



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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

**JUN 17 2010**

**CERTIFIED MAIL –**  
**RETURNED RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Syed Niazi  
President  
Blackwater Construction Group, LLC  
1380 Carlyle Park Drive  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

Re: Blackwater Construction Group, LLC  
Docket No. CAA-04-2010-1530(b)

Dear Mr. Niazi:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served upon all parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

As stated in Section 20 of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$200 is due in accordance with the penalty payment plan included in that section. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the respondent and the docket number of this case.

Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in the CAFO. Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Pamela McIlvaine at (404) 562-9197.

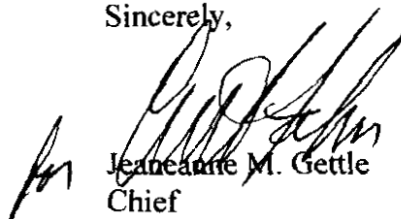
Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document

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puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by EPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne M. Gettle", is written over the typed name.

Jeanne M. Gettle  
Chief  
Pesticides and Toxic  
Substances Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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In the Matter of: )  
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Blackwater Construction Group, LLC ) Docket No. CAA-04-2010-1535(b)  
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Respondent. )  
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

**I. Nature of the Action**

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits; Final Rule (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Respondent is Blackwater Construction Group, LLC.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

## **II. Preliminary Statements**

3. Asbestos is a “hazardous air pollutant” as that term is defined in Sections 112(a)(6) and 112(b)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412(a)(6) and 7412(b)(1), and is the subject of regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, “National Emission Standard for Asbestos,” promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Any person who violates Section 112 of the CAA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d). The statutory penalty of \$25,000 has been adjusted for inflation. For a violation occurring after January 31, 1997, and through March 15, 2004, a penalty of up to \$27,500 may be assessed. For a violation occurring after March 15, 2004, and through January 12, 2009, a penalty of up to \$32,500 may be assessed. For a violation occurring after January 12, 2009, a penalty of up to \$37,500 may be assessed. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.
  
4. In December 1977, pursuant to Section 112(l) of the CAA, EPA delegated the Administrator’s authorities and responsibilities to implement and enforce emission standards and prevention requirements for asbestos under Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, to the State of Georgia. Pursuant to Georgia Department of Natural Resources Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1-.02(9)(b)(7), the State has incorporated and adopted EPA’s rules for asbestos located at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, by reference. As indicated in Section 112(l)(7) of the CAA, nothing in Section 112(l) of the CAA shall prohibit the Administrator from enforcing any applicable emission standard or requirement under Section 112 of the CAA.

5. The authority to take action under Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under the CAA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 7-6-A, last updated on August 4, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 7-6-A. Pursuant to the aforementioned delegations, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.
6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Pamela McIlvaine  
Chemical Products and  
Asbestos Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960  
(404) 562-8997.

### **III. Specific Allegations**

7. Respondent is a contractor that was previously hired by W.N.B. Inc., the facility owner, to demolish a facility that was previously a do-it-yourself carwash located at 2075 Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia.
8. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602.
9. Respondent is the owner or operator of the demolition activity which occurred at the facility.
10. An owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility

being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation or both.

11. Between June 22, 2009, and August 7, 2009, the Respondent demolished the facility.
12. Demolition is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or the intentional burning of any facility
13. Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, and 40 C.F.R. § 61.145(b) by failing to provide written notice of intention to demolish the facility prior to the initiation of demolition activities.

#### **IV. Consent Agreement**

14. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.
15. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.
16. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
17. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of the National Emission Standard for Asbestos, 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.
18. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 113(d) of the CAA, for the specific violations alleged herein, against the Respondent, Blackwater Construction Group LLC. This CAFO is not intended to, nor does it release from liability any other person not a party to this CAFO for violations of

40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, in connection with the acts and violations described in this CAFO. Except as specifically provided in this CAFO, EPA reserves all other civil and criminal enforcement authorities, including the authority to address imminent hazards. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any other actions subsequently commenced pursuant to Federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is Respondent's responsibility to comply with said laws and regulations.

19. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of the CAA.

#### **V. Final Order**

20. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) which shall be paid within 30 days from the effective date of this CAFO.
21. Respondent shall remit the civil penalty by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check to the following address by U.S. Postal Service:

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

**The check shall reference on its face the name of the Respondent and Docket Number of this CAFO.**

For payment submittal by any overnight mail service (Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc.) use the following address:

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

Contact: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087

22. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment has been made in accordance with this CAFO, to each of the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960,

Pamela McIlvaine  
Chemical Products and  
Asbestos Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960,

and

Saundi Wilson  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

23. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
24. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date



of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts. In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

25. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
26. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
27. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

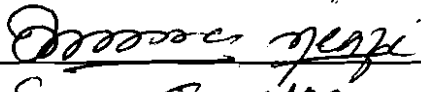
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**VI. Effective Date**


28. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**

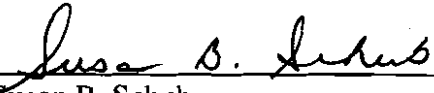
**Respondent:** Blackwater Construction Group, LLC  
**Docket No.:** CAA-04-2010-1530(b)

By:  (Signature) Date: 6/14/10  
Name: SYED I. NIAZI (Typed or Printed)  
Title: OFFICER (Typed or Printed)

**Complainant:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 6/15/2010  
Kenneth R. Lapierre  
Acting Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics  
Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

By:   
Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: Blackwater Construction Group, LLC, Docket Number: CAA-04-2010-1530(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Syed Niazi  
President  
Blackwater Construction Group, LLC  
1380 Carlyle Park Drive  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

(via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)

Pamela McIlvaine  
Chemical Products and  
Asbestos Section  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30303

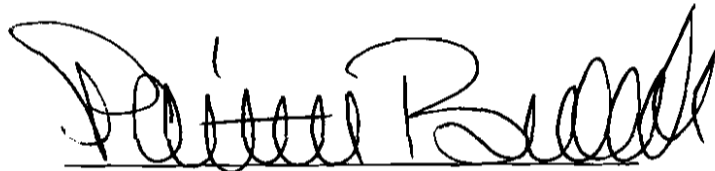
(via EPA's internal mail)

Robert Caplan, Attorney  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
61 Forsyth St., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

(via EPA's internal mail)

Date:

6-17-10



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth St., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-9511

EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM (Office) (Telephone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree<br>DOJ COLLECTS      | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:<br>Sent with bill              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sent with bill  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required                             |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a modification  |

PAYEE: Blackwater Construction Group  
 (Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 200.  
 (If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CAA 04 2010 1530 (b)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: \_\_\_\_\_

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Financial Management Section at: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:
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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer<br>Environmental Enforcement Section<br>Department of Justice RM 1647<br>P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station<br>Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)  |
|  | 3. Designated Program Office |
- B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:
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| 1. Originating Office     | 3. Designated Program Office |
| 2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 4. Regional Counsel (EAD)    |