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Mark Veca, President  
Veckridge Chemical Company  
60-70 Central Avenue  
Kearny, New Jersey 07032

Re: In the Matter of **VECKRIDGE CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.**  
Docket No. EPCRA-02-2009-4102

Dear Mr. Veca:

Enclosed is the Complaint and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing, and supporting documents in the above-referenced proceeding. This Complaint alleges violations of Title III, Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA), Section 313, and regulations promulgated pursuant to EPCRA set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 372.

You have the right to a hearing to contest any of the allegations in the Complaint. If you admit any of the allegations, or any are found to be true after you have had an opportunity for a hearing on any of them, you have the right to contest the penalty proposed in the Complaint.

If you wish to contest the allegations or the penalty proposed in the Complaint, you must file an Answer within **thirty (30)** days of your receipt of the enclosed Complaint to the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Regional Hearing Clerk at the following address:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10007-1866

If you do not file an Answer within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Complaint and have not obtained a formal extension for filing an Answer from the Regional Judicial Officer, a default order may be entered against you and the entire proposed penalty may be assessed without further proceedings.


Whether or not you request a formal hearing, you may request an informal conference with EPA to discuss any issue relating to the alleged violations and the amount of the proposed penalty. EPA encourages all parties against whom it files a Complaint to pursue the possibility of settlement and to have an informal conference with EPA. However, a request for an informal conference **does not** substitute for a written Answer, affect what you may choose to say in an Answer, or extend the thirty (30) days by which you must file an Answer requesting a hearing.

Enclosed are copies of the "Consolidated Rules of Practice," which govern this proceeding. For your general information and use, I also enclose both an "Information Sheet for U.S. EPA Small Business Resources" and a "Notice of SEC Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings," which may or may not apply to you.

EPA encourages the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects, where appropriate, as part of any settlement. I am enclosing a brochure on "EPA's Supplemental Environmental Projects Policy." Please note that these are only available as part of a negotiated settlement and are not available if this case has to be resolved by a formal adjudication.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule an informal settlement conference, please contact the attorney whose name is listed in the Complaint.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dore LaPosta, Director  
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Enclosures

cc: Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk (w/o enclosures)

Mr. Andrew Oppermann, EPCRA Program  
State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Environmental Safety and Health  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Right To Know  
22 S. Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor  
P.O. Box 443  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0443

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: **VECKRIDGE CHEMICAL CO., INC.** : **COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF**  
: : **OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**  
: :  
: Respondent. : **Docket No. EPCRA-02-2009-4102**  
: :  
: Proceeding under Section 325(c) :  
: of Title III of the Superfund :  
: Amendments and Reauthorization Act. :  
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**COMPLAINT**

Complainant, as and for her Complaint against Respondent, hereby alleges:

1. This civil administrative action is instituted pursuant to Section 325(c) of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (42 U.S.C. §11001 et seq.) which is also known as the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (hereinafter, "EPCRA").

2. The Complainant, Dore LaPosta, Director, Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance, United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 2, has been duly delegated the authority to institute this action.

3. Respondent is Veckridge Chemical Co., Inc.

4. Respondent maintains a facility that is the subject of this Complaint at 60-70 Central Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 (hereinafter, "Respondent's facility").

5. Pursuant to Sections 313 and 328 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§11023 and 11048, respectively, EPA promulgated the Toxic Chemical Release Reporting: Community Right-to-Know Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 372).

6. Under Section 313 of EPCRA and 40 C.F.R. §372.22, owners or operators of a facility subject to the requirements of Section 313(b) are required to submit annually, no later than July 1 of each year, a Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form R, EPA Form 9350-1 (hereinafter, "Form R"), for each toxic chemical listed under 40 C.F.R. §372.65 and/or 40 C.F.R. §372.28 that was manufactured, imported, processed, or otherwise used during the preceding calendar year in quantities exceeding the established toxic chemical thresholds. The completed and correct Form R report is required to be submitted to the Regional Administrator of the EPA and to the State in which the subject facility is located.

7. As an alternative to the requirements set forth above, pursuant to Section 313(f)(2) of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023(f)(2)), and 40 C.F.R. §372.27, owners or operators of a facility subject to the requirements of Section 313(b), with respect to the manufacture, process or otherwise use of a toxic chemical may apply an alternate threshold of one million (1,000,000) pounds per year to that chemical if the conditions set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 372.27(a) are met. If the aforementioned alternate threshold for a specific toxic chemical is applicable, such owners or operators, in lieu of filing a Form R report therefore, may submit an Alternate Threshold Certification Statement (Form A) (see 71 Fed. Reg. 76944; December 22, 2006) pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §372.27(b).

8. This Complaint serves notice that Complainant has reason to believe that Respondent failed to submit timely, complete and correct Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form A or Form R reports in a timely manner as required by Section 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023), and the Federal regulations that set out in greater detail the Section 313 reporting requirements codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 372.

9. Respondent is a "person" within the meaning of Section 329(7) of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11049(7)).

10. Respondent is an owner of a "facility" as that term is defined by Section 329(4) of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11049(4)), and by 40 C.F.R. §372.3.

11. Respondent is an operator of a "facility" as that term is defined by Section 329(4) of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11049(4)), and by 40 C.F.R. §372.3.

12. Respondent's facility has 10 or more "full time employees" as that term is defined by 40 C.F.R. §372.3.

13. Respondent's facility is in Standard Industrial Classification Code 5169.

14. Respondent's facility is in the American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 424690.

15. Respondent's facility is subject to the requirements of EPCRA, Section 313(b) (42 U.S.C. §11023(b)), and 40 C.F.R. §372.22.

16. On or about April 3, 2008, authorized representatives of EPA sent an email letter of inquiry to the facility to determine whether Respondent was in compliance with the Toxic Chemical Release Reporting requirements (hereinafter "the Inspection").

### COUNT 1

Complainant realleges each allegation contained in Paragraphs "1" through "16" with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

1. As a result of the Inspection, EPA representatives determined that during 2006, Respondent had processed (as defined in 40 C.F.R. §372.3) approximately 568,185 pounds of ammonia, Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") Registry Number 7664-41-7.

2. Ammonia is listed under 40 C.F.R. §372.65.

3. The established threshold amount for reporting processing ammonia for the 2006 calendar year was 25,000 pounds. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

4. Ammonia was processed by Respondent in quantities exceeding ten times the established threshold for reporting during the 2006 calendar year. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

5. Respondent was required to submit by July 1, 2007 a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for ammonia for the 2006 calendar year to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of New Jersey.

6. The postmark date of Respondent's Form A report for ammonia for the calendar year 2006 was April 19, 2008. The Form A report was 293 days late.

7. Respondent failed to submit to the Administrator and to the State of New Jersey, in a timely manner, a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for ammonia for the calendar year 2006.

8. Respondent's failure to submit in a timely manner a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for the above-described toxic chemical constitutes a failure to comply with

Section 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023), and with 40 C.F.R. §372.30.

### COUNT 2

9. As a result of the inspection, EPA representatives determined that during 2006, Respondent had processed (as defined in 40 C.F.R. §372.3) approximately 165,366 pounds of formic acid, Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") Registry Number 64-18-6.

10. Formic acid is listed under 40 C.F.R. §372.65.

11. The established threshold amount for reporting processing formic acid for the 2006 calendar year was 25,000 pounds. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

12. Formic acid was processed by Respondent in quantities exceeding the established threshold for reporting during the calendar year 2006. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

13. Respondent was required to submit by July 1, 2007 a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for formic acid for the 2006 calendar year to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of New Jersey.

14. The postmark date of Respondent's Form A report for formic acid for the 2006 calendar year was April 19, 2008. The Form A report was 293 days late.

15. Respondent failed to submit to the Administrator and to the State of New Jersey, in a timely manner, a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for formic acid for calendar year 2006.

16. Respondent's failure to submit in a timely manner a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for the above-described toxic chemical constitutes a failure to comply with Section 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023), and with 40 C.F.R. §372.30.

### COUNT 3

17. As a result of the inspection, EPA representatives determined that during 2006, Respondent had processed (as defined in 40 C.F.R. §372.3) approximately 600,795 pounds of methanol, Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") Registry Number 67-56-10.

18. Methanol is listed under 40 C.F.R. §372.65.

19. The established threshold amount for reporting methanol for the calendar year was 25,000 pounds. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

20. Methanol was processed by Respondent in quantities exceeding ten times the established threshold for reporting during the calendar year 2006. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

21. Respondent was required to submit by July 1, 2007 a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for methanol for the calendar year 2006 to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of New Jersey.

22. The postmark date of Respondent's Form A report for methanol for the 2006 calendar year was April 19, 2008. The Form A report was 293 days late.

23. Respondent failed to submit to the Administrator and to the State of New Jersey, in a timely manner, a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for methanol for the 2006 calendar year.

24. Respondent's failure to submit in a timely manner a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for the above-described toxic chemical constitutes a failure to comply with Section 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023), and with 40 C.F.R. §372.30.

#### COUNT 4

25. As a result of the Inspection, EPA representatives determined that during 2006, Respondent had processed (as defined in 40 C.F.R. §372.3) approximately 340.146 pounds of n-butyl alcohol, Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") Registry Number 71-36-3.

26. N-butyl alcohol is listed under 40 C.F.R. §372.65.

27. The established threshold amount for reporting n-butyl alcohol for the 2006 calendar year was 25,000 pounds. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

28. N-butyl alcohol was processed by Respondent in quantities exceeding ten times the established threshold for reporting during the 2006 calendar year. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

29. Respondent was required to submit by July 1, 2007 a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for n-butyl alcohol for calendar year 2006 to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of New Jersey.

30. The postmark date of Respondent's Form A report for n-butyl alcohol for calendar year 2006 was April 4, 2009. The Form A report was 293 days late.

31. Respondent failed to submit to the Administrator and to the State of New Jersey, in a timely manner, a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for n-butyl alcohol for

calendar year 2006.

32. Respondent's failure to submit in a timely manner a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for the above-described toxic chemical constitutes a failure to comply with Section 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023), and with 40 C.F.R. §372.30.

### **COUNT 5**

33. As a result of the Inspection, EPA representatives determined that during 2006, Respondent had processed (as defined in 40 C.F.R. §372.3) approximately 649,691 pounds of nitric acid, Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") Registry Number 7697-37-2.

34. Nitric Acid is listed under 40 C.F.R. §372.65.

35. The established threshold amount for reporting nitric acid for the 2006 calendar year was 25,000 pounds. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

36. Nitric acid was processed by Respondent in quantities exceeding ten times the established threshold for reporting during the calendar year 2006. 40 C.F.R. §372.25

37. Respondent was required to submit by July 1, 2007 a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for nitric acid for the calendar year 2006 to the Administrator of EPA and to the State of New Jersey.

38. The postmark date of Respondent's Form A report for nitric acid for the 2006 calendar year was April 19, 2008. The Form A report was 293 days late.

39. Respondent failed to submit to the Administrator and to the State of New Jersey, in a timely manner, a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for nitric acid for calendar year 2006.

40. Respondent's failure to submit in a timely manner a complete and correct Form A or Form R report for the above-described toxic chemical constitutes a failure to comply with Section 313 of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11023), and with 40 C.F.R. §372.30.

### **PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY**

The proposed civil penalty has been determined in accordance with Section 325(c) of EPCRA (42 U.S.C. §11045(c)), which authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty of up to



\$25,000 per day for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA 42 U.S.C. §11023. As per the Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Final Rule dated December 31, 1996, effective January 30, 1997, any violation may be assessed up to \$27,500 for each violation after that effective date [61 Fed. Reg. 69359 (1996)]. On February 13, 2003 (69 Fed. Reg. 7121), effective March 15, 2004, the Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Final Rule was updated to allow the assessment of civil penalties up to a statutory maximum penalty of \$32,500 for each violation of Section 313 of EPCRA.

To develop the proposed penalty in this Complaint, Complainant has taken into account the particular facts and circumstances of this case, to the extent known at the time, with specific reference to EPA's "Enforcement Response Policy for Section 313 of EPCRA" dated August 10, 1992, a copy of which is available upon request. This policy provides a rational, consistent and equitable calculation methodology for penalties in particular cases. In calculating a proposed penalty pursuant to this policy, EPA takes into account the gravity of the violations, as well as certain factors such as a violator's history of prior such violations and its ability to pay.

The Complainant proposes, subject to receipt and evaluation of further relevant information, that Respondent be assessed the following civil penalties for the violations alleged in the Complaint:

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| COUNT 1: | Failure to submit a timely Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form A or Form R report for ammonia for the 2006 calendar year.     | \$19,085. |
| COUNT 2: | Failure to submit a timely Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form A or Form R report for formic acid for the 2006 calendar year. | \$ 5,416. |
| COUNT 3: | Failure to submit a timely Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form A or Form R report for methanol for the 2006 calendar year.    | \$19,085. |
| COUNT 4: | Failure to submit a timely Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form A or   |           |

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|          | Form R report for n-butyl alcohol for the 2006 calendar year.   | \$19,085.        |
| COUNT 5: | Failure to submit a timely Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form A or Form R report for nitric acid for the 2006 calendar year. | <u>\$19,085.</u> |
|          | <b>TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTY:</b>  | <b>\$81,756</b>  |
|          | <b>*ROUNDED:</b>  | <b>\$81,800</b>  |

\*In accordance with Agency policies regarding modifications to the relevant penalty policies, the total gravity-based penalty amount is rounded to the nearest unit of 100 dollars.

### **PROCEDURES GOVERNING THIS ADMINISTRATIVE LITIGATION**

The rules of procedure governing this civil administrative litigation have been set forth in 64 Fed. Reg. 40138 (July 23, 1999), entitled, "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessments of Civil Penalties, Etc.", and are codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. A copy of these rules accompanies this "Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing" (hereinafter referred to as the "Complaint").

#### A. Answering The Complaint

Where Respondent intends to contest any material fact upon which the Complaint is based, to contend that the proposed penalty is inappropriate or to contend that Respondent is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, Respondent must file with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, both an original and one copy of a written Answer to the Complaint, and such Answer must be filed within 30 days after service of the Complaint. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(a) The address of the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, is:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 16th floor  
New York, New York 10007-1866

Respondent shall also then serve one copy of the Answer to the Complaint upon Complainant and any other party to the action. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(a)

Respondent's Answer to the Complaint must clearly and directly admit, deny, or explain each of the factual allegations that are contained in the Complaint and with regard to which Respondent has any knowledge. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(b) Where Respondent lacks knowledge of a particular factual allegation and so states in its Answer, the allegation is deemed denied. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(b)

The Answer shall also set forth: (1) the circumstances or arguments that are alleged to constitute the grounds of defense, (2) the facts that Respondent disputes (and thus intends to place at issue in the proceeding) and (3) whether Respondent requests a Hearing. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(b)

Respondent's failure affirmatively to raise in the Answer facts that constitute or that might constitute the grounds of its defense may preclude Respondent, at a subsequent stage in this proceeding, from raising such facts and/or from having such facts admitted into evidence at a hearing.

#### B. Opportunity To Request A Hearing

If requested by Respondent in its Answer, a hearing upon the issues raised by the Complaint and Answer may be held. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(c) If, however, Respondent does not request a hearing, the Presiding Officer (as defined in 40 C.F.R. §22.3) may hold a hearing if the Answer raises issues appropriate for adjudication. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(c)

Any hearing in this proceeding will be held at a location determined in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §22.21(d). A hearing of this matter will be conducted in accordance with applicable the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 551-59) and the procedures set forth in Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

#### C. Failure To Answer

If Respondent fails in its Answer to admit, deny, or explain any material factual allegation contained in the Complaint, such failure constitutes an admission of the allegation. 40 C.F.R. §22.15(d) If Respondent fails to file a timely [*i.e.* in accordance with the 30-day period set forth in 40 C.F.R. §22.15(a)] Answer to the Complaint, Respondent may be found in default upon motion. 40 C.F.R. §22.17(a) Default by Respondent constitutes, for purposes of the pending proceeding

only, an admission of all facts alleged in the Complaint and a waiver of Respondent's right to contest such factual allegations. 40 C.F.R. §22.17(a) Following a default by Respondent for a failure to timely file an Answer to the Complaint, any order issued therefor shall be issued pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.17(c).

Any penalty assessed in the default order shall become due and payable by Respondent without further proceedings 30 days after the default order becomes final pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.27(c). [40 C.F.R. §22.17(d)] If necessary, EPA may then seek to enforce such Final Order of default against Respondent, and to collect the assessed penalty amount, in federal court.

#### D. Exhaustion Of Administrative Remedies

Where Respondent fails to appeal an adverse initial decision to the Environmental Appeals Board pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.30, and that initial decision thereby becomes a Final Order pursuant to the terms of 40 C.F.R. § 22.27(c), Respondent waives its right to judicial review.

[40 C.F.R. §22.27(d)]

In order to appeal an initial decision to the Agency's Environmental Appeals Board [EAB; see 40 C.F.R. §1.25(e)], Respondent must do so "within thirty (30) days after the initial decision is served." 40 C.F.R. §22.30(a) Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.7(c), where service is effected by mail, "...5 days shall be added to the time allowed by these [rules] for the filing of a responsive document". Note that the 45-day period provided for in 40 C.F.R. §22.27(c) [discussing when an initial decision becomes a final order] does not pertain to or extend the time period prescribed in 40 C.F.R. §22.30(a) for a party to file an appeal to the EAB of an adverse initial decision.

### **INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Whether or not Respondent requests a formal hearing, EPA encourages settlement of this proceeding consistent with the provisions of the Act and its applicable regulations. 40 C.F.R. §22.18(b) At an informal conference with a representative(s) of Complainant, Respondent may comment on the charges made in this complaint, and Respondent may also provide whatever

additional information that it believes is relevant to the disposition of this matter, including: (1) actions Respondent has taken to correct any or all of the violations herein alleged, (2) any information relevant to Complainant's calculation of the proposed penalty, (3) the effect the proposed penalty would have on Respondent's ability to continue in business and/or (4) any other special facts or circumstances Respondent wishes to raise.

Complainant has the authority to modify the amount of the proposed penalty, where appropriate, to reflect any settlement agreement reached with Respondent, or any relevant information previously not known to Complainant, or to dismiss any or all of the charges if Respondent can demonstrate that the relevant allegations are without merit and that no cause of action as herein alleged exists. Respondent is referred to 40 C.F.R. §22.18.

Any request for an informal conference or any questions that Respondent may have regarding this complaint should be directed to:

Melva J. Hayden, Esquire  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 16th floor  
New York, New York 10007-1866  
(212) 637-3230

The parties may engage in settlement discussions irrespective of whether Respondent has requested a hearing. 40 C.F.R. §22.18(b)(1) Respondent's requesting a formal hearing does not prevent it from also requesting an informal settlement conference; the informal conference procedure may be pursued simultaneously with the formal adjudicatory hearing procedure. A request for an informal settlement conference constitutes neither an admission nor a denial of any of the matters alleged in the Complaint. Complainant does not deem a request for an informal settlement conference as a request for a hearing as specified in 40 C.F.R. §22.15(c).

A request for an informal settlement conference does not affect Respondent's obligation to file a timely Answer to the Complaint pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.15. No penalty reduction, however,

will be made simply because an informal settlement conference is held.

Any settlement that may be reached as a result of an informal settlement conference shall be embodied in a written Consent Agreement. 40 C.F.R. §22.18(b)(2) In accepting the Consent Agreement, Respondent waives its right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and waives its right to appeal the Final Order that is to accompany the Consent Agreement. 40 C.F.R. §22.18(b)(2) In order to conclude the proceeding, a Final Order ratifying the parties' agreement to settle will be executed. 40 C.F.R. §22.18(b)(3)

Respondent's entering into a settlement through the signing of such Consent Agreement and its complying with the terms and conditions set forth in the such Consent Agreement terminate this administrative litigation and the civil proceedings arising out of the allegations made in the Complaint. Respondent's entering into a settlement does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect its obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

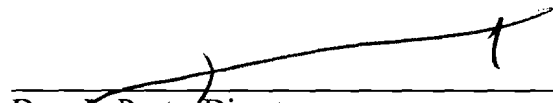
**RESOLUTION OF THIS PROCEEDING WITHOUT HEARING OR CONFERENCE**

Instead of filing an Answer, Respondent may choose to pay the total amount of the proposed penalty within 30 days after receipt of the Complaint, provided that Respondent files with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 2 (at the New York address noted above), a copy of the check or other instrument of payment. 40 C.F.R. §22.18(a) A copy of the check or other instrument of payment should be provided to the EPA Assistant Regional Counsel identified on the previous page. Payment of the penalty assessed should be made by sending a cashier's or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America", in the full amount of the penalty assessed in this Complaint to the following addressee:

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

The check shall be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case, set forth in the caption on the first page of this document. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18(a)(3), if Respondent elects to pay the full amount of the penalty proposed in the Complaint within thirty (30) days of receiving the Complaint, then, upon EPA's receipt of such payment, the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 2 (or, if designated, the Regional Judicial Officer), shall issue a Final Order. Issuance of this Final Order terminates this administrative litigation and the civil proceedings arising out of the allegations made in the Complaint. Further, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.18(a)(3), the making of such payment by Respondent shall constitute a waiver of Respondent's right both to contest the allegations made in the Complaint and to appeal said Final Order to federal court. Such payment does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable regulations and requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

Dated: JUNE 30, 2009

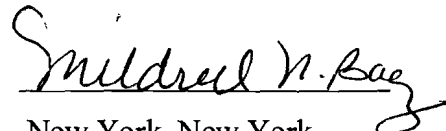
  
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Dore LaPosta, Director  
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
290 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007

TO: Mark Veca, President  
Veckridge Chemical Co., Inc.  
60-70 Central Ave.  
Kearny, New Jersey 07032

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have this day caused to be mailed a copy of the foregoing Complaint, bearing docket number EPCRA-02-2009-4102, and a copy of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (2008), by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to Mark Veca, President, Veckridge Chemical Co., Inc., 60-70 Central Avenue, Kearney, NJ 07032. I hand carried the original and one copy of the foregoing Complaint to the office of the Regional Hearing Clerk, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2.

Dated:       JUL - 2 2009      

  
New York, New York