



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

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Mr. Girish K. Patel  
Safety and Environmental Supervisor  
Akzo Nobel  
909 Mueller Avenue  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37406

SUBJECT: Expedited Settlement Agreement  
Alco Chemical Division of National Starch and Chemical Company  
Docket No. CAA-04-2008-8017(b)

Dear Mr. Patel:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2008-8017(b)) involving Alco Chemical Division of National Starch and Chemical 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 \$2100, 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

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:

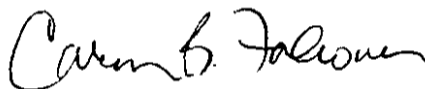
Saundi Wilson  
U. S. EPA Region 4  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

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,



Caron B. Falconer  
Chief, EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2008-8017(b)

This ESA is issued to:

Alco Chemical Division of  
National Starch and Chemical Company  
909 Mueller Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37406

for violating 40 CFR § 68.67, 40 CFR § 68.69, 40 CFR § 68.75 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 Alco Chemical Division of National Starch and Chemical 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 909 Mueller Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 4, 2007, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program when Respondent did not provide evidence that:

As part of the process hazard analysis (pha) conducted in the year 2005, it had developed a written schedule of when pha action items were to be completed as required by 40 CFR § 68.67(e);

It had developed and implemented written operating procedures that address the following elements found at 40 CFR § 68.69(a): (3) safety and health considerations, including (iii) control measures to be taken if physical contact or airborne exposure occurs; and

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It implemented its management of change procedures when it added process interlocks as required by 40 CFR § 68.75(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 **\$2100**.

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 **\$2100**. **Please note that payment should not be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed ESA.** Within fifteen (15) days after 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 **\$2100**, in payment of the full penalty amount 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  
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St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

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1005 Convention Plaza  
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
Contact: Natalie Pearson @ 314-418-4087

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

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 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.

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:

Brent Burke Date: 6/24/08

Name (print): Brent Burke

Title (print): Site Manager  
Alco Chemical Division of National Starch and Chemical Company

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Carol G. Kemberger Date: 6/10/08  
Beverly H. Banister  
Director  
Air, Pesticides & Toxics  
Management Division  
Region 4

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

Susan B. Schub Date: July 14, 2008  
Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

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 Alco Chemical Division of National Starch and Chemical Company, CAA-04-2008-8017(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

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

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Elizabeth O'Sullivan  
U. S. EPA - Region 4  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303

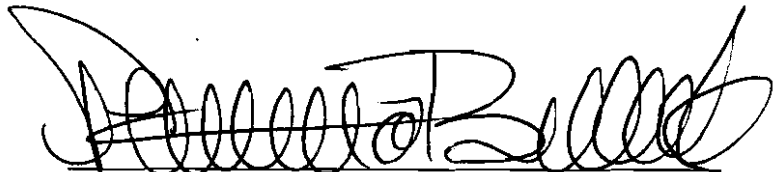
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909 Mueller Avenue  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37406

(Via Certified Mail -  
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Date:

7-15-08



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

**EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:**

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

This form was originated by: Saundi Wilson on 7/11/08  
(Name) (Date)

in the Region 4, ORC, OEA at (404) 562-9504  
(Office) (Telephone Number)

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

PAYEE: Alco Nobel / Alco Chemical Div of National Starch & Chemical Co  
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 2100  
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CAA 04 2008 8017(6)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: \_\_\_\_\_

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Financial Management Section at: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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<br>Environmental Enforcement Section<br>Department of Justice RM 1647<br>P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station<br>Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)<br>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<br>2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 3. Designated Program Office<br>4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |
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