



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

In the Matter of)

EPA Docket No.

CERC/EPCRA-03-2016-0228

Town of Pittsville)

P.O. Box A)

7505 Gumboro Road)

Pittsville, MD 21850,)

Respondent.)

Proceedings Pursuant to Sections 103 and

109 of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation and Liability

Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9603 and 9609, and

Sections 304 and 325 of the Emergency

Planning and Community Right-to-Know

Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11004 and 11045

Pittsville Water Treatment Plant)

7505 Gumboro Road)

Pittsville, MD 21850,)

Facility.)

CONSENT AGREEMENT

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This Consent Agreement is proposed and entered into under the authority vested in the President of the United States by Section 109 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 11045. The President has delegated this authority to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), who has, in turn, delegated it to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region III. The Regional Administrator has re-delegated this authority to the Director of the Hazardous Site Cleanup Division, EPA Region III ("Complainant"). Further, this Consent Agreement is proposed and entered into under the authority provided by the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits" ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

The parties agree to the commencement and conclusion of this cause of action by issuance of this Consent Agreement and Final Order (referred to collectively herein as "CAFO") as prescribed by the Consolidated Rules of Practice pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), and having consented to the entry of this CAFO, agree to comply with the terms of this CAFO.

JURISDICTION

1. The Consolidated Rules of Practice govern this administrative adjudicatory proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.1(a)(7) and (8).
2. The Regional Judicial Officer has the authority to approve this settlement and conclude this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.4(b) and 22.18(b)(3).
3. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent admits to the jurisdictional allegations in this Consent Agreement and agrees not to contest EPA’s jurisdiction with respect to the execution or enforcement of this Consent Agreement.
4. With the exception of Paragraph 3, above, for the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations or conclusions of law set forth in this Consent Agreement, but expressly waives its rights to contest said allegations.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. The Town of Pittsville (“Respondent”) is a Maryland municipal corporation, with its headquarters and principal place of business located at 7505 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, Maryland 21850.
6. Respondent is a “person” as defined by Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21); Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7); and their respective regulations, 40 C.F.R. §§ 302.3 and 355.61.
7. At all times relevant to this CAFO, Respondent has been in charge of the water treatment facility located at 7505 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, Maryland (“Facility”), within the meaning of Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a).
8. The Facility is a “facility” as defined by Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9); Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4); and their respective regulations, 40 C.F.R. §§ 302.3 and 355.61.
9. Respondent is an "owner or operator" of the Facility as defined by Section 101(20) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(20), and referenced in Section 304 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 355.2 and 355.30.
10. Section 102(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602(a), requires the Administrator of the EPA to publish a list of substances designated as hazardous substances, which, when released into the environment may present substantial danger to public health or welfare or to the environment, and to promulgate regulations establishing that quantity of any hazardous substance, the release of which shall be required to be reported under Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a) (“Reportable Quantity” or “RQ”). The list of hazardous substances is codified at 40 C.F.R. § 302.4.

11. Section 302(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11002(a), requires the Administrator of EPA to publish a list of Extremely Hazardous Substances (“EHSs”) and to promulgate regulations establishing that quantity of any EHS the release of which shall be required to be reported under Section 304(a) through (c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) through (c), (“Reportable Quantity” or “RQ”). The list of EHSs and their respective RQs is codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Appendices A and B.

12. The State Emergency Response Commission (“SERC”) for the Facility is, and at all times relevant to this CAFO has been, the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”), located at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 540, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

13. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (“LEPC”) for the Facility is, and at all times relevant to this CAFO has been, the Wicomico County LEPC, located at 411 Naylor Mill Road, Suite 200, Salisbury, Maryland 21801.

14. At all times relevant to this CAFO, the Facility was a facility at which a hazardous chemical was produced, used, or stored.

15. On January 7, 2015, EPA conducted an inspection of the Facility to determine Respondent’s compliance with Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603, and Sections 302-304 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11002-11004 (“the Inspection”).

16. During the Inspection, Respondent’s personnel provided documentation to EPA regarding events that occurred at the Facility on September 25, 2014, when an estimated 35 pounds of chlorine, Chemical Abstracts Service (“CAS”) Registry No. 7782-50-5, was released from the Facility into the environment as a result of an open valve on a chlorine cylinder while the cylinder was disconnected from the water treatment system (“the Release”).

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO THE
VIOLATION OF SECTION 103(a) OF CERCLA**

17. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 5 through 16 of this CAFO are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.

18. Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), as implemented by 40 C.F.R. Part 302, requires, in relevant part, a person in charge of a facility to immediately notify the National Response Center (“NRC”) established under Section 311(d)(2)(E) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(d)(2)(E), as soon as he/she has knowledge of a release (other than a federally permitted release) of a hazardous substance from such facility in a quantity equal to or greater than the RQ.

19. The chemical chlorine is a hazardous substance, as defined under Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), and 40 C.F.R. § 302.3, with an RQ of 10 pounds, as listed in 40 C.F.R. § 302.4.

20. The Release from the Facility constitutes a release of a hazardous substance in a quantity equal to or exceeding the RQ for that hazardous substance, requiring immediate notification of the NRC pursuant to Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a).

21. The Release was not a “federally permitted release” as that term is used in Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 302.6, and defined in Section 101(10) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(10).

22. Respondent first became aware that the Release was occurring at approximately 8:30 a.m. on September 25, 2014.

23. Based upon the Respondent’s statements during the Inspection and supporting documentation provided regarding the Release, the following events occurred on September 25, 2014 at the Facility:

a. At approximately 8:30 a.m., Respondent’s personnel observed equipment malfunctioning in the chlorination process at the Facility and attempted to close the valve on the chlorine cylinder. After facility personnel believed that the cylinder valve was shut, Respondent’s personnel disconnected the chlorine cylinder, and chlorine gas began to release into the environment.

b. At approximately 8:34 a.m., Respondent called 911 about the ongoing Release and evacuated all employees from the building.

c. By 8:45 a.m., the fire department arrived, and at 8:59 a.m., the Salisbury Fire Department Hazmat Team responded.

d. At approximately 10:35 a.m., the Hazmat Team was able to completely shut the valve to the chlorine cylinder and the Release was terminated.

24. Respondent did not perform calculations to determine the quantity of chlorine released from the Facility into the environment during the Release. Intercoastal Trading, Respondent’s chlorine supplier, verbally informed Respondent that 35 pounds of chlorine were released on September 25, 2014.

25. Respondent did not notify the NRC of the Release.

26. Respondent failed to immediately notify the NRC of the Release as soon as Respondent knew or should have known that a release of a hazardous substance had occurred on September 25, 2014 at the Facility in an amount equal to or exceeding the applicable RQ, as required by Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603, and 40 C.F.R. § 302.6.

CONCLUSION OF LAW RELATED TO THE VIOLATION OF SECTION 103 OF CERCLA

27. Respondent's failure to immediately notify the NRC of the Release is a violation of Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603. Respondent is, therefore, subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO THE VIOLATIONS
OF SECTION 304(a) AND (b) OF EPCRA – SERC**

28. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 5 through 27 of this CAFO are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.

29. Section 304(a) and (b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) and (b), as implemented by 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C, requires, in relevant part, the owner or operator of a facility at which hazardous chemicals are produced, used, or stored to immediately notify the SERC following a release of a hazardous substance or an EHS in a quantity equal to or exceeding the RQ for the hazardous substance or EHS.

30. The chemical chlorine is a hazardous substance, as defined under Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), and 40 C.F.R. § 302.3, and an EHS as defined under Section 302(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11002(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 355.61, with an RQ of 10 pounds, as listed in 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Appendices A and B, and 40 C.F.R. § 302.4.

31. The Release required immediate notification to the SERC, pursuant to Section 304(a)(1) and (b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a)(1) and (b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C.

32. Respondent did not notify the SERC of the Release.

33. Respondent failed to immediately notify the SERC of the Release of chlorine as soon as Respondent knew or should have known that a release of an EHS had occurred on September 25, 2014 at the Facility in an amount equal to or exceeding its RQ, as required by Section 304(a) and (b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) and (b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW RELATED TO THE
VIOLATION OF SECTION 304(a) AND (b) OF EPCRA – SERC**

34. Respondent's failure to immediately notify the SERC of the Release is a violation of Section 304(a) and (b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) and (b). Respondent is, therefore, subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b).

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO THE VIOLATION
OF SECTION 304(c) OF EPCRA – SERC**

35. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 5 through 34 of this CAFO are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.

36. Section 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(c), as implemented by 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C, requires, in relevant part, that, when there has been a release of a hazardous substance or an EHS in a quantity equal to or greater than the RQ from a facility at which hazardous chemicals are produced, used, or stored, the owner or operator of that facility must provide a written follow-up report regarding the release to the SERC as soon as practicable.

37. The Release constitutes a release of an EHS in a quantity equal to or exceeding its RQ requiring immediate notification of the SERC pursuant to Section 304(a) and (b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) and (b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C, and, consequently, requiring submission of a written follow-up report to the SERC pursuant to Section 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C.

38. Respondent did not provide a written follow-up report regarding the Release to the SERC, as required by Section 304(c) of EPCRA, as implemented by 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C.

CONCLUSION OF LAW RELATED TO THE VIOLATION OF SECTION 304(c) OF EPCRA – SERC

39. Respondent's failure to submit a written follow-up report to the SERC for the Release is a violation of Section 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(c). Respondent is, therefore, subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO THE VIOLATION OF SECTION 304(c) OF EPCRA – LEPC

40. The factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 5 through 39 of this CAFO are incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth at length.

41. Section 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(c), as implemented by 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C, requires, in relevant part, that, when there has been a release of a hazardous substance or an EHS in a quantity equal to or greater than the RQ from a facility at which hazardous chemicals are produced, used, or stored, the owner or operator of that facility must provide a written follow-up report regarding the release to the LEPC as soon as practicable.

42. The Release constitutes a release of an EHS in a quantity equal to or exceeding its RQ requiring immediate notification of the LEPC pursuant to Section 304(a) and (b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) and (b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C, and, consequently, requiring submission of a written follow-up report to the LEPC pursuant to Section 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C.

43. Respondent did not provide a written follow-up report regarding the Release to the LEPC, as required by Section 304(c) of EPCRA, as implemented by 40 C.F.R. Part 355, Subpart C.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW RELATED TO THE
VIOLATION OF SECTION 304(c) OF EPCRA – LEPC**

44. Respondent’s failure to submit a written follow-up report to the LEPC for the Release is a violation of Section 304(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(c). Respondent is, therefore, subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b).

SETTLEMENT

45. In full and final settlement and resolution of all allegations referenced in the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, and in full satisfaction of all civil penalty claims pursuant thereto, for the purpose of this proceeding, the Respondent consents to the assessment of a civil penalty for the violations of Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603, in the amount of **\$2,500** (“CERCLA civil penalty”), and Section 304 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004, set forth above, in the amount of **\$7,500** (“EPCRA civil penalty”), for a total civil penalty of **\$10,000**.

46. Respondent consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement, and consents for purposes of settlement to the payment of the civil penalty cited in the foregoing Paragraph.

PAYMENT TERMS

47. In order to avoid the assessment of interest, administrative costs, and late payment penalties in connection with the civil penalties described in this CAFO, Respondent shall pay the CERCLA civil penalty of \$2,500 and the EPCRA civil penalty of \$7,500 no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Final Order (the “Final Due Date”) by either cashier’s checks, certified checks, or electronic wire transfer, as set forth in the following paragraphs.

48. Payment of the CERCLA civil penalty shall be made in the following manner:

- a. All payments by Respondent shall reference Respondent’s name and address, and the Docket Number of this action, **CERC/EPCRA-03-2016-0228**;
- b. All checks shall be made payable to **EPA-Hazardous Substances Superfund**;
- c. All payments made by check and sent by regular mail shall be addressed to:

U.S. EPA
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979076
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000
Contact: Elizabeth McGuffey (513-487-2885)

- d. All payments made by check and sent by overnight delivery service shall be addressed for delivery to:

U.S. EPA
Government Lockbox 979076
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
Contact: 314-418-1028

- e. All payments made by check in any currency drawn on banks with no USA branches shall be addressed for delivery to:

U.S. EPA
Cincinnati Finance Center
26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, MS-002
Cincinnati, OH 45268-0001

- f. All payments made by electronic wire transfer shall be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account No. = 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read:
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- g. All electronic payments made through the Automated Clearinghouse (ACH), also known as Remittance Express (REX), shall be directed to:

US Treasury REX / Cashlink ACH Receiver
ABA = 051036706
Account No.: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency
CTX Format Transaction Code 22 - Checking

Physical location of U.S. Treasury facility:
5700 Rivertech Court
Riverdale, MD 20737
Contact: Randolph Maxwell 202-874-3720
or REX, 1-866-234-5681

- h. On-Line Payment Option:

WWW.PAY.GOV

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- i. Additional payment guidance is available at:

http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/make_a_payment.htm

54. Payment of the EPCRA civil penalty shall be made in the following manner:

- a. All payments by Respondent shall reference Respondent's name and address, and the Docket Number of this action, **CERC/EPCRA-03-2016-0228**;

- b. All checks shall be made payable to **United States Treasury**;

- c. All payments made by check and sent by regular mail shall be addressed to:

U.S. EPA
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000
Contact: Heather Russell (513-487-2044)

- d. All payments made by check and sent by overnight delivery service shall be addressed for delivery to:

U.S. EPA
Government Lockbox 979077
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St. Louis, MO 63101
Contact: 314-418-1028

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Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account No. = 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10045

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- i. Additional payment guidance is available at:

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55. Respondent shall submit copies of the checks, or verification of wire transfers or ACH, to the following persons:

Lydia Guy (3RC00)
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

and

Lauren Ziegler (3RC42)
Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. EPA, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

56. The CERCLA civil penalty and EPCRA civil penalty stated herein are based upon Complainant's consideration of a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following: the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation, and with respect to the violator, ability to pay, any prior history of such violations, the degree of culpability, economic benefit (if any) resulting from the violation, and such matters as justice may require. The penalty is consistent with 40 C.F.R. Part 19 and the *Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act* (September 30, 1999).

57. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, EPA is entitled to assess interest and late payment penalties on outstanding debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim, as more fully described below. Accordingly, Respondent's failure to make timely payment by the Final Due Date or to comply with the conditions in this CAFO shall result in the assessment of late payment charges, including interest, penalties, and/or administrative costs of handling delinquent debts.

58. Interest on the civil penalty assessed in this CAFO will begin to accrue on the date that a copy of this fully executed CAFO is mailed or hand-delivered to Respondent. However, EPA will not seek to recover interest on any amount of the civil penalties that is paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which such interest begins to accrue. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a).

59. The costs of the Agency's administrative handling of overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period the debt is overdue in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Pursuant to Appendix 2 of EPA's Resources Management Directives - Cash Management, Chapter 9, EPA will assess a \$15.00 administrative handling charge for administrative costs on unpaid penalties for the first thirty (30) day period after the Final Due Date and an additional \$15.00 for each subsequent thirty (30) day period the penalties remain unpaid.

60. A penalty charge of six (6) percent per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the civil penalties which remain delinquent more than ninety (90) calendar days in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). Should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent, in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).

61. Failure by the Respondent to pay the CERCLA civil penalty and the EPCRA civil penalty assessed by the Final Order in full by the Final Due Date may subject Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalties, plus interest, pursuant to Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045. In any such collection action, the validity, amount and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

62. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent expressly waives its right to a hearing and to appeal the Final Order under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

63. The provisions of the CAFO shall be binding upon Respondent, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and successors or assigns. By his or her signature below, the person signing this Consent Agreement on behalf of the Respondent is acknowledging that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to execute this Consent Agreement and to legally bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement and accompanying Final Order.

64. This CAFO resolves only those civil claims which are alleged herein and is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and the reservation of rights set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c). Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority of the Complainant to undertake action against any person, including the Respondent, in response to any condition which Complainant determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, public welfare or the environment. Nothing in this CAFO shall be construed to limit the United States' authority to pursue criminal sanctions.

65. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees.

FOR THE TOWN OF PITTSVILLE

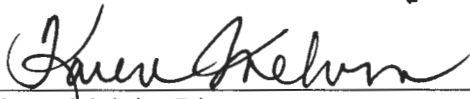
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FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



Karen Melvin, Director
Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

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FINAL ORDER


Complainant, the Director of the Hazardous Site Cleanup Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, and Respondent, the Town of Pittsville, have executed a document entitled "Consent Agreement," which I hereby ratify as a Consent Agreement in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/ Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (with specific reference to Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3)). The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are accepted by the undersigned and incorporated into this Final Order as if fully set forth at length herein.

Based on the representations of the parties in the attached Consent Agreement, the penalty agreed to therein is based upon consideration of, *inter alia*, EPA's *Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Emergency Response, Compensation and Liability Act*, and the statutory factors set forth in Section 109 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and Section 22.18(b)(3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent pay a civil penalty in the amount of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)**, in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in the Consent Agreement, and comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement.

The effective date of the attached Consent Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Sept. 27, 2016
Date



Joseph J. Lisa
Regional Judicial and Presiding Officer
U.S. EPA Region III