

**U.S. EPA REGION 7
HEARING CLERK**

- 1) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement” or “ESA”) pursuant to Section 3008(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).
- 2) The EPA has provided the State of Iowa with notice of the referenced violations of Subtitle C of RCRA as required by Section 3008(a)(2).
- 3) Amazon.com Services LLC (“Respondent”) is the owner or operator of the facility located at 2022 Research Parkway, Davenport, Iowa 52806 (“Facility”). The EPA inspected the Facility, on October 14, 2024. As a result of the findings during the inspection and additional investigation, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated the following requirements of the RCRA hazardous waste management program:
 - a. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(5)(i)(C) requires that a generator marks accumulating containers of hazardous waste with an accumulation start date. At the time of the EPA inspection, three containers of hazardous waste consumer commodities were not marked with an accumulation start date.
 - b. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6) requires that a generator designates an emergency coordinator. At the time of the EPA inspection, the previous emergency coordinator had left the facility and a new emergency coordinator had not been appointed to that position.
 - c. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.260(a), requires that a generator maintains an adequate Contingency Plan. At the time of the EPA inspection, the facility maintained a draft template contingency plan that was not completed or submitted to response agencies. Specifically, the facility:
 - Failed to make arrangements with local emergency authorities, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.256(a).

- Failed to maintain records documenting arrangements with response agencies, 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.256(b).
 - Failed to submit the contingency plan to emergency response agencies, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.262(a).
 - Failed to review and amend the contingency plan when the emergency coordinator changes, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.263(d).
 - Failed to identify emergency coordinator(s) by name and telephone number in the contingency plan. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.261(d).
- d. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(6), referencing 40 C.F.R. § 262.260(a), requires that a generator prepares and submits a Quick Reference Guide of its contingency plan. At the time of the EPA inspection, the facility did not have a Quick Reference Guide.
- e. 40 C.F.R. § 262.17(a)(1)(v) requires that a generator conducts adequate weekly inspections of its hazardous waste containers. At the time of the EPA inspection, the facility performed inspections of its hazardous waste containers. However, three hazardous waste containers were observed without accumulation start dates, and it was determined that the facility failed to conduct adequate weekly inspections.
- 4) In determining the amount of the penalty to be assessed, EPA has taken into account the factors specified in Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928. After considering these factors, EPA has determined, and Respondent agrees that settlement of this matter for a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is in the public interest.
- 5) Respondent shall pay the penalty within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Order. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and docket number and shall be 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
PO Box 979078
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

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

- 6) A copy of the check or other information confirming payment shall simultaneously be emailed to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
R7_Hearing_Clerk_Filings@epa.gov; and

Milady Peters, Paralegal
peters.milady@epa.gov.

- 7) In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (a) admits that Respondent is subject to RCRA and its implementing regulations; (b) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (c) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (d) consents to the assessment of this penalty; and (e) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA to the following email address: *barrydg@amazon.com*. Respondent understands that the ESA will become publicly available upon filing.
- 8) By its signature below Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that: (a) the alleged violations have been corrected, and (b) it is presently in compliance with all requirements of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et. seq.*, its implementing regulations, and any permit issued pursuant to RCRA.
- 9) By signing this Agreement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including, but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of the final order accompanying the Expedited Settlement Agreement.
- 10) The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter the terms and conditions of this Expedited Settlement Agreement and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.
- 11) Full payment of the civil penalty shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged herein. The EPA reserves the right to take any enforcement action with respect to any other past, present, or future violations of RCRA or any other applicable law.
- 12) The penalty specified herein shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of Federal, State and local taxes.
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IT IS SO AGREED,

Lindsey Hughes
Name (print)

Business Environmental Leader
Title (print)

Lindsey Hughes 05/29/2025
Signature Date

APPROVED BY EPA:

David Cozad
Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Date

Christopher Muehlberger, Attorney
Office of Regional Counsel

Date

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of Section 3008(a) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement resolving this matter is hereby ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order.

Respondent is ORDERED to comply with all of the terms of the Expedited Settlement Agreement. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(b), the effective date of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and this Final Order is the date on which this Final Order is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
To be completed by EPA

I certify that that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order, in the matter of Amazon.com Services LLC, EPA Docket No. RCRA-07-2025-0052, was sent this day in the following manner to the following addressees:

Copy via e-mail to Complainant:

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Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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Solid Waste and Contaminated Sites Section
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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025

Signed