

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA) 10 JUL 20 AM 9:54

DOCKET NO: EPCRA-10-2010-0160
This ESA is issued to: OfficeMax, Inc. WPC
Elma, Washington

HEARINGS CLERK
EPA--REGION 10

for violating section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA), by its representative, the Manager, Emergency Response Unit and by OfficeMax, Inc. WPC (Respondent) pursuant to section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATION

EPA alleges that Respondent, owner and/or operator of the facility at 100 Commerce Lane, Elma, Washington, 98541, (Facility), failed to timely submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form as described in 40 C.F.R. § 370.25 and 40 C.F.R. Part 370, Subpart D) for the year 2008 as required by section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and 40 C.F.R. Part 370. Under section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and 40 C.F.R. Part 370, Respondent was required to submit its Tier I or Tier II form for the year 2008 on or before March 1, 2009.

SETTLEMENT

EPA and Respondent agree that settlement of this matter for a penalty of **TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 2,000)** is in the public interest. In signing this ESA, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to the requirements of section 312 of EPCRA; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; and (5) waives any right to contest the allegations contained herein.

By its signature below, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (1) the alleged violation has been corrected, and (2) Respondent is submitting payment of the civil penalty with this ESA. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

The civil penalty of **TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 2,000)** must be paid by cashier's or certified check to the "Treasurer, United States of America." The Docket Number of this ESA (located at the top left corner) must be included on the check. Send the penalty payment with a copy of the signed ESA by certified mail to:

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

Send the *signed, original* ESA and a copy of the check by certified mail to:

EPA Washington Operations Office
300 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 102
Lacey, Washington 98503
Attn: Suzanne E. Powers, EPCRA Enforcement Coordinator

Upon Respondent's submission of the original signed ESA, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of EPCRA identified in the ESA. EPA does not waive any right to file an enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of EPCRA or any other federal statute or regulation.

If Respondent does not return the signed, original ESA with an attached copy of the check to EPA at the above address in correct form within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of this ESA (90 days if an extension is granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), this ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO AGREED,

FOR RESPONDENT:

ok
DPR
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Name (print): Ernest A. Met
Title (print): VO, AGC

Date: 8/14/10

FOR COMPLAINANT:

[Handwritten Signature]

Date: 7/12/10

for
Wally Moon
Preparedness and Prevention Unit Manager
Emergency Response Program
Office of Environmental Cleanup

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

[Handwritten Signature]
Regional Judicial Officer
EPA Region 10

Date: 7/19/10

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** in **In the Matter of: OfficeMax, Inc., DOCKET NO.: EPCRA-10-2010-0160** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on July 20, 2010.

On July 20, 2010 the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to:

Meg Silver, Esquire
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue, ORC-158
Seattle, WA 98101

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt on July 20, 2010, to:

Dennis Radocha
Associate General Counsel
OfficeMax
1111 W. Jefferson
Suite 510
Boise, ID 83702

DATED this 20th day of July 2010.



Carol Kennedy
Regional Hearing Clerk
EPA Region 10