

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2 290 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

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#### **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Article Number: 7016 1370 0001 3673 6937

Mr. Jan S. Kublick McMahon, Kublick & Smith, P.C. 580 South Salina Street, Third Floor Syracuse, NY 13202

RE: Final Expedited Settlement Agreement/Consent Agreement and Final Order

The Farmstead, Maple Road, Clay, New York

Docket No. CWA-02-2018-3302 SPDES Permit No. NYR10W804

Dear Mr. Kublick:

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Expedited Settlement Offer ("ESO") Agreement entered into as part of the Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO").

As your client agreed to in this Expedited Storm Water Settlement Agreement, payment of the settlement penalty amount (\$15,000.00) must be made within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this letter, which contains the agreement which has been "So Ordered" and is effective. The payment and a copy of the Agreement must be sent via certified mail to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties – Cincinnati Finance Center
In the Matter of Maple Road Associates. Inc.
Docket No.: CWA-02-2018-3302
PO Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

The payment for the penalty amount must be in the form of a bank, cashiers or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" with EPA and the Docket Number of the Expedited Settlement Agreement written on the check.

A copy of the check payment of the penalty amount must also be sent via certified mail, express mail or equivalent to the following addresses for our records:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

Justine Modigliani, Chief Compliance Section, Water Compliance Branch U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007-1866

Please note that once full payment is made this settles all civil penalties claims against Maple Road Associates, Inc. only for the Clean Water Act violations described in the ESO and/or CAFO. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Ms. Justine Modigliani, P.E., Chief, Compliance Section at (212) 637-4268.

Sincerely,

Dore LaPosta, Director

Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Enclosure

cc: Director, Bureau of Water Compliance Programs, NYSDEC w/enclosure Tom Vigneault, P.E., Regional Water Engineer, NYSDEC Region 7 w/enclosure Michael Bragman, President, Maple Road Associates, Inc. w/enclosure



#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION 2

#### Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

#### 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007-1866

### EXPEDITED STORM WATER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT Maple Road Associates, Inc., Docket Number: CWA-02-2018-3302, SPDES No. NYR10W804

Maple Road Associates, Inc. ("Respondent") is a "person," within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. §1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. §122.2.

Attached is an "Expedited Settlement Offer Deficiencies Form" (herein the "Form"), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for the deficiencies specified in the Form.

Respondent failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("SPDES") General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities ("Construction General Permit" or "CGP") in violation of Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311 and § 1342, as described in the attached table.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over the allegations and any "person" who "discharges pollutants" from a "point source" to "waters of the United States." Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation(s) specified in the Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("Agreement" or "CAFO") under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. §22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement in order to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of \$15,000. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty, and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s); (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that it has corrected any deficiencies identified in the Form, and to the best of its knowledge, is in compliance with the NPDES permitting program.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days of receiving notice from EPA that the Agreement is effective ("So Ordered") it will send a bank, cashiers or certified check for the amount specified above payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties – Cincinnati Finance Center In the Matter of Maple Road Associates, Inc. Docket No.: CWA-02-2018-3302 PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the CWA violation(s) specified in this Agreement. However, EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected deficiencies or violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective thirty (30) days from the date it is signed ("Approved") by the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance unless a petition to set aside the Order is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(C) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(C), and Part 22.

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Ore LaPosta, Director Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance							
APPROVED	BY	RESPONDENT	in	accordance	with	40	C.F.R.

APPROVED BY EPA:

§122.22:
Name: Maple Road Associates, Inc.
Title: Owner/Operator of The Farmstead Construction Site
Signature:

Date: 7/1/17

More than 40 days have elapsed since the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

Having determined that this CAFO is authorized by law and is in the public interest,

Date: 9/17/15

Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

290 Broadway New York, New York 10007-1866

IN THE MATTER OF:

Maple Road Associates, Inc. The Farmstead Maple Road Clay, NY 13041

Respondent

Proceeding to Assess Civil Penalty Pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)

SPDES Permit No. NYR10W804

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

**DOCKET No. CWA-02-2018-3302** 

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, on the date noted below, I caused to be mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of this "Consent Agreement and Final Order" to the following person at the address listed below:

Mr. Jan S. Kublick McMachon, Kublick & Smith, P.C. 580 South Salina Street, Third Floor Syracuse, New York 13202

I [hand carried / mailed] the original and a copy of this "Consent Agreement and Final Order" to the office of the following person at the address list below:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Regional Hearing Clerk
290 Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Date:

SEP 19 2018

New York, New York

Marie St. Germain, Branch Secretary