

#### **UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: WC-15J

JUN 29 2010

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Mr. Glenn E. Purdue
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Re:

Docket No: CWA-05-2010-0003

BD# 2751063W010

Dear Mr. Purdue:

I have enclosed one copy of the fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the resolution of the above case. It was filed JUN 29 2010, with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Also, please find enclosed the Administrative Complaint filed February 03, 2010, against Maple Ridge Sewer Service, Inc. Several attempts were made to deliver this Administrative Complaint. The first attempt was returned via the Post Office marked "not deliverable as addressed." The Administrative Complaint was re-mailed on February 19, 2010, however, it was again returned marked "unable to forward."

The penalty amount agreed upon is \$500, to be paid in two monthly installments which are due in 60 days. The first installment of \$250 is due 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO. The second installment of \$250 must be paid on or before the 60<sup>th</sup> day of this CAFO. A Certified or Cashier Check should be made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," at the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000 When submitting your check, please be sure that the Case Docket No. and the Billing Docket No. (BD) are included at the bottom of your check.

There is now an On Line Payment Option available through the Department of Treasury at <a href="https://www.pay.gov">https://www.pay.gov</a>; which allows you to make payments using your credit card, checking or saving account. Using the Search Public Forms field (left side of page) enter "SFO 1.1" to access the EPA Miscellaneous Payments-Cincinnati Finance Center Form. Follow the instructions for payment.

As indicated in your CAFO, a copy of the check or electronic transfer must be sent to:

LaDawn Whitehead, E-19J
Regional Hearing Clerk
Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Valdis Aistars, WC-15J Sludge Program Manager U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

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If you have any questions, please contact Valdis Aistars at (312) 886-0264.

Sally K. Swanson, Chief

Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

Enclosures

cc: Jeff Connell, MPCA
Mark Wespetal, MPCA
Tim Anderson, Isanti County Zoning

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No. CWA 05-2010-0003

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- 1. This is an Administrative Complaint issued by authority of the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits" ("the Administrator's Rules").
- 2. The Director of the Water Division, EPA Region 5 is, by lawful delegation, the Administrator's Delegated Complainant (Complainant) in this matter.
- 3. Maple Ridge Sewer Service, Inc., a Minnesota corporation doing business in Stanchfield, Minnesota, is the Respondent in this matter.

### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY BACKGROUND

4. Pursuant to section 405(d) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1345(d), the Administrator published the "Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge" on February 19, 1993, which have been codified, at 40 C.F.R. Part 503, with amendments.

#### **STIPULATIONS**

- (4) Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in the Complaint and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations in the Complaint.
- (5) Respondent waives its right to contest the allegations in the Complaint, and waives its right to appeal under Section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g).
- (6) Respondent certifies that it is in compliance with the Administrator's Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge, codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 503.
  - (7) The parties consent to the terms of this CAFO.

#### CIVIL PENALTY

- (8) In consideration of Respondent's willingness to expeditiously resolve this matter without the further expenditure of agency resources, Respondent's financial circumstances, and the small penalty amounts involved, Complainant agrees to accept Respondent's payment of a settlement amount of \$500 as a resolution of this action.
- (9) Respondent shall pay the settlement amount of \$500 in two monthly installments, as follows: (a) a first installment of \$250 must be paid on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the filing of this CAFO with the Region 5 Hearing Clerk; and, (2) a second installment of \$250 must be paid on or before the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the filing of this CAFO with the Region 5 Hearing Clerk
- (10) Respondent shall make each installment payment by <u>cashier's</u> or <u>certified</u> check, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America."
  - (11) Respondent shall send each installment payment check to:

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- (12) With each installment payment check, Respondent shall include a transmittal letter which identifies Respondent's name, complete address, the case docket number, and the billing document number [the billing document number will be provided to Respondent with a copy of the fully executed CAFO], and shall write the case docket number and the billing document number on the face of each installment payment check.
- (13) Respondent shall send copies of each installment payment check and transmittal letter to:

Attn: Regional Hearing Clerk, (R-13J)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Attn: Valdis Aistars (WC-15J)
Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch
Water Division
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(14) Respondent acknowledges that the settlement payment amount is not deductible for federal tax purposes, and shall not attempt to so deduct any civil penalty payment he makes pursuant to this CAFO.

(15) Interest will accrue on any settlement amount overdue from the date payment was due at a rate established under 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). In addition, Respondent shall pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the settlement amount is more than 30 days past due.

#### **General Provisions**

- (16) This CAFO settles U.S. EPA's claims for civil penalties for the violations alleged in the Complaint.
- (17) If Respondent fails to comply with any provision of this CAFO, the full amount of civil penalty proposed in the Complaint, that being \$1,000, immediately shall become due and owing, to be paid by Respondent as provided for in Paragraphs 9-13, minus any amount already paid by Respondent under this CAFO.
- (18) U.S. EPA may bring an action to collect any unpaid portion of amounts owing under this CAFO, with interest, handling charges, nonpayment penalties and the United States' enforcement expenses for the collection action, under Section 113(d)(5) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(5). The validity, amount and appropriateness of the settlement amount and civil penalty proposed in the Complaint are not reviewable in any collection action.
- (19) Nothing in this CAFO restricts U.S. EPA's authority to seek Respondent's compliance with the Act and other applicable laws and regulations.
- (20) This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with the Act and other applicable federal, state and local laws, and regulations.
- (24) The terms of this CAFO bind Maple Ridge Sewer Service, Inc., and its successors, and assigns.

- (25) Each party to this CAFO agrees to bear its own costs and fees in this action.
- (26) This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Complainant

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Tinka G. Hyde, Director

Water Division

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

Region 5

Respondent

Date: 8/14/09

Richard Weller Pres.

Maple Ridge Sewer Service, Inc.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL

# In Re Maple Ridge Sewer Service, Inc. Docket No. CWA 05-2010-0003

#### **Final Order**

It is ordered as agreed to by the parties and as stated in the consent agreement, effective immediately upon filing of this CAFO with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date: 6-9-10

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590



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Facility Name: Maple Ridge Sewer Service, Inc.

Stanchfield, MN

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the original and one copy of this Administrative Complaint was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on <u>June 29, 2010</u>, the above referenced document was sent Certified Mail to:

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Denise Moore

Title: Program Assistant

Date: June 29, 1010