## BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

In the Matter of:	*	· · ·	
	: FIN	AL ORDER	
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Air Technology, Inc.,	:		
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	: Docket No	o. CAA-03-2011-0044	
Respondent.	:		

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 22, Subpart C, § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), and Subpart G, § 22.31, it is hereby ORDERED that:

# I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This proceeding is governed by the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22, §§ 22.18(b)(2)and (3) and 22.31 govern the process of concluding this proceeding by final order.

2. The undersigned ratifies and incorporates by reference into this final order the consent agreement executed by the parties in this proceeding. The factual allegations and legal conclusions of the NON in this proceeding were incorporated by reference into the consent agreement. However, as provided in the consent agreement, for the purpose of this proceeding, except as otherwise provided in the consent agreement, Respondent ATI neither admits nor denies the factual allegations and legal conclusions of the NON.

3. This final order constitutes the final Agency action in this proceeding as to Respondent ATI.

4. Nothing in this final order is intended to, or shall be construed to, operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of Respondent. Nothing in this final order shall be construed to limit the authority of EPA to undertake action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare, or the environment.

5. As provided in the aforementioned consent agreement, this final order resolves only Respondent ATI's civil penalty liability for the violation alleged in the NON.

6. This final order does not waive, extinguish or otherwise affect Respondent ATI's obligations to comply with all applicable provisions of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

7. This final order is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

# II. <u>CIVIL PENALTY</u>

1. A civil penalty in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) is assessed against Respondent Air Technology, Inc. (ATI).

2. Payment by Respondent ATI of the civil penalty amount set forth in Paragraph 1 immediately above shall be made by either cashier's check, certified check, or electronic wire transfer, in the following manner:

a. All payments by Respondent shall reference Respondent's name and address, and the Docket Number of this action, *i.e.*, CAA-03-2011-0044;

b. All checks shall be made payable to **United States Treasury**;

c. All payments made by check and sent by regulat mail shall be addressed to:

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

Contact: Eric Volck (513-487-2105)

d. All payments made by check and sent by overnight delivery service shall be addressed for delivery to:

U.S. Bank Government Lockbox 979077 U.S. EPA, Fines & Penalties 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101

Contact: (314-418-1028)

e. All payments made by check in any currency drawn on banks with no USA branches shall be addressed for delivery to:

Cincinnati Finance US EPA, MS-NWD 26 W. M.L. King Drive Cincinnati, OH 45268-0001

f. All payments made by electronic wire transfer shall be directed to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA = 021030004 Account No. = 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

g. All electronic payments made through the Automated Clearinghouse (ACH), also known as Remittance Express (REX), shall be directed to:

US Treasury REX / Cashlink ACH Receiver ABA = 051036706 Account No.: 310006, Environmental Protection Agency CTX Format Transaction Code 22 - Checking Physical location of U.S. Treasury facility: 5700 Rivertech Court Riverdale, MD 20737 Contact: John Schmid (202-874-7026) or REX (1-866-234-5681)

h. On-Line Payment Option:

WWW.PAY.GOV/PAYGOV

Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field. Open and complete the form.

i. Additional payment guidance is available at:

http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/make\_a\_payment.htm

j. A copy of Respondent's check or a copy of Respondent's electronic fund transfer shall be sent simultaneously to:

James M. Baker Senior Assistant Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III (Mail Code: 3RC10) 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

and

Ms. Lydia Guy Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III (Mail Code: 3RC00) 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

3. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717 and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, EPA is entitled to assess interest and late payment penalties on outstanding debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the costs of processing and handling a delinquent claim, as more fully described below. Accordingly, Respondent's failure to make timely payment or to comply with the conditions in this Final Order shall result in the assessment of late payment charges including interest, penalties, and/or administrative costs of handling delinquent debts.

4. Interest on the civil penalty assessed in this Final Order will begin to accrue on the date that a true and correct copy of this Final Order is mailed or hand-delivered to Respondent. However, EPA will not seek to recover interest on any amount of the civil penalty that is paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date on which such interest begins to accrue. Interest will be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(a).

5. The costs of the Agency's administrative handling of overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period a debt is overdue. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). Pursuant to Appendix 2 of EPA's *Resources Management Directives* - Cash Management, Chapter 9, EPA will assess a \$15.00 administrative handling charge for administrative costs on unpaid penalties for the first thirty (30) day period after the payment is due and an additional \$15.00 for each subsequent thirty (30) days the penalty remains unpaid.

6. A late payment penalty of six percent (6%) per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the civil penalty that remains delinquent more than ninety (90) calendar days. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). The late payment penalty on any portion of the civil penalty that remains delinquent for more than ninety days shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).

Date: 2/24/11

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Regional Judicial Officer

## BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

In the Matter of:	:	
	:	CONSENT AGREEMENT
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Air Technology, Inc.,	:	
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	:	Docket No. CAA-03-2011-0044
Respondent.	:	

#### I. <u>PRELIMINARY STATEMENT</u>

On September 30, 2009, the Chief, Pesticides and Asbestos Programs Branch, Land and Chemicals Division, Region III, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), issued a Notice of Noncompliance and Opportunity to Resolve (NON) to Air Technology, Inc. (ATI) for noncompliance with certain requirements of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q, and its implementing regulations governing asbestos emissions. The above-referenced implementing regulations are codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.

#### II. STIPULATION

1. Respondent ATI is a Pennsylvania corporation which at various times during 2007 and 2008 was an operator of a renovation activity, as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141.

2. Section 113(a)(3)(A) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3)(A), provides, in pertinent part, that "...whenever, on the basis of any information available to the Administrator, the Administrator finds that any person has violated...[any requirement of various provisions of the CAA, including Section 112 of the CAA], including, but not limited to, a requirement...of any rule...promulgated...under those provisions..., the Administrator may issue an administrative penalty order in accordance with [Section 113(d) of the CAA]...".

3. Section 113(d)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), provides, in pertinent part, that "...The Administrator may issue an administrative order against any person assessing a civil administrative penalty of up to \$25,000 per day of violation, whenever, on the basis of any available information, the Administrator finds that such person...has violated...any... requirement...of [various provisions of the CAA, including Section 112 of the CAA], including, but not limited to, a requirement...of any rule...promulgated...under [those provisions]...".

4. EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice have made a joint determination that this administrative penalty action is appropriate and that, as a consequence, the 12-month time limitation of Section 113(d)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), is waived.

## **III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. This proceeding is governed by the Consolidated Rules, 40 C.F.R. Part 22. As provided in 40 C.F.R. Part 22, § 22.18(b)(1), EPA encourages settlement of a proceeding at any time if the settlement is consistent with the provisions and objectives of the CAA and applicable regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 22.13 provides that where the parties agree to settlement of one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order. In the event a settlement is reached, the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 22, § 22.18(b)(2) and (3), and (c), govern the process of effectuating the settlement and concluding the proceeding.

2. Any and all terms and conditions of this settlement are recorded herein.

3. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent AT1 admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this consent agreement.

4. The factual allegations and legal conclusions of the NON are incorporated by reference into this consent agreement. However, for the purpose of this proceeding, except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 3 herein, Respondent AT1 neither admits nor denies the factual allegations and legal conclusions of the NON.

5. For the purpose of concluding this proceeding with respect to Respondent AT1, Respondent ATI waives any right to contest the allegations of the NON and this consent agreement and accompanying proposed final order and any right to appeal the proposed final order. Respondent ATI consents to the issuance of the proposed final order.

6. The parties agree to bear their own costs and attorneys fees.

## IV. SETTLEMENT

1. The civil penalty noted below for the above-referenced CAA violation was determined in accordance with 1) Section 113(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), and 2) EPA's Clean Air Act Stationary Source Civil Penalty Policy, dated October 25, 1991 (CAA penalty policy), as modified, including Appendix III thereto (for violations of 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M), as revised May 5, 1992. Relevant modifications to the CAA penalty policy since its issuance on October 25, 1991 include modifications, dated May 9, 1997 and September 21, 2004 to implement the above-referenced Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 19), pursuant to the Debt

Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (inflation modifications). These inflation modifications essentially increased penalty policy amounts by 10% and 17.23%, respectively.

2. To develop the CAA penalty, EPA took into account the CAA penalty policy, as supplemented and modified, and the particular facts and circumstances of this case.

3. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent ATI consents to the assessment of a civil penalty of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) against it for the CAA violation alleged in the NON and incorporated into this consent agreement. Respondent ATI agrees to pay the full amount of this civil penalty in accordance with the proposed final order accompanying this consent agreement.

4. Full payment of the civil penalty provided for herein shall only resolve Respondent ATI's civil penalty liability for the violation alleged in the NON. Nothing in this consent agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, operate in any way to resolve any criminal liability of Respondent. Nothing in this consent agreement shall be construed to limit the authority of EPA to undertake action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare, or the environment.

5. Respondent ATI certifies that, as of the time of its execution of this consent agreement, it is in compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M. On and after the date of Respondent ATI's execution of this consent agreement, Respondent ATI shall maintain compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.

6. The undersigned representative of Respondent ATI certifies that he/she is fully authorized by that Respondent to execute this consent agreement and to legally bind that Respondent to its terms and conditions.

Date: 1/23/10

Rita D. Rigas, President Air Technology, Inc.

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