



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

JAN 08 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Frank Eskridge
General Manager
Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board
515 Albert Rains Boulevard
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Re: Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board
Expedited Settlement Agreement
CAA-04-2012-8017(b)

Dear Mr. Eskridge:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2012-8017(b)) involving Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on today's date.

As required by the ESA, within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, payment to the Treasurer, United States of America in the amount of \$980 should be submitted as follows:

For payment sent via electronic transfer

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";

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service

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

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS)

U.S. Bank
Government Lockbox 979077
U.S. EPA Fines & Penalties
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
314-418-4087.

Also, a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with the ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

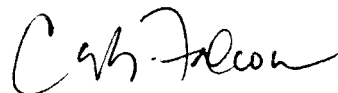
Deanne Grant
EPCRA Enforcement Section
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303; and

Saundi Wilson
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regards to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you need additional information in this matter, please call Deanne Grant at (404) 562-9291.

Sincerely,



Caron B. Falconer
Chief
EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2012-8017(b)

This ESA is issued to: Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board – 6th Street Pump Station
1013 South 6th Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

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for violating 40 CFR §§ 68.15, 68.50, 68.56, 68.58, 68.195 and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent’s facility located at 1031 South 6th Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35901, on May 10, 2012, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act’s Chemical Accident Prevention Program, when at the time of inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It documented other persons responsible for implementing individual requirements of the risk management program and defined the lines of authority through an organization chart or similar document as required by 40 CFR § 68.15(c).

It updated the hazard review at least once every five years or whenever a major change in the process occurred as required by 40 CFR § 68.50(d).

It performed or caused to be performed inspections and tests on process equipment that follow recognized and generally accepted engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.56(d).

It certified that compliance audits are conducted at least every three years to verify that the procedures and practices are adequate and are being followed as required by 40 CFR § 68.58(a).

It submitted corrected emergency contact information within thirty days of a change of the information as required by 40 CFR § 68.195(b).

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith effort to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violation cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$980**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, 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 Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violation listed in this ESA. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of **\$980**. **Please note that payment should not be made until after Respondent receives a copy of the fully executed ESA.** Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, the Respondent shall send a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$980**, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
PO Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS)
U.S. Bank
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA must be included on the check. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

Saundi Wilson
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Office of Environmental Accountability
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Deanne D. Grant
U.S. EPA, Region 4
EPCRA Enforcement Section
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violation of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Caron B. Falconer
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 562-8451

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FOR RESPONDENT:

W.F. Eskridge

Date: 10/1/2012

Name (print): W. F. ESKRIDGE

Title (print): GENERAL MANAGER
Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Beverly H. Banister

Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides & Toxics
Management Division

Date: 12-6-12

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Susan B. Schub

Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

Date: 1/8/13

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board, CAA-04-2012-8017(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Caron B. Falconer
U. S. EPA, Region 4
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

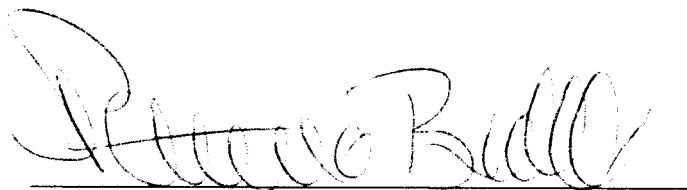
Ellen Rouch
U. S. EPA, Region 4
Office of Environmental Accountability
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Frank Eskridge
General Manager
Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board
515 Albert Rains Boulevard
Gadsden, AL 35901

(Via Certified Mail -
Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 1-2-13



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
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