

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Mark S. Dalton Legal Council Samson Resources Company Samson Plaza Two West Second Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3103

SUBJECT: Expedited Settlement Agreement Samson Resources Company Docket No. CAA-04-2010-8003(b)

Dear Mr. Dalton:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2010-8003(b)) involving Samson Resources Company. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 and became effective on today's date.

As required by the ESA, within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$1350, made out to the "Treasurer, United States of America," should be submitted to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS) U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101 Contact: Natalie Pearson @ 314-418-4087

Internet Address (URL) • http://www.epa.gov Recycled/Recyclable • Printed with Vegetable Oil Based Inks on Recycled Paper (Minimum 30% Postconsumer) The Docket No. should be included on the check. Also, a separate copy of the check and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you have any questions, please call Victor Weeks at (404) 562-9189.

Sincerely,

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Caron B. Falconer Chief, EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2010-8003(b)

This ESA is issued to:

Samson Resources Company 342 Johnny Clark Road Longview, TX 75603

for violating 40 CFR § 68.48, 40 CFR § 68.50, 40 CFR § 68.58 and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by Samson Resources Company (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 5975 County Road 57, Gordo, Alabama, on June 12, 2008, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It has compiled and maintained the following up-to-date safety information, related to the regulated substances, processes, and <u>all</u> equipment as required by 40 CFR § 68.48:

Safe upper and lower temperatures, pressures, flows, and compositions (40 CFR § 68.48(a)(3)),

Equipment specifications (40 CFR § 68.48(a)(4)), and

Codes and standards used to design, build, and operate the process (40 CFR \$ 68.48(a)(5));

It retained a copy of the documented results of its hazard review conducted in 2004 (40 CFR 68.50(c)); and

It has conducted audits to evaluate its compliance with the chemical accident prevention program requirements <u>at least every three years</u>, and based on such audits, certified that the procedures and practices are adequate and are being followed as required by 40 CFR § 68.58(a).

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violation cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$1350**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violation listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$1350**. Please note that payment <u>should not</u> be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the <u>fully executed</u> ESA. Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$1350**, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

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The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on the</u> <u>check</u>. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

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At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

Saundi Wilson U. S. EPA Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Victor L. Weeks U. S. EPA Region 4 EPCRA Enforcement Section 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Upon Respondent's correction of alleged violations and payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violation of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

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The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

> Caron B. Falconer U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth St., S. W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

March S. Dalton Date: 11/24/09 Name (print): Mark S. Dalton Title (print): Attorney - In - Fact

Samson Resources Company

FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Date: 11/13/09

Carol L. Kemker Acting Director Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division Region 4

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

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Susan B. Schub **Regional Judicial Officer**

Date: ______ 11, 2010

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Samson Resources Company, CAA-04-2010-8003(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Caron B. Falconer U. S. EPA - Region 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Ellen Rouch U. S. EPA - Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. Mark S. Dalton Legal Council Samson Resources Company Samson Plaza Two West Second Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3103 (Via EPA's internal mail)

(Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 1-12-10

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk Unites States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-9511

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A. <u>JUDICIAL ORDERS</u> : Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the <u>FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER</u> should be mailed to:							
1.	Debt Tracking Officer Environmental Enforcement Section Department of Justice RM 1647 P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station Washington, D.C. 20044	2. 3.		ing Office (EAD) ed Program Office			

B. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS</u>: Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

ι.	Originating Office	3.	 Designated Program Office
2	Regional Hearing Clerk	-4.	Regional Counsel (EAD)