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**BY EMAIL**

Re: In the Matter of Franklin Processing Inc.; Docket No. CAA-01-2021-0017

Dear Ms. Wells:

Attached is a Clean Air Act (“CAA”) Section 112(r)(1) Expedited Settlement Agreement (“ESA”) that has been signed by both parties and is now being submitted to you for approval in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b). Please note that, consistent with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), this ESA both commences and concludes the matter referenced above.

The January 5, 2004 memo “*Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Provision, 40 C.F.R. Part 68*” as revised by the December 20, 2013, memo “*Changes to Restrictions on the Use of Expedited Settlements in Addressing Violations of the Clean Air Act Chemical Accident Prevention Regulations*” approves the use of ESAs for certain, easily correctable violations. On June 14, 2018, EPA’s Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance approved the use of ESAs for Region 1’s General Duty Clause Pilot, and this is an ESA under that pilot. Expanding on the memos’ requirement that Respondent certify that it has come into compliance with Section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, the ESA includes a certification that the company: 1) hired an expert to complete a process hazard review (“PHR”) at the facility, 2) coordinated with local emergency responders, 3) filed any missing Tier II forms, and 4) provided EPA with a statement about plans it has to improve safety at the facility as a result of conducting the PHR. Additionally, Respondent has provided EPA with the resume of the expert who performed the PHR, as required by the ESA. The ESA also requires payment of a \$5,000 penalty within 30 days of its filing.

Once the Final Order has been signed, I will file the fully executed ESA with the Regional Hearing Clerk, thereby resolving this matter. The Parties’ consent to the use of digital signatures (as well as Respondent’s consent to electronic service of the ESA, once

filed) is included in the ESA. This settlement does not have any public notice requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

cc: John Collins, President, Franklin Processing Inc. (via email)