

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

MAR 1 0 2011.

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gene J. Gebolys, President U.S. Biofuels, Inc. 555 West Hermitage Road Rome, Georgia 30161

SUBJ: Consent Agreement and Final Order:

Docket No. CWA-04-2011-5008

Dear Mr. Gebolys:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) for the above referenced matter. This CAFO became effective on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.6 and 22.31, and as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby notifies you that the Expedited Settlement Agreement has been executed by both parties and is binding on EPA and you. Upon receipt of your assessed penalty of \$500.00, EPA will take no further action against you for the violations cited in the Settlement Agreement. Your copy of the executed agreement is enclosed.

You must submit your payment within seven (7) days of your receipt of this letter by either electronic funds transfer, certified or cashiers check made payable to "Environmental Protection Agency." The check and a letter accompanying the check shall reference the name of the responsible party (Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund-311, U.S. Biofuels, Inc.) and the EPA docket number CWA-04-2011-5008, and shall be sent depending upon your preferred method of payment identified in Enclosure A.

At the same time, you shall send a separate copy of each check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the persons at the following addresses:

Ms. Patricia Bullock Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Mr. Mel Rechtman
U.S. EPA - Region 4
RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch
RCRA Division
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

If you have any questions, please contact Mel Rechtman at (404) 562-8745.

Sincerely,

Larry Lamberth., Acting Branch Chief

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RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch

RCRA Division

Enclosures:

- 1. Expedited Settlement Agreement
- 2. Payment Information

cc: USCG

ENCLOSURE A

COLLECTION INFORMATION

CHECK PAYMENTS:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

WIRE TRANSFERS:

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

ABA = 021030004

Account = 68010727

SWIFT address = FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

OVERNIGHT MAIL:

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

Contact: Natalie Pearson 314-418-4087

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving U.S. currency US Treasury REX / ACH Receiver 5700 Rivertech Court Riverdale, Maryland 20737 Contacts: John Schmid 202-874-7028 or Remittance Express 1-866-234-5681 ABA = 051036706 Transaction Code 22 - checking

Environmental Protection Agency Account 310006 CTX Format

ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

www.pay.gov

Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field

Open form and complete required fields.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 4** 61 FORSYTH STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303 EXPEDITED SPILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2011-5008

On: October 11, 2010 Time: 08:00 At: or near 555 West Hermitage Road, Rome, Floyd County, Georgia, U.S. Biofuels, Inc. (Respondent) discharged 100 gallons of oil in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (the Act), as noted on the attached ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATION (Form), which is hereby incurporated by reference.

EPA finds the Respondent's conduct is subject to the However. EPA does not waive any rights to take any discharge prohibition of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, as described in that statute and further described by 40 C.F.R. § 110.3. The Respondent admits being subject to or of any other federal statute or regulation. By its first Section 311(b)(3) and that EPA has jorisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent neither admits nor denies the Allegations in the Form.

LPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b)(5)(B)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i), as amended by the Ori Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement in order to settle the civil violation described in the Form for a penalty of \$500.00. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is also subject to Name (print). \bigcirc the following terms and conditions: Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that it has investigated the cause of the spill, it has cleaned up the spill. Signature: pursuant to federal requirements at a cost of \$ 326417 Q. and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. The Respondent also by signature on this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement agrees to payment of the penulty assessed. Do not enclose payment. Upon receiving written. Larry Lamberth, Acting Branch Chief execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall submit RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Br payment within 7 days by certified check or electronic funds. RCRA Division transfer for \$500,00 payable to the "US Environmental Protection Agency CWA-311". Instructions on how to TI IS SQ ORDINGED: make this payment will be included in the written notice that will be issued when the Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement to EPA, Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to Section 311 of the Act, and consents to EPA's approval of the Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement without further notice.

After this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement becomes effective and the assessed penalty is paid, EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act described in the Form. enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violation by the Respondent of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act signature, EPA ratifies the Findings and Alleged Violation set forth in the Form.

This Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is binding on the parties signing below, and effective apon EPA's filing of the document with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If the Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement as presented within 30 days of the date of its receipt, the proposed Expedited Spill Settlement Agreement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violation identified in the Form.

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Title (prmt): Date

Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

ALLEGED CIVIL VIOLATION - DOCKET NO. CWA-04-2011-5008

- 1. U.S. Biofuels, Inc., Respondent, is a corporation with a place of business located at 555 West Hermitage Road, Rome, Georgia 30161. The respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311(a)(7) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(7) (Act).
- 2. Respondent is the owner of an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10), which is located at or near 555 West Hermitage Road, Rome, Floyd County, Georgia (facility").
- 3. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act prohibits the discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States.
- 4. For purposes of Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4), discharges of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 to include discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards or, (2) cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines or, (3) cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.
- 5. On October 11, 2010, Respondent discharged an estimated 100 gallons of oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), from its facility into or upon the Ward Creek and adjoining shorelines.
- 6. The Ward Creek which flows into Dozier Creek, which flows into the Oostanaula River, which flows into the Coosa River, is a "navigable water of the United States" subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the Act as defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1.
- 7. Respondent's October 11, 2010, discharge of oil from its facility caused a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface or the adjoining shoreline of the Ward Creek or caused a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface, and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3.
- 8. Respondent's October 11, 2010, discharge of oil from its facility into or upon the Ward Creek and adjoining shorelines in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 violated Section 311(b)(3) of the Act. Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, the Respondent is liable for civil penalties of up to \$16,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$37,500.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of U.S. Biofuels, Inc., Docket No. CWA-04-2011-5008 (filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on MAR 10 2010) was served of MAR 10 2010 in the manner specified to each of the person set forth below:

Walter A. Foskett, General Counsel World Management Group LLC Two Constitution Center Charleston, MA 02129 CERTIFIED MAIL
Return Receipt Requested

Mel Rechtman Via EPA's Internal Mail RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Quantindra Smith Via EPA's Internal Mail and PDF RCRA & OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch U.S. EPA - Region 4
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Date: 3-10-//

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM

PAYMENT DUE DATE:			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGINATING OFFICE:			
(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)			
This f	orm was originated by: Mel Rechtman		on 2/28/11
(Name			фререн — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
in the	(Office)	at	<u>404/562-8745</u> (Phone Number)
	(Once)		(rabat Number)
	Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree USAO COLLECTS	X	Administrative Order/Consent Agreement FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT
	SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree DOJ COLLECTS		Oversight Hilling - Cost Package required: Sent with bill
			Not sent with bill
	Other Receivable		Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required
	This is an original debt		This is a modification
PAYEE: U.S. Biofuels, Inc.			
The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 500.00 (If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See other side of this form.)			
The Case Docket Number: <u>CWA-04-2011-5008</u>			
The Site Specific Superfund Account Number:			
The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: RCRA Division			
To Be Completed By Cincinnati Finance Center			
The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: Date: /2010 DISTRIBUTION:			
A. <u>JUDICIAL ORDERS</u> : Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the <u>FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER</u> should be mailed to:			
	Debt Tracking Officer Environmental Enforcement Section Department of Justice RM 1647 P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station Washington, D.C. 20044	2. 3.	Originating Office (EAD) Designated Program Office
B. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS</u> : Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order Should be to:			
	Originating Office Regional Hearing Clerk	3. 4.	Designated Program Office Regional Counsel (EAD)