

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

In the Matter of:

Respondent
Chesapeake Conference Association of SDA
6600 Martin Road
Columbia, MD 21044

Facility
Mt. Aetna Seventh Day Adventist School
10207 Crystal Falls Dr.
Hagerstown, MD 21740

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND FINAL ORDER**

Docket No. TSCA-3-2009-0048

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that, on December 17, 2008, the original and one true and correct copy of this Consent Agreement/Final Order and enclosures (Docket No. TSCA-03-2009-0048) was hand-delivered to and filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk (3RC30), U.S.EPA - Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19103-2029. On December 17, 2008, a true and correct copy of the Consent Agreement/Final Order and enclosures (Docket No. TSCA-03-2009-0048) was sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the addressees listed below.

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

I. Preliminary Statement

This Consent Agreement ("CA"), issued under the authority set forth in sections 16 and 207 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615 and 2647, is entered into, through delegation, by the Director, Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region III ("EPA" or "Complainant") and Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists ("Chesapeake Conference Association" or "Respondent"). This CA includes the assessment of a civil penalty against Chesapeake Conference Association, because it is a local education agency liable for violations which occurred at Mt. Aetna Seventh Day Adventist School, 10207 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD, 21740 (the "Facility"), pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), Subchapter II (the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act or "AHERA") 15 U.S.C. §§ 2641 to 2656. This CA is being entered into in accordance with the Consolidated

Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22, with specific reference to the provisions set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3).

This Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order (collectively referred to herein as the "CAFO") address violations by Respondent of TSCA/AHERA and the federal regulations implementing TSCA/AHERA as set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 763 Subpart E, and resolve Complainant's civil claims against Respondent arising from the violations of TSCA/AHERA alleged herein.

II. General Provisions

1. For the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth in this CAFO.
2. Except as provided in paragraph 1, above, Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations and conclusions of law set forth in this CAFO.
3. Respondent agrees not to contest EPA's jurisdiction with respect to the execution of this CA, the issuance of the accompanying Final Order, or the enforcement of the CAFO.
4. For the purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent hereby expressly waives its right to a hearing on any issue of law or fact set forth in this CA and any right to appeal the accompanying Final Order.
5. Respondent shall not deduct for civil taxation purposes the civil penalty specified in this CAFO.
6. Section 22.13(b) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice 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.

7. By signing this CA, Respondent certifies to EPA that, upon investigation and to the best of its knowledge, the Facility is in compliance with the provisions of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA"), Subchapter II of TSCA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2641-2656, and regulations promulgated thereunder.
8. Respondent consents to the issuance of this CAFO and agrees to comply with its terms.
9. Respondent shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees.
10. Nothing in this CAFO shall relieve Respondent of its obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
11. By signing and executing this CA, Respondent certifies that it has already spent at least THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$ 350.00) since the Maryland Department of the Environment's ("MDE"), April 12, 2007 inspection for purposes of complying with Subchapter II of TSCA/AHERA and the regulations promulgated thereunder, in accordance with § 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a), and that Respondent has provided Complainant with all supporting cost documentation and information.
12. This CAFO shall apply to and be binding upon the EPA, Respondent, and the officers, directors, successors, and assigns of Respondent.

III. EPA's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

13. Complainant has determined that Respondent has violated requirements of TSCA/AHERA and the federal regulations implementing TSCA/AHERA set forth at 40

C.F.R. Part 763, Subpart E. In accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice as set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3), Complainant alleges the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

14. Respondent, Chesapeake Conference Association, is the "Local Education Agency" ("LEA") as that term is defined under Section 202(7) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2642(7) and 40 C.F.R. § 763.83, because it is the owner of a nonpublic, non-profit elementary, or secondary school building, including the Facility, and as such, is responsible for ensuring that the Facility is in compliance with the requirements of AHERA.
15. The Facility, Mt. Aetna Seventh Day Adventist School, located at 10207 Crystal Falls Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740 is a "school" as that term is defined at Section 202(12) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2642(12) and 40 C.F.R. § 763.83.
16. The Facility is a "school building" as that term is defined at Section 202(13) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2642(13) and 40 C.F.R. § 763.83.

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17. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 16 are incorporated herein by reference.
18. 40 C.F.R. § 763.93(a)(2) requires that if a building to be used as part of a school is leased or otherwise acquired after October 12, 1988, the local education agency shall include the new building in the management plan for the school prior to its use as a school building, and submit the revised portions of the management plan to the Agency designated by the Governor.

19. During the April 12, 2007 inspection of Mt. Aetna Seventh Day Adventist School, the MDE observed that a building identified as the "Nut House" was used for instruction, but found that Chesapeake Conference Association had not included the building in the management plan prior to its use as a school building as required by 40 C.F.R. § 763.93(a)(2).
20. By failing to include the "Nut House" in the management plan prior to its use as a school, Respondent violated the requirements of 40 C.F.R. 763.93(a)(2).

IV. Settlement Recitation

21. Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, EPA concludes that Respondent is liable for a civil penalty pursuant to Section 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a), for Respondent's TSCA/AHERA violations. In full settlement of the violations alleged in this Consent Agreement, in consideration of each provision of this Consent Agreement and the accompanying Final Order, and pursuant to Sections 207(a) and (c) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2647(a) and (c), and other relevant factors, Complainant and Respondent have determined that a civil penalty of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS (\$ 2,631.00) is appropriate.
22. The aforesaid assessed penalty is based upon EPA's consideration of a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the statutory factors set forth in Section 207(c) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(c), *i.e.*, the significance of the violation, the culpability of the violator, and the ability of the violator to continue to provide educational services to the community. These factors were applied to the particular facts and circumstances of this case with

specific reference to EPA's *Interim Final Enforcement Response Policy for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act* ("ERP"), dated January 31, 1989, adjusted for inflation pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

23. Respondent certifies that it has spent THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$ 350.00) since the MDE's April 12, 2007 inspection to comply with Subchapter II of TSCA. Therefore, pursuant to sections 16(a)(2)(C) and 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615(a)(2)(C) and 2647(a), EPA agrees to the remittance of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$ 350.00) of the civil penalty assessed against the Respondent.
24. Respondent consents to the assessment of a TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLAR (\$ 2,631.00) civil penalty with a cash component of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE (\$ 2,281.00) dollars.
25. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent shall pay the cash component of the civil penalty by cashier's or certified check, electronic wire transfer, Automated Clearinghouse, or online. All checks shall be made payable to "United States Treasury" and shall be mailed to the attention of US Environmental Protection Agency, Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center, PO Box 979077, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. (Fedex and other non-U.S. Postal Service express mail deliveries shall be sent to U.S. Bank, 1005 Convention Plaza, Mail Station SL-MO-C2GI, St. Louis, MO 63101.) All payments made by check shall reference the above case caption and docket number, TSCA-03-2009-0048. Questions regarding payments made by check should be directed to Natalie Pearson at 314-418-4087. All electronic wire

transfer payments shall be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, ABA No. 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"). All Automated Clearinghouse or REX payments shall be directed to PNC Bank, 808 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20074, ABA No. 051036706, Transaction Code 22 – checking, Environmental Protection Agency, Account No. 310006, CTX Format. Questions regarding payments made through the Automated Clearinghouse should be directed to Jesse White at 301-887-6548. The online payment option can accessed at WWW.PAY.GOV and by entering "sfo 1.1" in the search field. At the same time that any payment is made, copies of any corresponding check, or written notification confirming any electronic wire transfer, Automated Clearinghouse, or online payment shall be mailed to Lydia A. Guy, Regional Hearing Clerk (3RC00), U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029 and to Magda Rodriguez-Hunt (3LC62), Land and Chemicals Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029.

26. 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 Consent Agreement and Final Order shall result in the assessment of late payment charges including interest, penalties, and/or administrative costs of handling

delinquent debts. Interest on the civil penalty assessed in this CAFO will begin to accrue on the date that a copy of this CAFO 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). The costs of the Agency's administrative handling of overdue debts will be charged and assessed monthly throughout the period the 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. A penalty charge of six percent per year will be assessed monthly on any portion of the civil penalty which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) calendar days. 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). Should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it shall accrue from the first day payment is delinquent. 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).

V. Reservation of Rights

27. This CAFO resolves only the civil claims for the specific violations alleged in this CAFO. EPA reserves the right to commence 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, public welfare, or the

environment. In addition, this settlement is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and to the reservation of rights set forth in Section 22.18(c) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice. Further, EPA reserves any rights and remedies available to it under Subchapter II of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2641 to 2656, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other federal laws or regulations for which EPA has jurisdiction, to enforce the provisions of this CAFO, following its filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

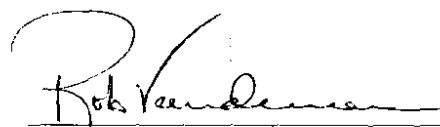
VI. Effective Date

28. The effective date of this CAFO is the date on which the Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice.

The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized by Respondent to execute this Consent Agreement and to legally bind Respondent to this Consent Agreement.

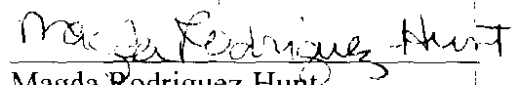
For Respondent:

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For Complainant:

12/15/08
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Magda Rodriguez-Hunt
Enforcement Officer
Land and Chemicals Division

Accordingly I hereby recommend that the Regional Administrator or his designee issue the Final Order attached hereto.

12/10/08
Date


Abraham Ferdas, Director
Land and Chemicals Division



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FINAL ORDER

The undersigned accepts and incorporates into this Final Order by reference all provisions set forth in the foregoing Consent Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Sections 16 and 207 of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2615 and 2647, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, and having determined, based on the representations of the parties in the attached Consent Agreement, that the civil penalty agreed to therein was based upon a consideration of the factors set forth in Section 207(c) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(c), Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE (\$ 2,631.00) dollars, but that the cash component of that civil penalty will be TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE (\$ 2,281.00) dollars.

In accordance with Section 207(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2647(a), THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$ 350.00) dollars of the civil penalty assessed against the Respondent is hereby remitted.

The effective date of this Final Order is the date that it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

12/17/08
Date

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Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

