



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

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Richard H. Straeter, President
Continental Resources, Inc.
P.O. Box 749
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864

SUBJ: Consent Agreement and Final Order:
Docket No. CWA-04-2007-5035

Dear Mr. Straeter:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) for the above referenced matter. This CAFO became effective on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.6 and 22.31, and as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby notifies you that the Expedited Settlement Agreement has been executed by both parties and is binding on EPA and you. Upon receipt of your assessed penalty of \$500.00, EPA will take no further action against you for the violations cited in the Settlement Agreement. Your copy of the executed agreement is enclosed.

You must submit your payment within seven (7) days of your receipt of this letter by either electronic funds transfer, certified or cashiers check made payable to "Environmental Protection Agency." The check and a letter accompanying the check shall reference the name of the responsible party (Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund -311, Continental Resources, Inc.) and the EPA docket number CWA-04-2007-5035, and shall be sent depending upon your preferred method of payment identified in Enclosure A.

At the same time, Respondent shall send separate copy of each check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Mel Rechtman at:
U.S. EPA - Region 4
RCRA/OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch
RCRA Division
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

If you have any questions, please contact Mel Rechtman at (404)562-8745.

Sincerely,



Kelly Sisario, Acting Chief
RCRA/OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch
RCRA Division

Enclosure:
Expedited Settlement Agreement
Enclosure A - Payment Information
cc: USCG

ENCLOSURE A

COLLECTION INFORMATION

CHECK PAYMENTS:

US Environmental Protection Agency
Superfund Payments
Cincinnati Finance Center
PO Box 979076
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

US Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
PO Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

US Environmental Protection Agency
FOIA and Miscellaneous Payments
Cincinnati Finance Center
PO Box 979078
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

WIRE TRANSFERS:

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account = 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 "

OVERNIGHT MAIL:

U.S. Bank
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson 314-418-4087

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving US currency

PNC Bank

808 17th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20074

Contact – Jesse White 301-887-6548

ABA = 051036706

Transaction Code 22 - checking

Environmental Protection Agency

Account 310006

CTX Format

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:

WWW.PAY.GOV

Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field

Open form and complete required fields.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4
61 FORSYTH STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
EXPEDITED SPILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DEC 11 2007

DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2007-5035

On: July 21, 2007

Time: 12:00

At: or near Devine North Lease near Hebbardsville in Henderson County, Kentucky, Continental Resources, Inc. (Respondent) discharged an estimated 200 gallons of oil in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (the Act), as noted on the attached ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATIONS (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to EPA's approval of the Expedited Settlement without further notice.

EPA finds the Respondent's conduct is subject to the discharge prohibition of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, as described in that statute and further described by 40 CFR § 110.3. The Respondent admits being subject to Section 311(b)(3) and that EPA has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the form. Respondent does not contest the Allegations in the Form, and waives any objections it may have to EPA's jurisdiction.

After this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective, EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violations of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act described in the Form. However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by the Respondent of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. By its first signature, EPA ratifies the Findings and Alleged Violations set forth in the Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement under the authority vested in the Administrator of 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 CFR § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement in order to settle civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of \$500.00. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and effective upon EPA's filing of the document with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If the Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Settlement as presented within 30 days of the date of its receipt and submit payment of the assessed penalty, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations identified in the Form.

This Expedited Settlement 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 at a cost of \$6,800.00, and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. The Respondent also by signature on this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement agrees to payment of the penalty assessed. **Do not enclose payment.** Upon receiving written execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall submit payment within 7 days by certified check or electronic funds transfer for \$500.00 payable to the "US Environmental Protection Agency CWA-311". Instructions on how to make this payment will be included in the written notice that will be issued when the Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Richard H. Straeter
Continental Resources Inc. - IL Division
Title (print): President

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

APPROVED BY EPA:

[Handwritten Signature] Date 12/19/07
Kelly Sisario, Acting Chief
RCRA/OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch
RCRA Division

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EPA REGION IV
AM 7:41
ENFORCEMENT CLERK

IT IS SO ORDERED:

[Handwritten Signature] Date 1/3/08
Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATIONS - DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2007-5035

1. Continental Resources, Inc., Respondent, is a corporation organized under the laws of Oklahoma with a place of business located at 2101 Calhoun Road, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304. The Respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311(a)(7) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(7) (Act).
2. Respondent is the owner of an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10), which is located at or near the Devine North Lease near Hebbardsville, Henderson County, Kentucky (“facility”).
3. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act 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 Act, 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 have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. §110.3 to include discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards or, (2) cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines or, (3) cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.
5. On July 21, 2007, Respondent discharged an estimated 200 gallons of oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1, from its facility into or upon the ditch which discharged into the Green River and adjoining shorelines.
6. The Green River is a “navigable water of the United States” subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the Act as defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1.
7. Respondent’s July 21, 2007 discharge of oil from its facility caused a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface or the adjoining shoreline of the Green River or caused a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface, and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3.

ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATIONS - DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2007-5035 (Cont'd)

8. Respondent's July 21, 2007 discharge of oil from its facility into or upon the Green River and adjoining shorelines in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 violated Section 311(b)(3) of the Act. Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, the Respondent is liable for civil penalties of up to \$11,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$32,500.

Docket No. CWA-04-2007-5035

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of Continental Resources, Inc., Docket No. CWA-04-2007-5035 (filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on 1-7, 2007) was served on _____, 2007 in the manner specified to each of the person set forth below:

Mr. Richard H. Straeter, President
Continental Resources, Inc.
P.O. Box 749
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864

Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

Mel Rechtman
RCRA OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch
U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

Via EPA's Internal Mail

Date: 1-7-08



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

PAYMENT DUE DATE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGINATING OFFICE:

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Mel Rechtman on December 11, 2007
(Name) (Date)

in the ROECB at 404/562-8745
(Office) (Phone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
USAO COLLECTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Order/Consent Agreement
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
DOJ COLLECTS | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:
Sent with bill |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sent with bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a modification |

PAYEE: Continental Resources, Inc.

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$500.00
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CWA-04-2007-5035
The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: _____

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: Waste

To Be Completed By Cincinnati Finance Center
D ISTRIBUTION:

Date: _____

A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:

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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer
Environmental Enforcement Section
Department of Justice RM 1647
P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)
3. Designated Program Office |
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B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order Should be to:

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| 1. Originating Office | 3. Designated Program Office |
| 2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |