

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4 ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER 61 FORSYTH STREET ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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# CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Leigh Anne Battersby Vice President, Risk Management U.S. Xpress, Inc. 4080 Jenkins Road Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421

SUBJ: Consent Agreement and Final Order: Docket No. CWA-04-2012-5003

Dear Ms. Battersby:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order for the above referenced matter. This CAFO became effective on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.6 and 22.31, and as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency hereby notifies you that the Expedited Settlement Agreement has been executed by both parties and is binding on the EPA and you. Upon receipt of your assessed penalty of \$500.00, the EPA will take no further action against you for the violations cited in the ESA. Your copy of the executed ESA is enclosed.

You must submit your payment within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter by either electronic funds transfer, certified or cashiers check made payable to "Environmental Protection Agency." The check and a letter accompanying the check shall reference the name of the responsible party (Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund-311, U.S. Xpress, Inc.) and the EPA docket number CWA-04-2012-5003, and shall be sent depending upon your preferred method of payment identified in Enclosure A.

At the same time, you shall send a separate copy of each check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the persons at the following addresses:

Ms. Patricia Bullock Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Mr. Mel Rechtman
South Enforcement and Compliance Section
RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

If you have any questions, please contact Mel Rechtman at (404) 562-8745.

Sincerely,

César A. Zapata, Chief

RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch

RCRA Division

#### Enclosures:

- 1. Expedited Settlement Agreement
- 2. Payment Information

cc: USCG

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 4**

# 61 FORSYTH STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303 EXPEDITED SPILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2012-5003

Time: 04:40: On: July 2, 2011 At or near the I-65 mile marker 107 in Bullitt County, Kentucky, U.S. Xpress, Inc. (Respondent) discharged an estimated 600 gallons of oil in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (the Act), as noted on the attached ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATION (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

The EPA finds the Respondent's conduct is subject to the discharge prohibition of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, as described in that statute and further described by 40 C.F.R. § 110.3. The Respondent admits being subject to Section 311(b)(3) and that the EPA has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent neither admits nor denies the Allegation in the Form.

Settlement Agreement under the authority vested in the Administrator of the EPA by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement in order to settle the civil violation described in the Form for a penalty of \$500.00. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is also subject to the following terms and conditions: Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that it has investigated the cause of the spill, it has cleaned up the spill pursuant to federal requirements at a cost of \$\\\01.731.31, and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. The Respondent also by signature on this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement agrees to payment of the penalty assessed. Do not enclose payment. Upon receiving written execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall submit payment within 30 days by certified check or electronic funds transfer for \$500.00 payable to the "US Environmental Protection Agency CWA-311". Instructions on how to make this payment will be included in the written notice that will be issued when the Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement to the EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to the EPA's approval of the Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement without further notice.

After this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective and the assessed penalty is paid, the EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act described in the Form. However, the EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violation by the Respondent of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. By its first signature, the EPA ratifies the Findings and Alleged Violation set forth in the Form.

The EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Spill This Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and effective upon the EPA's filing of the document with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If the Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement as presented within 14 days of the date of its receipt, the proposed Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is withdrawn without prejudice to the EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violation identified in the Form.

#### APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): LEIGH ANNE BOTTECOL	
Title (print): Vice President, Rick Manage	end
Signature	•
APPROVED BY THE EPA:	
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César A. Zapata, Chief	ZÃ
RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch	<b>R</b> R
RCRA Division	
IT IS SO ORDERED:	<b>Z</b> 0
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Susan B. Schub	
Regional Judicial Officer	

# ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATION - DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2012-5003

- 1. U.S. Xpress, Inc., Respondent, is a corporation with a place of business located at 4080 Jenkins Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421. The respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311(a)(7) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(7) (Act).
- 2. Respondent is the owner of an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10), which was a tractor trailer located at or near I-65 mile marker 107 in Bullitt County, Kentucky ("facility").
- 3. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act prohibits the discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States.
- 4. For purposes of Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4), discharges of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health, welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 to include discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards, (2) cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines or, (3) cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.
- 5. On July 2, 2011, Respondent discharged an estimated 600 gallons of oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), from its facility into or upon the unnamed tributary of Cain Run and adjoining shorelines.
- 6. The unnamed tributary of Cain Run, which flows into Crooked Creek, which flows into Rolling Fork, which flows into Salt River which flows into the Ohio River is a "navigable water of the United States", as defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1, and is subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the Act.
- 7. Respondent's July 2, 2011, discharge of oil from its facility caused a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface or the adjoining shoreline of the unnamed tributary of Cain Run, or caused a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface, and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3.
- 8. Respondent's July 2, 2011, discharge of oil from its facility into or upon the unnamed tributary of Cain Run and adjoining shorelines in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 violated Section 311(b)(3) of the Act. Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, the Respondent is liable for civil penalties of up to \$16,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$37,500.

#### ENCLOSURE A

## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

## **CHECK PAYMENTS:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

#### **WIRE TRANSFERS:**

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

ABA = 021030004

Account = 68010727

SWIFT address = FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

## **OVERNIGHT MAIL:**

U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson 314-418-4087

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving U.S. currency US Treasury REX / ACH Receiver 5700 Rivertech Court Riverdale, Maryland 20737 Contacts: John Schmid 202-874-7028 or Remittance Express 1-866-234-5681 ABA = 051036706 Transaction Code 22 – checking Environmental Protection Agency Account 310006 CTX Format

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of U.S. Xpress, Inc., Docket No. CWA-04-2012-5003 (filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk of R 1 7 2012012) was served on R 1 7 20122012 in the manner specified to each of the person set forth below:

Ms. Leigh Anne Battersby Vice President, Risk Management U.S. Xpress, Inc. 4080 Jenkins Road Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421 CERTIFIED MAIL
Return Receipt Requested

Mel Rechtman Via EPA's Internal Mail RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Quantindra Smith Via EPA's Internal Mail and PDF RCRA & OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Date: 4-17-12

Patricia Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk United States Environmental

Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Protection Agency, Region 4

(404) 562-9511

# EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

PAYMENT DUE DATE:				
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGINATING OFFICE: (Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)				
This for	m was originated by: Mel Rechtman		on 3/22/12	
(Name)	(Date)			
in the	ROECB	at	404/562-8745	
III the _	(Office)		(Phone Number)	
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	Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree USAO COLLECTS	X	Administrative Order/Consent Agreement FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT	
	SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree DOJ COLLECTS		Oversight Billing - Cost Package required: Sent with bill	
			Not sent with bill	
	Other Receivable		Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required	
	This is an original debt		This is a modification	
PAYEE:	U.S. Xpress, Inc			
The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: 500.00 (If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See other side of this form.)				
TH. C. D. LAN. L. CWA 04 2012 2022				
	e Docket Number: <u>CWA-04-20</u> 12-5003 Specific Superfund Account Number:			
The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: RCRA Division				
To Be Completed By Cincinnati Finance Center				
The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: Date: /2011				
<b>DISTRII</b>	<u>BUTION</u> :			
A. <u>JUDICIAL ORDERS</u> : Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the <u>FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER</u> should be mailed to:				
	ebt Tracking Officer	2.	Originating Office (EAD)	
Eı	nvironmental Enforcement Section	3.	Designated Program Office	
P.	epartment of Justice RM 1647 O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station (ashington, D.C. 20044			
B. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS</u> : Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order Should be to:				
	riginating Office	3.	Designated Program Office	
	egional Hearing Clerk	4.	Regional Counsel (EAD)	