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DOCKET NO.: CAA-08-2007-0007

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE CITY OF AURORA

Thomas G. Griswold Water Treatment Plant

RESPONDENT

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FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18, of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the Consent Agreement resolving this matter is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to comply with all of the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon receipt by Respondent of this Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

SO ORDERED THIS 27th DAY OF September, 2007.

Elyana R. Sutin
Regional Judicial Officer

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IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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The City of Aurora)	EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Aurora, Colorado)	
)	(COMBINED COMPLAINT AND
)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
Respondent)	DOCKET NO. : CAA-08-2007-0007
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This Expedited Settlement Agreement (also known as a “Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement,” hereafter “ESA”) is entered into by the parties for the purpose of simultaneously commencing and concluding this matter.

This ESA in being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Region 8, by its duly delegated official, the Assistant Regional Administrator, Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, and by the City of Aurora (“Respondent”) pursuant to sections 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7413(a)(3) and (d), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice have determined, pursuant to section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), that EPA may pursue this type of case through administrative enforcement action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

On May 8, 2007, an authorized representative of EPA conducted a compliance inspection of Respondent’s Thomas G Griswold Water Treatment Plant located at 14201 E. Hampden Avenue, Aurora, Colorado, to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (“RMP”)

regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. part 68 under section 112(r) of the Act. EPA found that the Respondent's facility had violated regulations implementing section 112(r) of the Act by failing to comply with the specific requirements outlined in the attached *RMP Program Level 2 Process Checklist-Alleged Violations & Penalty Assessment* ("Checklist and Penalty Assessment").

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's facility service size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record, the parties enter into this ESA in order to settle the violations for the total penalty amount of \$1,350. An explanation for the penalty calculation is found in the attached *Expedited Settlement Penalty Matrix*.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent by signing below waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in the Checklist and Penalty Assessment and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above. Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C.

§ 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA, and consents to EPA's approval of the ESA without further notice. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that Respondent will correct the violations listed in the Checklist and Penalty Assessment no later than 60 days from the date the ESA is signed by the Respondent.

After the Regional Judicial Officer issues the Final Order, the Respondent will receive a fully executed copy of this ESA and the Final Order. Within twenty days (20) of receiving a signed Final Order, Respondent shall remit a cashier's or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" in the amount of \$1,350 to the following address:

Mellon Bank
EPA Region 8
(Regional Hearing Clerk)
P. O. Box 360859M
Pittsburgh, PA 15251

The check shall reference Respondent's name and facility address, the EPA Docket Number of this action. **(A docket number will be assigned to the fully executed copy of the ESA.)** A copy of the check shall be sent simultaneously to:

Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street [8RC]
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

and

Cheryl Turcotte
EPCRA Enforcement Coordinator
US EPA, Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street [8ENF-AT]
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

The penalty specified in this ESA shall not be deductible for purposes of State or Federal taxes.

Upon Respondent's receipt of the signed ESA and Final Order by the Regional Judicial Officer and payment of the penalty as set forth in this ESA, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced in the Risk Management Plan Penalty Checklist. EPA does not waive its right to take enforcement action for other violations of the Clean Air Act or for violations of any other statute.

If the signed original ESA is not returned to the EPA Region 8 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent in a timely manner, the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein.

In addition, if Respondent fails to comply with the provisions of this ESA, by either 1) failing to timely submit the above-referenced payment or 2) by failing to correct the violations no later than 60 days from the date the ESA is signed by the Respondent, the Respondent agrees that this agreement shall become null and void, and that EPA may file an administrative or civil enforcement action against Respondent for the violations addressed herein.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

City of Aurora Expedited Settlement Agreement

FOR RESPONDENT:



Date: 9-22-07

Name (print): DANA EHLEN

Title (print): Acting Director Aurora Water
The City of Aurora (Thomas G Griswold Water Treatment Plant)

FOR COMPLAINANT:


for _____
Assistant Regional Administrator
Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

Date: 9/22/07

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter **THE CITY OF AURORA – THOMAS G. GRISWOLD WATER TREATMENT PLANT; DOCKET NO.: CAA-08-2007-0007** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on September 27, 2007.

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to David Janik, Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt requested on September 27, 2007, to:

Dana Ehlen, Deputy Director of Operations
City of Aurora Utilities Department
15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Suite 3600
Aurora, CO 80012

E-mailed to:

Michelle Angel
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

September 27, 2007


Tina Artemis
Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk

