant c/o Manufactures Hardware 17641 Filer Street Detroit, MI 48212

Consent Agreement and Final Order, Docket No. FIFRA 05-2007-0030

Dear Mr. Garant:

Enclosed pleased find a copy of a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order concerning violations of the Federal Insecticide Fungicide & Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 §§ U.S.C.136 et seq., in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on November 7, 2007 with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 is to be paid in the manner prescribed in paragraphs 10 and 11. Please be certain that the number **BD** 2750845P004 and the docket number are written on both the transmittal letter and on the check. Payment is due by December 6, 2007 (within 30 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

Jøseph G. Lukascyk

Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

**Enclosures** 

cc: Marcy Toney, Regional Judicial Officer/C-14J (w/Encl.)

Luis Oviedo, ORC/C-14J (w/Encl.)

Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD (w/Encl.)

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5

In the Matter of:	)	Docket No. FIFRA 05-2007-0030		
Norman Manufacturing Company Fraser, Michigan,	)	Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty Under Section 14(a) of the Federal		RE E
Respondent.	) _)	Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodentic Act, 7 U.S.C. § 136 <i>l</i> (a)	ide S	NOIS NOIS
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- 1. Complainant, the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Region 5, brought this administrative action seeking a civil penalty under Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a).
- 2. On May 16, 2007, U.S. EPA filed the Complaint in this action against Respondent Norman Manufacturing Company. The Complaint alleges that Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), at its facility in Fraser, Michigan by distributing or selling the misbranded pesticide products "Algae Trek," EPA Reg. No. 10324-15-38122, "Algae Check," EPA Reg. No. 10324-43-38122, and "Algaecide Aqua Guard 50," EPA Reg. No. 10324-19-38122.
- 3. Respondent filed an Answer and requested a hearing under Section 14 of FIFRA,7 U.S.C. § 136*l*, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.15.

#### **Stipulations**

4. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in the Complaint and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in the Complaint, other than those admitted in its Answer.

- 5. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and its right to appeal this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO).
- 6. Respondent certifies that it is complying fully with FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136 and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 152.
- 7. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO and to the terms of this CAFO.
- 8. The parties agree that settling this action without further litigation, upon the terms of this CAFO, is in the public interest.

#### **Civil Penalty**

- 9. In consideration of Respondent's good faith negotiation efforts and assurances that it is in compliance with FIFRA, including the regulations promulgated thereunder, and in consideration of its requested deactivation of its establishment registration number and agreement to refrain from applying for a new establishment registration number and to refrain from the production/manufacture of pesticides for a period of five years, and its further cooperation in resolving this matter, the Complainant agrees to mitigate the proposed penalty to \$200.00.
- 10. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay the \$200.00 civil penalty by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

[for checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail]

U.S. EPA, Region 5 P.O. Box 371531 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-7531 [for checks sent by express mail]

Mellon Client Service Center Attn: Shift Supervisor Lockbox 371531 500 Ross Street Pittsburgh, PA 15262 – 001

[The check must state In the Matter of Norman Manufacturing Company, the docket number of this CAFO and the billing document number].

11. A transmittal letter stating Respondent's name, complete address, the case docket number and the billing document number must accompany the payment. Respondent must send a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-13J) U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

Joseph G. Lukascyk (LC-8J) U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

Luis Oviedo (C-14J) U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604]

- 12. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.
- 13. If Respondent does not pay the civil penalty timely, the U.S. EPA may refer this matter to the Attorney General who will recover such amount by action in the appropriate United States district court under Section 14(a)(5) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136*l*(a)(5). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

14. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any overdue amount from the date payment was due at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past due.

#### **General Provisions**

- 15. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in the Complaint.
- 16. This CAFO does not affect the right of the U.S. EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law.
- 17. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with FIFRA and other applicable federal, state and local laws.
- 18. This CAFO is a "final order" for purposes of U.S. EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for FIFRA.
  - 19. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors, and assigns.
- 20. Each person signing this agreement certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.
  - 21. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees in this action.
  - 22. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

## Norman Manufacturing Company, Respondent

18-5-07

Date

Don Garant, Partner and Owner Norman Manufacturing Company

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

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## Final Order

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date (106.07

Mary A. Gade

Regional Administrator

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the original signed copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the civil administrative action involving Norman Manufacturing Company, was filed on November 7, 2007 with the Regional Hearing Clerk (E-13J), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and that I mailed by Certified Mail, Receipt No. 7001 0320 0006 0185 8115, a copy of the original to the Respondents:

Mr. Don Garant c/o Manufactures Hardware 17641 Filer Street Detroit, MI 48212

and forwarded copies (intra-Agency) to:

Marcy Toney, Regional Judicial Officer, ORC/C-14J Luis Oviedo, Counsel for Complainant/C-14J Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD

Elizabeth Lytle

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