



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10, 1200 6TH AVENUE, SUITE 900, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
98101
EXPEDITED SPILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

DOCKET NO. CWA-10-2015-0068

On August 12, 2014 Time 0700 hours PST

At: Fred's Marina in Multnomah Channel, Multnomah County, Oregon, a research vessel owned by Gravity Consulting, LLC (Respondent) discharged up to 45 gallons of oil in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (the Act), as noted on the attached FINDINGS and ALLEGED VIOLATIONS FORM (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

If the Respondent does not sign and return this Expedited Settlement as presented within 30 days of the date of its receipt, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations identified in the Form.

The parties are authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 311(b) (6) (B) (i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b) (6) (B) (i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 CFR § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Expedited Settlement in order to settle the civil violations described in the Form for a penalty of \$ 500.00. This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

EPA finds the Respondent's conduct is subject to the discharge prohibition of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, as described in that statute and further described by 40 CFR § 110.3. The Respondent admits he/she is subject to Section 311(b)(3) and that EPA has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent does not contest the Findings, and waives any objections it may have to EPA's jurisdiction. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty stated above. 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 pursuant to the federal requirements, and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. The Respondent also verifies that it has sent a certified check for \$ 500.00 payable to the "Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund" to: "US Environmental Protection Agency, Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center, PO Box 979077, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Respondent has noted on the penalty payment check "EPA" and the docket number of this case, "CWA-10-2015-0068."

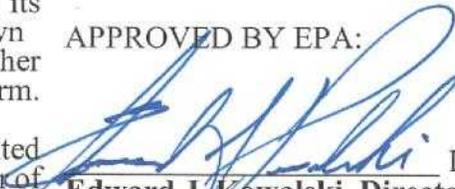
After this Expedited Settlement becomes effective, EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violations of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act described in the Form. However, EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violations by the Respondent of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. By its first signature, EPA ratifies the Findings and Alleged Violations

set forth in the Form.

Upon signing and returning this Expedited Settlement 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 Settlement without further notice.

This Expedited Settlement is binding on the parties signing below, and is effective upon the Regional Judicial Officer's signature.

APPROVED BY EPA:

 Date: 2/11/2015
Edward J. Kowalski, Director
Office of Compliance and Enforcement
containing the NPDES Compliance Unit

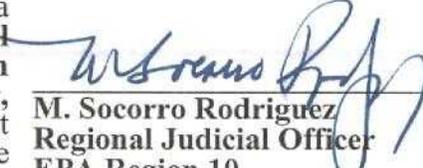
APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Shawn Hinz
Title (print): Partner/owner

 Date: 2/23/15
Signature

Estimated cost for correcting the violation(s) is \$ 1500.00

IT IS SO ORDERED:

 Date: 3/3/15
M. Socorro Rodriguez
Regional Judicial Officer
EPA Region 10

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER, In the Matter of: Gravity Consulting, LLC, Docket No.: CWA-10-2015-0068**, was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the addressees in the following manner on the date specified below:

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to:

Cara Steiner-Riley
1200 Sixth Avenue, ORC-158
Suite 900
Seattle, Washington 98101

Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt to:

Shawn Hinz
Managing Partner
Gravity Consulting LLC
32617 Southeast 44th Street
Fall City, Washington 98024

DATED this 4th day of March, 2015


Signature

Candace H. Smith
Regional Hearing Clerk
EPA Region 10