



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 6  
1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 500  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75270

June 22, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Ricky Young  
Targa Resources Corporation  
High Plains Gas Plant  
811 Louisiana, Suite 2100  
Houston, TX 77002  
[ryoung@targaresources.com](mailto:ryoung@targaresources.com)

**Re:** Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) for Risk Management Plan Inspection Findings and Proposed Penalty  
In the Matter of High Plains Gas Plant  
Docket No. CAA 06-2020-3371

Dear Mr. Young:

Enclosed for your record is a copy of a fully executed Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA) concerning the High Plains Gas Plant located in Midland, Texas. As provided in the ESA, the High Plains Gas Plant should have already certified that the violation(s) have been corrected, provided a brief description of complying action(s), and paid the civil penalty of **\$1,200.00**. The EPA requests that you immediately confirm receipt of this e-mail and the attached ESA by a response e-mail.

If you have any questions relating to this ESA, please contact Elizabeth Rogers of my staff at (214) 665-6708 or via e-mail at [rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl T. Seager".

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Cheryl T. Seager, Director  
Enforcement and  
Compliance Assurance Division

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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)**

**DOCKET NO: CAA 06-2020-3371**

**This ESA is issued to: High Plains Gas Plant - Targa Resources Corporation**

**At: 13800 East County Road 230, Midland, Texas 79706  
for violating Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through its delegated official, the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, and High Plains Gas Plant -Targa Resources Corporation (Respondent) have agreed to a settlement of this action before filing of a complaint, and thus this action is simultaneously commenced and concluded pursuant to Rules 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

This ESA is an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties instituted pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d). Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), the Administrator and the Attorney General jointly determined that cases which meet the criteria set forth in the EPA's policies<sup>1</sup> are appropriate for administrative penalty action.

**ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

On February 26, 2020, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection of Respondent's facility, located at Midland, Texas, to determine compliance with the Risk Management Program (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r). The EPA found that Respondent had violated the RMP regulations and Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7) as follows:

- 1) 40 C.F.R. § 68.69(a)(1)(vi) - The owner or operator failed to document normal shutdown procedures for the inlet dehydration/cold plant and amine unit.
- 2) 40 C.F.R. § 68.69(a)(2)(i) and (ii) - The owner or operator failed to document consequences of deviation and the steps required to correct or avoid deviation.

**SETTLEMENT**

In consideration of the factors set forth in Section 113(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(e), the criteria set forth in the EPA's policies<sup>1</sup>, and upon consideration of the entire record, EPA and Respondent enter into this ESA in order to settle the violations, described above, for the total penalty amount of **\$1,200.00**.

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<sup>1</sup> "Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, 40 C.F.R. Part 68" (2004); and "Changes to Restrictions on the Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions" (2013)

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

Respondent, by signing below, waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, 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 CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that Respondent has corrected the violations listed above and has paid the full penalty of **\$1,200.00** by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to:

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

or by alternate payment method described at <http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>.

The Docket Number of this ESA is **CAA-06-2020-3371** and must be included on the payment. **The signed ESA and a copy of the payment must be sent by email to: [rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov)**

Full payment of the ESA penalty shall only resolve Respondent's civil liability for the violations alleged above. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action by EPA for any other past, present, or future violations under the CAA or any other statute.

If the signed ESA with a copy of the payment is not returned to the EPA Region 6 at the above e-mail address in correct form by Respondent within 30 days of the date of the receipt of this ESA, the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file additional enforcement actions for the violations identified in this ESA.

This ESA is binding on the EPA and Respondent and is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.


The EPA and Respondent agree to the use of electronic signatures for this matter. The EPA and Respondent further agree to electronic service of this ESA, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.6, by email to the following addresses:

To EPA: [rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov)

To Respondent: [ryoung@targaresources.com](mailto:ryoung@targaresources.com)



**SIGNATURE BY RESPONDENT:**

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: June 15, 2020

Name (print): Jimmy Oxford

Title (print) VP Operations

Cost of Corrective Actions: Not Applicable. Corrective actions completed internally (approximately 25 manhours).

Respondent's Brief Description of Complying Action: 1) Normal shut down procedures were developed and implemented for the High Plains Inlet Dehydration//Cold Plant, and Amine system.  
2) Consequences of deviation and the steps required to correct or avoid deviation are documented in Targa's Operating Procedures Manual labeled Standard Operating Conditions (SOC).

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If you need additional space or would like to provide additional supporting documentation, please attach to this document.

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Cheryl T. Seager, Director  
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It is so ORDERED. This Order shall become effective upon filing of the fully executed ESA with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**Rucki, Thomas**

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Thomas Rucki  
Regional Judicial Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify, on the date identified below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement was delivered to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 6 (ORC), 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102, and that a true and correct copy was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy via Email to EPA:

[rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:rogers.elizabeth@epa.gov)

Copy via Email to Respondent: (Ricky Young)

[ryoung@targaresources.com](mailto:ryoung@targaresources.com)

**SIGNATURE BY EPA:**

**ELIZABETH  
ROGERS**

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Elizabeth Rogers  
RMP Enforcement Officer  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 6

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