

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Perry Harlan Corporate PSM Director Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2050 Highway 15 South Sumter, South Carolina 29150

> Re: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Expedited Settlement Agreement CAA-04-2017-8016(b)

Dear Mr. Harlan:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2017-8016(b)) involving Pilgrim's Pride Corporation. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing.

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 \$4,200 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
Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

For payment sent via Standard Delivery U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000; or

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

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101 Delivery Location Phone Number: 314-425-1819.

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
Chemical Management and Emergency
Planning Section
U.S. EPA, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303; and

Saundi Wilson
Office of Regional Counsel
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.

Anthony G. Toney

Chief

Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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DOCKET NO: <u>CAA-04-2017-8016(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

2050 Highway 15 South Sumter, South Carolina

for violating 40 CFR § 68.65, 40 CFR § 68.73, 40 CFR § 68.81, 40 CFR § 68.87, 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 the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (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 2050 Highway 15 South, Sumter, South Carolina, 29150, on January 18, 2017, the 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 that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2);

It documented each inspection and test that has been performed on process equipment. The documentation shall identify the dates of the inspection or test, the name of the person who performed the inspection or test, the serial number or other identifier of the equipment on which the inspection or test was performed, a description of the inspection or test preformed, and the results of the inspection or test as required by 40 CFR § 68.73(d)(4);

It established a system to promptly address and resolve the incident report findings and recommendations. Resolutions and corrective actions shall be documented as required by 40 CFR § 68.81(e);

It periodically evaluated the performance of the contract owner or operator in fulfilling their obligations as required by 40 CFR § 68.87(b)(5).

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 \$4,200.

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 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 \$4,200. 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 \$4,200, 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 <u>Federal</u> 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, Missouri 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, Missouri 63101 Delivery Location Phone Number: 314- 425-1819

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on the check</u>. 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, and

Deanne Grant
U.S. EPA Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency
Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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.

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

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

Robert W. Bookman U.S. EPA Region 4 Chemical Management and Emergency Planning Section 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-9169.

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

FOR RESPONDENT:

Name (print): Perry J. Harlan	Date: <u>4-10-2017</u>
Title (print): Director, Process Safety Mgnt. Ci Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	P3MS - PPC
FOR COMPLAINANT: Lawly Lymbol for Beverly H. Banister Director Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division	Date: 5/23/(7

Tanya Floyd Regional Judicial Officer

Date: June 5, 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA), in the matter of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, CAA-04-2017-8016(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Robert W. Bookman U. S. EPA, Región 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Lucia Mendez U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Regional Counsel 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (Via EPA's internal mail)

Perry Harlan Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2050 Highway 15 South Sumter, SC 29150 (Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested)

Date: (2-0-7/

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511