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Mr. Stuart Lamb
Viesel Fuel, LLC
3041 SE Dominica Terrace
Stuart, Florida 34997

Re: Viesel Fuel, LLC
Consent Agreement and Final Order
Docket No. EPCRA-04-2016-2003(b)

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

To ensure proper processing, the Respondent's Name and Docket Number for this case, identified above and in the CAFO, should be noted on any cashier's or certified check submitted in payment of the penalty.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of its potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission any environmental enforcement actions taken by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4. Where used in the document "SEC" refers to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter or Viesel Fuel, LLC's compliance status in the future, please contact Ms. Kerry Platt of the EPA staff at (404) 562-9004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly L. Bingham".

Kimberly L. Bingham
Acting Chief
Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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 Viesel Fuel, LLC)
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 Respondent.)
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Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2016-2003(6)

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OFFICE OF REGIONAL
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 109 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9609 and Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045 and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is Viesel Fuel, LLC.

2. The authority to take action under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609 and Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under CERCLA and under EPCRA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegations 14-31 and 22-3-A, both dated May 11, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, the authority under CERCLA by EPA Region 4 Delegation 14-31 dated March 8, 1999, and updated August 6, 2004, and the authority under EPCRA by EPA Region 4 Delegation 22-3-A, dated November 8, 1994. Pursuant to these delegations, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.

3. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

II. Preliminary Statements

4. Respondent, Viesel Fuel, LLC, is a corporation doing business in the State of Florida.

5. Respondent is a “person” and is the “owner or operator” of a “facility” as those terms are defined in Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7) and Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21), Section 101 (20)(A) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(20)(A), and Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9), and by Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4), respectively.

6. Respondent’s facility is located at 3041 SE Dominica Terrace, Stuart, Florida, 34997.

III. EPA’s Allegations of Violations

Violation of Section 103(a) of CERCLA

7. Section 102(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602(a), required the Administrator of 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 the environment and to promulgate regulations establishing the quantity of any hazardous substance the release of which was required to be reported under Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a). EPA has published and amended such a list, including the corresponding reportable quantities (RQ) for those substances. This list which is codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 302, was initially published on April 4, 1985 (50 Fed. Reg. 13474) and is periodically amended.

8. Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. § 302.6, require a person in charge of a facility or vessel to immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC), as soon as he or she has knowledge of a release of a hazardous substance from such facility or vessel in an amount equal to, or greater than the RQ.

9. Respondent was in charge of the facility during the relevant period described below.

10. Methanol is a “hazardous substance” as that term is defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), with an RQ of 5,000 pounds, as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 302.4.

11. On April 1, 2015, a release of methanol above the RQ occurred at the facility.

12. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the notification requirements of Section 103(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), and the applicable CERCLA regulations, 40 C.F.R. § 302.6, by failing to immediately notify the NRC as soon as Respondent had knowledge of the release of methanol in an amount equal to or greater than its RQ at Respondent’s facility and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609.

13. Pursuant to Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty not to exceed **\$37,500** for each violation of Section 103(a) of

CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603(a), that occurred after December 6, 2013. Each day a violation of Section 103 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609, may be assessed by Administrative Order.

Violations of Section 304(a) EPCRA

14. Section 304(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §11004(a) and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. § 355, Subpart C, require the owner or operator of a facility at which a hazardous chemical is produced, used or stored, to immediately provide notice to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as described in Section 304(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(b), when there has been a release of an EPCRA extremely hazardous substance, or a CERCLA hazardous substance in an amount equal to or greater than the RQ from a facility. Section 304(a) does not apply to any release which results in exposure to persons solely within the site or sites on which a facility is located.

15. Respondent was the owner or operator of the facility during the relevant period described herein.

16. At all times relevant to this matter, the facility produced, used, or stored a “hazardous chemical” as defined under Section 311(e) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11021(e), and under 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200(c).

17. Methanol is a hazardous substance with a CERCLA RQ of 5,000 pounds as established under Section 102(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9602(a), and as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 302.4.

18. On April 1, 2015, a release of methanol above the RQ occurred at the facility. EPA alleges that the release resulted in the potential for exposure to persons beyond the site or sites on which the facility is located.

19. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the notification requirements of Section 304(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a), and the applicable EPCRA regulations of 40 C.F.R. § 355, Subpart C, by failing to immediately notify the SERC and LEPC as soon as Respondent had knowledge of the release of methanol in an amount equal to or greater than the RQ at Respondent’s facility, and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §11045.

20. Pursuant to Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a penalty of not more than **\$37,500** for each violation of Section 304(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11004(a) that occurred after December 6, 2013. Civil penalties under Section 325(b) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(b), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

Violations of Section 312 of EPCRA

21. Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 370, provide that the owner or operator of a facility that is required to prepare or have available a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for hazardous chemicals under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and regulations promulgated under that Act, shall submit to the LEPC, the SERC, and the fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, on or before March 1 annually, a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II) as described in 40 C.F.R. Part 370, containing the information required by that part for hazardous chemicals present at the facility at any one time in the preceding calendar year in amounts equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds and containing the information required by that part for extremely hazardous substances (EHS) present at the facility at any one time in amounts equal to or greater than the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) or 500 pounds, whichever is less.

22. At some time during calendar years 2014, 2013, and 2012, methanol was present at the facility in an amount equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds.

23. Methanol is a "hazardous chemical" as defined by Section 329(5) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(5), for which Respondent is required to prepare or have available an MSDS under OSHA at its facility.

24. Respondent failed to submit a completed Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form for methanol to the SERC, the LEPC, and fire department with jurisdiction over the facility for calendar years 2014, 2013, and 2012, and by March 1 of the following year.

25. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, at its facility for calendar years 2014, 2013, and 2012, and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

26. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$37,500 for each violation of Section 312 that occurred after January 12, 2009 and after December 6, 2013. Each day a violation of Section 312 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

Violations of EPCRA Section 313

27. Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, and 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.22 and 372.30, require the owner or operator of a facility that (a) has 10 or more full-time employees; (b) is in a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) major group or industry listed in 40 C.F.R. § 372.23(a) for which the corresponding North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) subsector and industry codes are listed in 40 C.F.R. §§ 372.23(b) and 372.23(c); and (c) manufactured,

processed, or otherwise used a toxic chemical listed in Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.65, in excess of an applicable threshold quantity established under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, during the calendar year, to complete and submit a toxic chemical release inventory reporting Form R (EPA Form 9350-1) to the Administrator of EPA and to the State in which the facility is located, by July 1st for the preceding calendar year for each toxic chemical known by the owner or operator to be manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in quantities exceeding the established threshold quantity during the preceding calendar year.

28. As set forth at Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, the reporting threshold amount for a toxic chemical manufactured or processed at a facility is 25,000 pounds per calendar year. The reporting threshold for a toxic chemical otherwise used at a facility is 10,000 pounds.

29. Respondent has 10 or more full-time employees, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 372.3, at its facility.

30. Respondent's facility is classified under SIC code 2911 and the NAICS code 324110.

31. Respondent's facility is classified in a covered SIC code as described at 40 C.F.R. § 372.22 and in a covered NAICS code as described at 40 C.F.R. § 372.23.

32. Methanol is a listed toxic chemical under Section 313(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(c) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.65.

33. Respondent's facility otherwise used methanol in excess of the 10,000 pound threshold quantity established for toxic chemicals under Section 313(f) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023(f) and 40 C.F.R. § 372.25, during calendar years 2013 and 2012.

34. Respondent failed to submit a Form R for methanol to the Administrator of the EPA and to the official designated by the Governor of the State of Florida by July 1st of the required reporting years.

35. EPA alleges that Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 313 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11023, at its facility for calendar years 2013 and 2012 and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

36. Pursuant to Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA may assess a civil penalty of not more than **\$37,500** for each violation of Section 313 that occurred after January 12, 2009 and after December 6, 2013. Each day a violation of Section 313 continues constitutes a separate violation. Civil penalties under Section 325(c) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045(c), may be assessed by an Administrative Order.

IV. Consent Agreement

37. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set out above but neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set out above.

38. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the Consent Agreement.

39. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

40. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of CERCLA and EPCRA.

41. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of violations contained herein. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), compliance with this CAFO only resolves Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the allegations in Section III of this CAFO and does not affect the right of the EPA or the United States, to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. This CAFO does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of EPCRA, CERCLA or other applicable laws and regulations.

42. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of CERCLA and EPCRA.

V. Final Order

43. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$11,505)** for the CERCLA violation in Section III, which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

44. Respondent shall pay the CERCLA civil penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check, payable to "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" to one of the following addresses:

BY MAIL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Superfund Payments
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979076
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979076
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
(513) 487-2091

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

45. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$52,585)** for the EPCRA violations in Section III, which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this CAFO.

46. Respondent shall pay the EPCRA penalty by forwarding a cashier's or certified check payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to one of the following addresses:

BY MAIL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

BY OVERNIGHT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
(513) 487-2091

The check shall reference on its face the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO.

47. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Kerry Platt
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Saundi Wilson
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Office of Regional Counsel
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

48. For the purposes of state and federal income taxes, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.

VI. Other Provisions

49. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the effective date of this CAFO if the penalty is not paid by the date required. Interest will be assessed at the rate established by the Secretary of Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. A charge will be assessed to cover the costs of debt collection, including processing and handling costs and attorney fees. In addition, a penalty charge will be assessed on any portion of the debt that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due.

50. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

51. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors, and assigns.

52. The following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Robert W. Bookman
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 562-9169

53. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to it.

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VII. Effective Date

54. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

Viesel Fuel, LLC

By:  (Signed) Date: 3/8/16

Name: STUART M. LAMB, JR. (Typed or Printed)

Title: CHIEF EXECUTIVE MANAGER (Typed or Printed)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

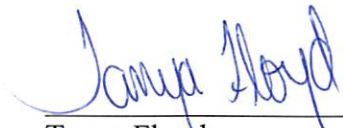
By:  Date: 3/16/16

Beverly H. Banister

Director

Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 18th day of April, 2016



Tanya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order: In the Matter of Viesel Fuel, LLC, Docket Number: EPCRA-04-2016-2003(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

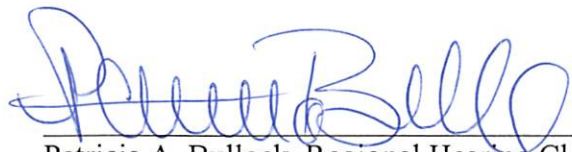
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Date: 4-19-16


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