

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 4**

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2020-8013(b)

**This ESA is issued to: Southern States Russellville Cooperative
606 West Main Street
Elkton, Kentucky 42220**

for violating 40 C.F.R. § 68.56(d), 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, Region 4, Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (Complainant), and by Southern States Russellville Cooperative (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 606 West Main Street, Elkton, Kentucky, on August 15, 2019, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Section 112(r)(7), Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), when at the time of inspection Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It performed inspections and tests on process equipment and the inspections and testing procedures followed recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.56(d).

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith efforts 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 violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of **\$600**.

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 appeal this ESA and Final Order or otherwise 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 violations listed in this ESA.

Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of **\$600**. Respondent's payment shall be made by sending a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of **\$600** in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses or via wire transfer:

For payment sent via electronic transfer

For payment by wire transfer, in lieu of a cashier's check or certified check, if desired, should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York using the following information:

ABA: 021030004

Account: 68010727

SWIFT address: FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

The wire transfer instructions shall reference the Respondent's name and Docket Number of this ESA.

For payment sent via Standard Delivery

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077

St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent for Signed Receipt Confirmation (FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS Certified, Registered, etc.)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077

1005 Convention Plaza

SL-MO-C2-GL

St. Louis, MO 63101

Delivery Location Phone Number: 314- 425-1819

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:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Bullock.patricia@epa.gov, and

Om P. Devkota
U.S. EPA Region 4
Air Enforcement Branch
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Devkota.om@epa.gov

The penalty specified in this ESA shall represent civil penalties assessed by the EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of State or Federal taxes.

Respondent's full compliance with this ESA shall only resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in this ESA. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, the individuals named in the certificate of service are authorized to receive service related to this proceeding and the parties agree to receive service by electronic means.

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FOR RESPONDENT:

Kevin Henderson
Name (print): Kevin Henderson
Title (print): Branch Manager
Southern States Russellville Cooperative

Date: 7-23-20

FOR COMPLAINANT:

Carol L. Kemker
Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

FINAL ORDER

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

Tanya Floyd
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing “Expedited Settlement Agreement” and “Final Order in the Matter of Southern States Russellville Cooperative, Docket No. CAA-04-2020-8013(b), were filed and copies of the same were emailed to the parties as indicated below.

Via email to all parties at the following email addresses:

To Respondent: Mr. Kevin Henderson, Manager
Southern States Russellville Cooperative
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804-281-1189

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404-562-8963

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U.S EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 4
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