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REGIONAL HEARING  
CLERK

October 26, 2010

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

**RE: Request for an Extension of Additional Thirty (30) Days to File and Answer;  
Pan American Grain Manufacturing Co., Inc. Docket No. EPCRA-02-2010-  
4004.**

Dear Ms. Maples:

As part of the requirements enclosed on the Administrative Complaint under Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, a Written Answer has to be submitted on a period of thirty (30) days. We are currently working on the evaluation and preparation of this information, but still need additional time to comply with your requirements.

Our records indicate that the administrative complaint was issued on September 29, 2010, and received in Pan American Grain Mfg Co., Inc. on October 10, 2010. This means that the due date for submittal of a written answer is November 9, 2010.

We are formally requesting an extension on the time limit for the submittal of this information. Due to the situation mentioned before; we are requesting an additional thirty (30) days, therefore with the requested extension our new due date will be **December 9, 2010**.

Please excuse us for all the inconvenience this matter can cause you and thank you very much for your attention regarding this matter.

You should have any questions or comment, please contact me, at your convenience, at (787) 273-6086 x28.

Sincerely yours,

  
Eloy Nieves  
General Manager

Attachment



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

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Pan American Grain Manufacturing Co. Inc.  
9 Claudia Street  
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
Attn: José Gonzales, President

RE: In the Matter of Pan American Grain Manufacturing Co., Inc.  
Docket No. EPCRA-02-2010-4004

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Dear Mr. Gonzales,

Enclosed are the Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing and supporting documents in the above-referenced proceeding. This Complaint alleges violations of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

You have the right to a formal hearing to contest any of the allegations in the Complaint and/or to contest the penalty proposed in the Complaint.

If you wish to contest the allegations or the penalty proposed in the Complaint, you must file an Answer within *thirty (30)* days of your receipt of the enclosed Complaint with the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Regional Hearing Clerk at the following address:

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

If you do not file an Answer within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Complaint and you have not obtained a formal extension for filing an Answer from the Regional Judicial Officer, a default order may be entered against you and the entire proposed penalty may be assessed without further proceedings.

Whether or not you request a formal hearing, you may request an informal conference with EPA to discuss any issue relating to the alleged violations and the amount of the proposed penalty. EPA encourages all parties against whom it files a Complaint to pursue the possibility of settlement and to have an informal conference with EPA. However, a request for an informal


conference *does not* substitute for a written Answer, affect what you may choose to say in an Answer, or extend the thirty (30) days by which you must file an Answer requesting a hearing.

The proposed civil penalties in this matter have been determined in accordance with EPA's "Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311, and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act," dated September 30, 1999 as modified pursuant to the June 5, 2006 memorandum from Stephanie Brown, Acting Director, Toxics and Pesticides Enforcement Division, Office of Civil Enforcement and the December 29, 2008 memorandum from Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to the Regional Administrators. A copy of this policy is enclosed.

Furthermore, enclosed is a copy of the "Consolidated Rules of Practice," which govern this proceeding. For your general information and use, I have also enclosed a "Notice of SEC Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings," which may or may not apply to you.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule an informal settlement conference, please contact the attorney for this case, Lauren Charney, at (212) 637-3181 or at her address, as listed in the Complaint.

Sincerely yours,

  
for Walter Mugdan, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

Enclosures

cc: Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk  
Sheila Rolón, Compliance Officer  
Eloy Nieves, General Manager

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 2

In the Matter of:	)	Docket No. EPCRA-02-2010-4004
	)	
Pan American Grain Mfg Co., Inc.	)	Administrative Complaint under
9 Claudia Street	)	Section 325 of the Emergency Planning
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	)	and Community Right to Know Act,
	)	42 U.S.C. § 11045.
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

1. This Complaint ("Complaint") initiates an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties pursuant to Section 325 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 11045. The Complainant in this action is the Director of the Emergency and Remedial Response Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 2, who has been delegated the authority to institute this action.

2. Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, provides for the assessment of penalties for violations of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022.

3. Section 312(a) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022(a), and the regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 370, provide that the owner or operator of a facility required to prepare or have available a Material Safety Data Sheet ("MSDS") for a hazardous chemical under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. ("OSHA") shall submit to the Local Emergency Planning Committee ("LEPC"), the State Emergency Response Commission ("SERC"), and the local fire department with jurisdiction over the facility, by March 1, 1988 (and annually thereafter), a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form as described in 40 C.F.R. §§ 370.40-370.45). This inventory form must contain the information required by Section 312 of EPCRA and 40 C.F.R. Part 370, Subpart C, for all hazardous chemicals present at the facility at any one time during the preceding year in amounts equal to or greater than the threshold levels set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a).

## II. FINDINGS OF VIOLATIONS

4. Respondent Pan American Grain Manufacturing Company, Inc. ("Respondent") is, and at all times referred to herein was a "person," within the meaning of Section 329(7) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(7).

5. Respondent is, and during the relevant time periods referred to herein was, the owner and/or operator of a grain processing and manufacturing facility, located at 9 Claudio Street, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968 (the "Facility"), which is a "facility," as defined in Section 329(4) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(4). Respondent processes and manufactures products for human and animal consumption and agriculture. Respondent stores methyl bromide and diesel fuel at the Facility.

6. On or about April 21, 2010, EPA conducted an inspection at the Facility to determine compliance with Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022.

7. Respondent owned and/or operated the Facility at the time of the above-referenced inspection and during the relevant periods described below.

8. Methyl bromide is an "extremely hazardous substance" as defined in Section 329(3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(3) and 40 C.F.R. § 370.66, with a minimum threshold level for reporting of 500 pounds pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a)(1) and as set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 355 Appendices A and B.

9. Diesel fuel is a "hazardous chemical" as defined in Section 329(3) of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11049(5) with a minimum threshold level for reporting of 10,000 pounds pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a)(2)(i).

10. According to information provided to the EPA representative during and following the above-referenced inspection of the Facility, since at least 2007, methyl bromide has been present at the Facility in amounts equal to or greater than the 500-pound reporting threshold level established in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a)(1). EPA also learned that Respondent has stored diesel fuel at the Facility since at least 2009 in amounts equal to or greater than the 10,000-pound reporting threshold level established in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a)(2)(i).

11. In 2007, methyl bromide was present at the Facility in quantities above the threshold level set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a)(1) and Respondent was required under OSHA to prepare or have available an MSDS for methyl bromide for the Facility. Therefore, Respondent was required, pursuant to Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, to submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form) for methyl bromide for the Facility to the LEPC, the SERC, and the fire department with jurisdiction over the Facility by March 1, 2008.

12. In 2008, methyl bromide was present at the Facility in quantities above the threshold level set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a)(1) and Respondent was required under OSHA to prepare or have available an MSDS for methyl bromide for the Facility. Therefore,

Respondent was required, pursuant to Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, to submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form) for methyl bromide for the Facility to the LEPC, the SERC, and the fire department with jurisdiction over the Facility by March 1, 2009.

13. In 2009, methyl bromide and diesel fuel were present at the Facility in quantities above the threshold level set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 370.10(a) and Respondent was required under OSHA to prepare or have available MSDSs for methyl bromide and diesel fuel for the Facility. Therefore, Respondent was required, pursuant to Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, to submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form) for methyl bromide and diesel fuel for the Facility to the LEPC, the SERC, and the fire department with jurisdiction over the Facility by March 1, 2010.

14. Respondent has submitted to EPA copies of its Tier II forms filed with the LEPC, the SERC, and the local fire department which are dated July 9, 2010.

15. The LEPC with jurisdiction over the Facility is the San Juan LEPC.

16. The SERC with jurisdiction over the Facility is Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board.

17. The local fire department with jurisdiction over the Facility is the Guaynabo Fire Department.

#### COUNT 1

18. The allegations contained in Paragraphs "1" through "17" are incorporated herein by reference.

19. Respondent did not submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form) for methyl bromide for the Facility for the year 2007 by March 1, 2008 to the LEPC, the SERC, and/or the local fire department with jurisdiction over Respondent's Facility.

20. Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

#### COUNT II

21. The allegations contained in Paragraphs "1" through "20" are incorporated herein by reference.

22. Respondent did not submit a completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form (Tier I or Tier II form) for methyl bromide for the Facility for the year 2008 by

March 1, 2009 to the LEPC, the SERC, and/or the local fire department with jurisdiction over Respondent's Facility.

23. Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

### COUNT III

24. The allegations contained in Paragraphs "1" through "23" are incorporated herein by reference.

25. Respondent did not submit completed emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms (Tier I or Tier II forms) for methyl bromide and diesel fuel for the Facility for the year 2009 by March 1, 2010 to the LEPC, the SERC, and/or the local fire department with jurisdiction over Respondent's Facility.

26. Respondent violated the reporting requirements of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11022, and is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045.

### III. NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDER ASSESSING A CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045, as modified pursuant to the Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule, 73 Fed. Reg. 75340-46 (December 11, 2008), which was mandated by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, and as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 19, EPA is currently authorized to assess civil penalties not to exceed \$32,500 per day for each violation of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11012, that occurred after March 15, 2004 through January 12, 2009; and \$37,500 per day for each violation of Section 312 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11012, that occurred after January 12, 2009.

On the basis of the violations of Section 312 of EPCRA described above, Complainant has determined that Respondent is subject to penalties under Section 325 of EPCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 11045. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority of Section 325 of EPCRA, Complainant proposes a civil penalty of \$14,900 for the EPCRA violations described above as set forth below.

Count I	Failure of Respondent to timely file Tier I/Tier II forms for 2007 with the LEPC, the SERC, and/or local fire department:	\$1,500
Count II	Failure of Respondent to timely file Tier I/Tier II forms for 2008 with the LEPC, the SERC, and/or local fire department:	\$1,500
Count III	Failure of Respondent to timely file Tier I/Tier II forms for 2009 with the LEPC, the SERC, and/or local fire department:	\$11,900

**TOTAL PENALTY PROPOSED**

**\$14,900**

In calculating the EPCRA penalties, Complainant considered the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violations, and with respect to the Respondent, ability to pay, prior history of violations, degree of culpability, economic benefit or savings resulting from the violations, and such other matters as justice may require.

The proposed civil penalties in this matter have been determined in accordance with EPA's "Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act" (September 30, 1999) as modified pursuant to the June 5, 2006 memorandum from Stephanie Brown, Acting Director, Toxics and Pesticides Enforcement Division, Office of Civil Enforcement and the December 29, 2008 memorandum from Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to the Regional Administrators. Attached to this Complaint as Attachment 1 are Penalty Calculation Worksheets which show how the proposed penalty for each count was calculated.

#### IV. PROCEDURES GOVERNING THIS ADMINISTRATIVE LITIGATION

The rules of procedure governing this civil administrative litigation are entitled, "CONSOLIDATED RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND THE REVOCATION/TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS" (hereinafter, the "Consolidated Rules"), and are codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. A copy of the Consolidated Rules accompanies this Complaint.

##### A. Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing and Answering The Complaint

To request a hearing, Respondent must file an Answer to the Complaint, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.15(a) - (c). Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a), such Answer must be filed within 30 days after service of the Complaint.

An Answer is also to be filed, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a), if Respondent contests any material fact upon which the Complaint is based, contends that the proposed penalty is inappropriate, or contends that Respondent is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. If filing an Answer, Respondent must file with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, both an original and one copy of a written Answer to the Complaint. The address of the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, is:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 16th floor  
New York, New York 10007-1866



Respondent shall also serve one copy of the Answer to the Complaint upon Complainant and any other party to the action. 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a). Complainant's copy of Respondent's Answer, as well as a copy of all other documents that Respondent files in this action, shall be sent to:

Lauren Charney  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
290 Broadway, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Phone: (212) 637-3181

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(b), Respondent's Answer to the Complaint must clearly and directly admit, deny, or explain each of the factual allegations contained in the Complaint with regard to which Respondent has any knowledge. Where Respondent lacks knowledge of a particular factual allegation and so states that in its Answer, the allegation is deemed denied, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(b). The Answer shall also set forth: (1) the circumstances or arguments that are alleged to constitute the grounds of defense; (2) the facts which Respondent disputes; (3) the basis for opposing any proposed relief; and (4) whether Respondent requests a hearing.

If Respondent fails in its Answer to admit, deny, or explain any material factual allegation contained in the Complaint, such failure constitutes an admission of the allegation, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(d).

Respondent's failure to affirmatively raise in the Answer facts that constitute or that might constitute the grounds of its defense may preclude Respondent, at a subsequent stage in this proceeding, from raising such facts and/or from having such facts admitted into evidence at a hearing.

Any hearing in this proceeding will be held at a location determined in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.21(d). A hearing of this matter will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 551-59, and the procedures set forth in Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

#### B. Failure To Answer

If Respondent fails to file a timely answer to the Complaint, EPA may file a Motion for Default pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.17(a) and (b), which may result in the issuance of a default order assessing the proposed penalty pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.17(c). If a default order is issued, any penalty assessed in the default order shall become due and payable by Respondent without further proceedings 30 days after the default order becomes final. If necessary, EPA may then seek to enforce such final order of default against Respondent, and to collect the assessed penalty amount, in federal court.

## V. INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Whether or not Respondent requests a formal hearing, EPA encourages settlement of this proceeding consistent with the provisions and objectives of EPCRA and the applicable regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b). At an informal conference with a representative(s) of Complainant, Respondent may comment on the charges made in this Complaint, and Respondent may also provide whatever additional information that it believes is relevant to the disposition of this matter, including: (1) actions Respondent has taken to correct any or all of the violations herein alleged; (2) any information relevant to Complainant's calculation of the proposed penalty; (3) the effect the proposed penalty would have on Respondent's ability to continue in business; and/or (4) any other special facts or circumstances Respondent wishes to raise. Complainant has the authority to modify the amount of the proposed penalty, where appropriate, to reflect any settlement agreement reached with Respondent, to reflect any relevant information previously not known to Complainant or to dismiss any or all of the charges, if Respondent can demonstrate that the relevant allegations are without merit and that no cause of action as herein alleged exists.

Any request for an informal conference or any questions that Respondent may have regarding this Complaint should be directed to the EPA Assistant Regional Counsel identified in Section IV.A., above.

Respondent's request for a formal hearing does not prevent it from also requesting an informal settlement conference; the informal conference procedure may be pursued simultaneously with the formal adjudicatory hearing procedure. A request for an informal settlement conference constitutes neither an admission nor a denial of any of the matters alleged in the Complaint. Complainant does not deem a request for an informal settlement conference as a request for a hearing pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c).

A request for an informal settlement conference does not affect Respondent's obligation to file a timely Answer to the Complaint pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15. No penalty reduction will be made simply because an informal settlement conference is held.

In the event settlement is reached, its terms shall be recorded in a written consent agreement signed by the parties and incorporated into a final order, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b)(2) and (3).

Respondent's entering into a settlement through the signing of such consent agreement and its complying with the terms and conditions set forth in such consent agreement terminates this administrative litigation and the civil proceedings arising out of the allegations made in this Complaint. Respondent's entering into a settlement does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect its obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

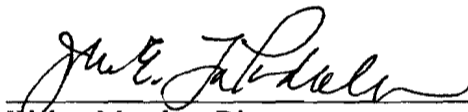
VI. RESOLUTION OF THIS PROCEEDING WITHOUT HEARING OR CONFERENCE

Instead of filing an Answer, Respondent may choose to pay the total amount of the proposed penalty within 30 days after receipt of the Complaint, provided that Respondent files with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 2 (at the address provided in Section IV.A., above), a copy of the check or other instrument of payment, as provided in 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a). A copy of the check or other instrument of payment should be provided to the EPA Assistant Regional Counsel identified in Section IV.A., above. Payment of the penalty assessed should be made by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," in the full amount of the penalty assessed in this Complaint to the following addressee:

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

The check must be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case set forth in the caption on the first page of this Complaint. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(3), upon EPA's receipt of such payment a final order shall be issued. Furthermore, as provided in 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(3), the making of such payment by Respondent shall constitute a waiver of Respondent's rights to contest the allegations made in the Complaint and to appeal a final order. Such payment does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable regulations and requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

Dated: September 23, 2010

  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter Mugdan, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
290 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007-1866

TO: Pan American Grain Manufacturing Co. Inc.  
9 Claudia Street  
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
Attn: José Gonzales, President

cc: Karen Maples, Region 2 Hearing Clerk

Sheila Rolón, Compliance Officer  
Eloy Nieves, General Manager

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 2

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Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	)	and Community Right to Know Act,
	)	42 U.S.C. § 11045.
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Respondent.	)	
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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the date noted below, I caused to be the foregoing "**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**" and a copy of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, to the following persons at the address listed below:

Copy by certified mail to:

Pan American Grain Manufacturing Co. Inc.  
9 Claudia Street  
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
Attn: José Gonzales

Original and one copy by hand delivery to:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
290 Broadway, 16th floor  
New York, New York 10007-1866

Date: 9.29.10

Name: Rayetta Martin

Title: Secretary

Address: USEPA 290 Broadway, NY, NY 10007

PENALTY CALCULATION WORKSHEET

Respondent: Pan American Grain Mfg. Co., Inc., Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Count#: 1

Chemical Name/RQ/TPQ: Methyl Bromide - TQ - 500 lbs.

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**NATURE:** Type of Violation: EPCRA 312

**EXTENT:** Not Applicable, as per September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy

**GRAVITY:** Not Applicable, as per September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy

**CIRCUMSTANCES:** Not Applicable, as per September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy

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1. Base Penalty - Reporting Year - 2008 \$ 1,500  
(September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy: Flat Penalty for Past Year Violations)

PENALTY CALCULATION WORKSHEET

Respondent: Pan American Grain Mfg. Co., Inc., Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
Count#: 2  
Chemical Name/RQ/TPQ: Methyl Bromide - TQ - 500 lbs.

**NATURE:** Type of Violation: EPCRA 312  
**EXTENT:** Not Applicable, as per September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy  
**GRAVITY:** Not Applicable, as per September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy  
**CIRCUMSTANCES:** Not Applicable, as per September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy

1. Base Penalty - Reporting Year – 2009 \$ 1,500  
(September 30, 1999 Penalty Policy: Flat Penalty for Past Year Violations)

Total Proposed Penalty \$ 1,500

Prepared by: E. Banner  
Signature: *Ellen Banner* Date: 9/21/10

Total Proposed Penalty \$ 1,500

Prepared by: E. Banner  
Signature: *Ellen Banner* Date: 9/21/10

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PENALTY CALCULATION WORKSHEET

Respondent: Pan American Grain Mfg. Co., Inc., Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
 Count#: 3  
 Chemical Name/RQ/TPQ: Methyl Bromide - TQ - 500 lbs.  
 Diesel - TQ - 10,000 lbs.

**NATURE:** Type of Violation: EPCRA 312

**EXTENT:** Time passed from deadline to actual date of compliance (in hours or days): greater than 30 days past deadline  
 Matrix Level: 1

**GRAVITY:** Divide amount of chemical involved in the violation (lbs.): 1,000  
 lbs. by 500 (RQ/TPQ) = 2 times the threshold  
 Matrix Level: C

**CIRCUMSTANCES:** Specify choice of penalty amount from range listed for the cell of the matrix based on circumstance factors: Middle of the Matrix Box.

1.	Base Penalty - Reporting Year - 2010	\$ 12,000
2.	Inflationary Adjustment: Increase 9.83% (Post January 12, 2009)	\$ 1,180
3.	Add lines 1 & 2	\$ 13,180
4.	Prior History: (Treble, 25%, 50%; + _____)	
5.	Culpability (% increase or decrease +/- _____ %)	
6.	Other factors as justice may require (- _____ %)	
7.	Size of business reduction (- _____ %)	
8.	Attitude (- <u>approx 10 %</u> )	- \$ 1,280
9.	Supplemental Environmental Project (- _____ %)	
10.	Voluntary Disclosure (- _____ %)	
11.	Subtract lines (5-11) from line 3	\$ 11,900
 Total Proposed Penalty		 \$ 11,900

Prepared by: E. Banner  
 Signature: *Ellen Banner*

Date: 9/21/10