

**EXPEDITED PENALTY ACTION  
AND CONSENT AGREEMENT  
DOCKET NO. EPCRA-03-2016-0037  
G&T Industries, Inc.  
Byron Center, MI**

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 ARCH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-2029**

**RESPONDENT**

**Mr. Roland Grit, CEO  
G&T Industries, Inc.  
1001 76<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315**

**FACILITY**

**Mr. Roland Grit, CEO  
G&T Industries, Inc.  
1157 Arnold Road, Suite D  
Reading, PA 19605**

On May 11, 2015, an inspection by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was conducted at the Respondent's facility known as G&T Industries, Inc. at 1157 Arnold Road, Suite D in Reading, Pennsylvania to determine compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 370 under Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, (the "Act"). The EPA representative found that Respondent had violated the regulations by failing to comply with the specific regulatory requirements noted on the attached EPCRA INSPECTION FINDINGS, ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AND PROPOSED PENALTY FORM (the "Form"), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

The parties enter into this Expedited Penalty Action and Consent Agreement ("Consent Agreement") to settle the civil violations set forth above for a penalty of **\$2,000.00**. This Consent Agreement commences and concludes this action pursuant to Sections 22.13(b), and 22.18(b)(2), and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules of Practice"), 40 CFR §§ 22.13(b), and 22.18(b)(2); and (3). This Expedited Penalty Action and Consent Agreement is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III ("EPA"), by its duly delegated official, the Director, Hazardous Site Cleanup Division, and by Respondent pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. §11045, and by 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

The settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions.

EPA hereby finds the Respondent is subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act regulations and has violated the regulations as further described in the Form.

The Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty stated above. Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that the violations set forth in the EPCRA Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations and Proposed Penalty Form have been corrected. The Respondent agrees that it shall, within 15 calendar days of receipt of an executed copy of this Consent Agreement, make payment of **\$2,000.00** in one of two forms: 1) electronic funds transfer ("EFT") or 2) a cashier's check or certified check payable to the "Environmental Protection Agency", with the Docket Number, located at the top right-hand corner of the Consent Agreement referenced on the check.

Payment of the penalty amount by EFT to:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
ABA 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"

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Payment of the penalty amount by regular US Postal Service shall be sent via certified mail to:

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

Payment of the penalty amount by overnight mail (FedEx or other non-US Postal Service express mail) shall be sent to:

U.S. Bank  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101

The Respondent shall also send a copy of the EFT confirmation or check via certified mail to:

Perry Pandya, EPCRA Enforcement Coordinator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
Oil & Prevention Branch (3HS61)  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

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

The payment made pursuant to this Consent Agreement is a penalty within the meaning of Section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. §162(f), and, therefore, Respondent shall not claim it as a tax deductible expenditure for purposes of federal, state or local law.

This Consent Agreement resolves only the civil claims for the specific violations alleged in the attached EPCRA Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations and Proposed Penalty Form. 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, 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 the Act, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other federal laws or regulations for which EPA has jurisdiction, to enforce the provisions of this Consent Agreement, following its filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

EPA specifically reserves the right, without limitation, to any of the rights reserved herein, to bring any administrative, civil, or criminal action seeking imposition of further civil penalties, criminal sanctions, and/or injunctive relief in the event Respondent fails to correct the violations identified in the Form within the time allowed for in this Consent Agreement.

Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations set forth in the Form, but agrees that jurisdiction has been established for this Consent Agreement. Also, upon EPA's final approval of the Consent Agreement, Respondent expressly waives its right to contest the allegations, to a hearing, and to appeal this Order under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045. Moreover, in entering into this Consent Agreement, the Respondent agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees related to this Expedited Penalty Action.

If Respondent does not sign and return this Consent Agreement as presented within 45 days of the date of its receipt, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations identified in the Form.

**ACCEPT THE PROPOSED PENALTY**

I/we consent to the proposed penalty.

**DECLINE THE PROPOSED PENALTY**

I/we decline the proposed penalty. If you choose to decline this proposed penalty, you may be subject to formal enforcement action and, in that event, will have an opportunity to a hearing related to any subsequent penalty assessment.

**COST OF COMPLIANCE**

Respondent certifies that it has expended \$ 100- to correct the alleged violations and to come into compliance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Consent Agreement will be effective upon filing.

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The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized by Respondent to execute this Expedited Penalty Action and Consent Agreement and to legally bind the party whom he or she represents thereto.

**Respondent**

Signature



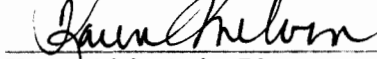
Date

11/30/15

Name and Title (print)

ROLAND GRIZ CEO

**SIGNATURE BY COMPLAINANT:**



Date

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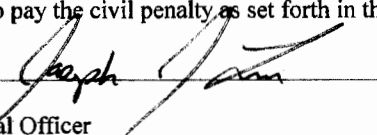
Karen Melvin, Acting Director  
Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

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FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, and in accordance with the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 CFR Part 22, and having relied upon the representations of the parties set forth in the Consent Agreement, I have determined that the penalty assessed herein is based on a consideration of the factors set forth in EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, dated September 30, 1999.

THEREFORE, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into the Final Order. The Respondent is ORDERED to pay the civil penalty as set forth in the Consent Agreement.

  
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Joseph J. Lisa  
Regional Judicial Officer

Date Jan 5, 2016

**Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)**  
**Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations and Proposed Penalty Form**

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EPA alleges that Respondent violated Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and the regulations of 40 C.F.R. Part 370, Subpart C, by failing to submit completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the local Fire Department. Specifically, Respondent failed to submit for its facility located at 1157 Arnold Road, Suite D, in Reading, PA a hazardous chemical inventory form for the presence of 1,360 pounds of Sulfuric Acid during the calendar years of 2012, 2013 and 2014. The settlement amount was based on a consideration of the factors set forth in EPA's Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, dated September 30, 1999.

**Penalty.....\$2,000.00**