

## October 05, 2022 @ 11:44am USEPA – Region II Regional Hearing Clerk

## **CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Article Number: 7018 1830 0000 9639 6047

Juan C. Sanchez, President/Owner Oasis Painting & Wallcovering Co. 103 Union Street Lodi, New Jersey 07644

RE: In the Matter of **Oasis Painting and Wallcovering Co.** Docket No. TSCA-02-2022-9171

Dear Juan Sanchez:

Enclosed is a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (the Complaint) and supporting documents in the above-referenced proceeding. This Complaint alleges violations of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), Section 409, and regulations promulgated pursuant to TSCA set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E.

You have the right to a formal hearing to contest any of the allegations in the Complaint and/or to contest the penalty proposed in the Complaint.

If you wish to contest the allegations or the penalty proposed in the Complaint, you must file an Answer within *thirty (30)* days of your receipt of the enclosed Complaint to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Regional Hearing Clerk at the following address:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, New York 10007-1866 maples.karen@epa.gov

If you do not file an Answer within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Complaint and have not obtained a formal extension for filing an Answer from the Regional Judicial Officer, a default order may be entered against you and the entire proposed penalty may be assessed without further proceedings.

Whether or not you request a formal hearing, you may request an informal conference with EPA to discuss any issue relating to the alleged violations and the amount of the proposed penalty. EPA encourages all parties against whom it files a Complaint to pursue the possibility of settlement and to have an informal conference with EPA. However, a request for an informal conference *does not* substitute for a written Answer, affect what you may choose to say in an Answer, or extend the thirty (30) days by which you must file an Answer requesting a hearing.

Attached is a copy of the "Consolidated Rules of Practice" (CROP), which govern this proceeding and are codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (Amended May 22, 2017). The CROP can also be found online at

<u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-A/part-22?toc=1</u>. For your general information, I have also attached a "U.S. EPA Small Business Resources Information Sheet," which may or may not apply to you.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule an informal settlement conference, please contact Assistant Regional Counsel Lauren Charney at <u>charney.lauren@epa.gov</u> or 212-637-3181.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN GORMAN GORMAN Date: 2022.09.30 16:29:41 -04'00'

*For* Dore F. LaPosta, Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Attachments

cc: Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk (w/o attachments)