



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

SEP 01 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Courtney Aldridge
Aldridge Operating Company, LLC
P.O. Box 629
Natchez, Mississippi 39121

Re: Oil Spill Expedited Settlement Agreement
Board of Ed. Oil Well #3 (Geographic Coordinates, 31.4728630° N and 91.0111600° W)
NRC No. 1095746
Docket No. CWA-04-2015-5006(b)

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

This letter is to notify you that the Expedited settlement Agreement (ESA) for the above-referenced matter has been signed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and became effective on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.6 and 22.31, as indicated on the Certificate of Service. The ESA is binding on the EPA and Aldridge Operating Company, LLC. A copy of the ESA is enclosed.

Pursuant to the ESA, you shall submit the payment of \$4,500 within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this letter. The payment shall be made in one of the forms stated in Enclosure A. For additional payment information see EPA's payments webpage <http://www2.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>.

If paying by check, you shall send a separate copy of the 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

John C. Goodwin
Enforcement and Compliance Branch
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

If you have any questions, please contact John C. Goodwin at (404) 562-8488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CÉSAR A. ZAPATA". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

César A. Zapata
Chief, Enforcement and Compliance Branch
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division

cc: USCG



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OIL SPILL EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET No.: CWA-04-2015-5006(b)

On September 17, 2014, the facility located in the Roxie Oil Field, one-half mile west of the intersection of Providence Road and Knoxville Road in Roxie, Mississippi (Geographic Coordinates 31.4728630° North, 91.0111600° West), owned and/or operated by Aldridge Operating Company, LLC (Respondent), discharged approximately 2,174 gallons of oil in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) § 311(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3), as described on the attached "Findings and Alleged Violations Form" (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency finds that Respondent's conduct is subject to the discharge prohibition of CWA § 311(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) in conjunction with 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 Respondent admits being subject to CWA § 311(b)(3), and that the EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations in the Form.

The EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) under the authority vested in the Administrator of the EPA CWA § 311(b)(6)(B)(i), 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) and § 22.18(b)(2)-(3). The parties enter into this ESA in order to settle the civil violation described in the Form for a penalty of \$4,500. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This ESA 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, and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. Respondent, also by signature on this ESA, agrees to pay the penalty assessed within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving written notice that the ESA has been executed and effective. **Do not enclose payment.** The EPA will provide instructions in writing on the procedures for making the penalty payment to the "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund" with a copy of the Final Order.

After the parties sign this ESA and Respondent pays the civil penalty, the EPA will take no further action against Respondent for the violations described in the Form. However, the EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other violations by Respondent of CWA § 311(b)(3) or any other federal statute or regulations.

Upon signing and returning this ESA to the EPA, Respondent waives any right to judicial review under CWA § 1321(b)(6)(G), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(G), any right to appeal or request a hearing to contest any fact or allegation, and consents to the EPA's approval of the ESA without further notice. Failure by Respondent to pay the penalty assessed by this ESA in full by its due date may subject Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalty plus interest, attorney's fees, costs and an additional quarterly nonpayment penalty pursuant to CWA § 1321(b)(6)(H), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(H). In any such collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the penalty shall not be subject to review.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. Each person signing this ESA certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party who he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms. The ESA is effective upon the EPA's filing of the ESA with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If Respondent does not sign and return this ESA as presented within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of its receipt, the proposed ESA will be withdrawn without prejudice to the EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the noncompliance identified in the Form.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Courtney Aldridge

Title (print): Manager

Signature: *Courtney Aldridge*

APPROVED BY THE EPA:

César A. Zapata Date 8/31/15

César A. Zapata
Chief, Enforcement and Compliance Branch
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division

FINAL ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Tanya Floyd Date August 31, 2015

Tanya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

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EPA REGION 4
ATLANTA
AUG 31 2015

Findings and Alleged Violations Form Expedited Oil Spill Agreement

1. Aldridge Operating Company, LLC (Respondent) is a corporation with a place of business located at 151 Providence Road, Natchez, Mississippi. Respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311(a)(7) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(7).
2. Respondent is the owner or operator of an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10), which is located in the Roxie Oil Field, one-half mile west of the intersection of Providence Road and Knoxville Road in Roxie, Mississippi (Geographic Coordinates 31.4728630° North and 91.00111600° West) (the “facility”).
3. Section 311(b)(3) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) 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 CWA, 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 the United States Environmental Protection Agency has 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 violate applicable water quality standards, or cause a film or sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines, or cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.
5. On September 17, 2014, Respondent discharged approximately 2,174 gallons of oil, as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1, from its facility into or upon an unnamed perennial tributary of Morgan Fork and/or adjoining shorelines. The EPA obtained this information from the EPA On-Scene Coordinator’s Pollution Report.
6. The unnamed tributary of Morgan Fork flows into the Homochitto River. The Homochitto River is a “navigable water of the United States,” as defined in Section 502(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1 and is subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the CWA.
7. Respondent’s September 17, 2014 discharge of oil from its facility caused a film or sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the unnamed perennial tributary of Morgan Fork, which eventually flows to the Homochitto River and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3, which implements Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4).
8. Respondent’s September 17, 2014 discharge of oil from its facility into or upon the unnamed perennial tributary of Morgan Fork and/or adjoining shorelines, which eventually flows to the Homochitto River, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3. Respondent therefore violated Section 311(b)(3) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3). Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i) 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

Payments by Mail:

To make a payment to EPA by mail, send a check to the EPA lockbox listed below.

Address Format for U.S. Postal Service:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
P. O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO63197-9000

Address Format for Common Carriers (Fedex, DHL, UPS):

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

Wire Transfers:

Wire transfers to EPA can be done through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York using the following information:

ABA: 021030004

Account Number: 68010727

SWIFT address: FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, NY 10045

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

Automated Clearinghouse Payments (also known as REX or remittance express);

Automated Clearinghouse payments to EPA can be made through the US Treasury using the following information:

US Treasury REX/Cashlink ACH Receiver

ABA: 051036706

Account Number: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency

CTX Format Transaction Code 22 – checking

Physical location of US Treasury Facility:

5700 Rivertech Court

Riverdale, MD 20737

US Treasury Contact Information:

John Schmid: 202-874-7026

Remittance Express (REX): 1-866-234-5681

On Line Payment:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury.

This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

<https://www.pay.gov/paygov/>

Open form and complete required fields.

SPCC Case Number:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day filed the original and a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and the attached Final Order (CA/FO), in the matter of Aldridge Operating Company, Docket Number: CWA-04-2015-5006(b), and have served the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Teresa Mann
Assistant Regional Counsel
Office of RCRA, OPA and UST Legal Support
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
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(Via EPA's electronic mail)

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Resource Conservation and Recovery Division
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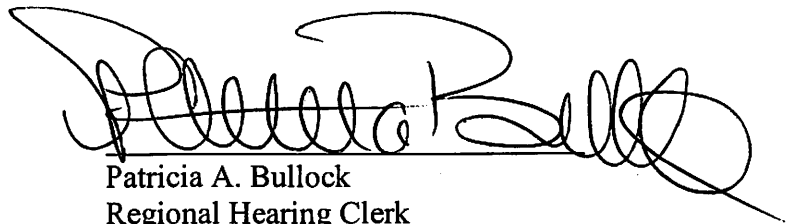
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Manager
Aldridge Operating Company, LLC
P.O. Box 629
Natchez, Mississippi 39121

(Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested)

Date:

9-1-15



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