



EXPEDITED SPCC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7, 11201 RENNER BOULEVARD, LENEXA, KANSAS 66219

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DOCKET NO. CWA-07-2019-0236

On: October 23, 2018

At: Vamco Operating Wolf A Lease, S28 T21S R11W, Stafford, Kansas

Owned or operated by Vamco Operating Company (Respondent), an authorized representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted an inspection to determine compliance with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 112 under Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1321(j)) (the Act), and found that Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 311(j) of the Act by failing to comply with the regulations as noted on the attached **SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE INSPECTION FINDINGS, ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, AND PROPOSED PENALTY FORM (Form)**, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

This proceeding and the Expedited Settlement are 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 Settlement in order to settle the civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of **\$1,500**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The EPA finds that Respondent is subject to the SPCC regulations, which are published at 40 C.F.R. Part 112, and has violated the regulations as further described in the Form. Respondent admits that he/she is subject to 40 C.F.R. Part 112 and that the EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent does not contest the Inspection Findings and waives any objections it may have to the EPA's jurisdiction.

Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty stated above. Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the violations have been corrected and **Respondent has sent a certified check in the amount of \$1,500 payable to the "Environmental Protection Agency," via certified mail to:**

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

and Respondent has noted on the penalty payment check Docket No. CWA-07-2019-0236 and "OSLTF - 311." **The original, signed Settlement Agreement and copy of the penalty payment check must be sent via certified mail to:**

Eduardo Ortiz
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 7, LCARD

11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219

This Expedited Settlement resolves respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations of the SPCC regulations described in the Form. However, the EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by Respondent of the SPCC regulations or of any other federal statute or regulations. By its first signature, the EPA ratifies the Inspection Findings and Alleged Violations set forth in the Form.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Settlement 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 Settlement without further notice.

This Expedited Settlement is binding on the parties signing below, and is effective upon the Regional Judicial Officer's signature and filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

APPROVED BY EPA:

Andrey Date 10/28/19
Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): John R. Thomas
Title (print): Owner
Signature: *John R. Thomas*
Date: 9.30.19

The estimated cost for correcting the violation(s) is:
\$ 500

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Karina Borromeo Date Oct. 30, 2019
Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

IN THE MATTER Of
Vamco Operating Company
Docket No. CWA-07-2019-0236

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

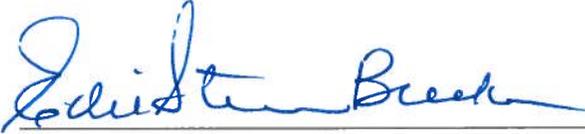
I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy emailed to Paralegal for Complainant:
Moreno.sarah@epa.gov

Copy emailed to Technical Contact for Complainant:
Ortiz.eduardo@epa.gov

Copy by First Class Mail to Respondent:
Vamco Operating Company
265 Avenue K
Chase, Kansas 67524

Dated: 10/30/2019



Lisa Haugen
Hearing Clerk, Region 7