



REGION 9

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105



EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA(112r)-09-2025-0073

This ESA is issued to: **Gallade Chemical, Inc**
1230 East Saint Gertrude Place
Santa Ana, California 92707

For: Violation of Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

At: Gallade Chemical, Inc, 1230 East Saint Gertrude Place, Santa Ana, California 92707

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (“ESA”) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Region 9, by its duly delegated official, Amy C. Miller-Bowen, Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, and Gallade Chemical, Inc (“Respondent”) pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3) and (d), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). EPA has obtained the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice, pursuant to Section 113(d)(1) of the Act, 2 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(1), to pursue this administrative enforcement action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Following its inspection on August 28, 2024, EPA alleges Respondent’s failure to:

1. Maintain documentation of a description of the vessel or pipeline and substance selected as worst case, assumptions and parameters used, and the rationale for selection on the off-site consequence analysis, in accordance with Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 68.39(a). (Area of Concern 1 from the US EPA Inspection Report)
2. Maintain documentation of the estimated release quantity, release rate and release duration on the off-site consequence analysis, in accordance with Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 68.39(c). (Area of Concern 1 from the US EPA Inspection Report)
3. Maintain documentation of the methodology used to determine distance to endpoints on the off-site consequence analysis, in accordance with Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 68.39(d). (Area of Concerns 1 and 2 from the US EPA Inspection Report)

4. Maintain documentation of data used to estimate the population and environmental receptors potentially affected in the Hydrogen Fluoride Worst-Case Scenario, in accordance with Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 68.39(e). (Area of Concern 1 from the US EPA Inspection Report)
5. Ensure and document that the process is designed in compliance with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices, in accordance with Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 68.48(b) (Area of Concerns 3 and 4 from the US EPA Inspection Report)
6. Submit updated emergency contact information within 30 days of a change in the emergency contact, in accordance with Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 68.195(b). (Area of Concern 6 from the US EPA Inspection Report)

SETTLEMENT

The parties enter into this ESA in order to settle the violations described above for the total penalty amount of **\$3,480**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. In signing this Agreement, Respondent: (1) admits that Respondent is subject to CAA 112(r) and its implementing regulations; (2) admits that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent's conduct as alleged herein, (3) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained herein; (4) consents to the assessment of this penalty; (5) waives the opportunity for a hearing to contest any issues of fact or law set forth herein; (6) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Agreement pursuant to Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A); and (7) consents to electronic service of the filed ESA. By signing this consent agreement, Respondent waives any rights or defenses that Respondent has or may have for this matter to be resolved in federal court, including but not limited to any right to a jury trial, and waives any right to challenge the lawfulness of the final order accompanying the consent agreement.
2. Each party to this action shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs, if any.
3. Respondent must pay the civil penalty of \$3,480 using any method provided on the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. Such payment shall identify Respondent by name and include the docket number assigned to this Agreement by the Regional Hearing Clerk.
4. Within 24 hours of payment, email proof of payment (e.g., a copy of the check or a statement of affirmation regarding electronic funds transfer), including Respondent's name, complete address, and docket number to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105
R9HearingClerk@epa.gov

Kiya Opstrup
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5. The payment should reference Respondent's name and a copy of this ESA must be included with the check/online payment.
6. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed above. Pursuant to CAA § 114(a)(1)(B) [42 U.S.C. § 7414(a)(1)(B)] **please provide documentation to USEPA Region 9 describing how each area of identified non-compliance has been addressed.** Such documentation is due to EPA within 45 calendar days of your receipt of this letter.

Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, EPA will take no further civil penalty action against Respondent for the violations of the Act alleged above. This ESA shall not be construed as a covenant not to sue, a release, waiver, or limitation of any rights, remedies, powers, or authorities, civil or criminal that EPA has under the Act or any other statutory, regulatory, or common law enforcement authority of the United States, except as stated above.

If the signed ESA with an attached copy of the payment is not returned to the EPA Region 9 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of the proposed ESA and EPA has not granted an extension of its offer to settle, the ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT: Gallade Chemical, Inc

J'on Rider
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Rider
Date: 2025.05.27
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (print):

Title (print):

FOR COMPLAINANT: Environmental Protection Agency

**AMY MILLER-
BOWEN**
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MILLER-BOWEN
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Date: _____

Amy C. Miller-Bowen, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region 9

It is hereby ORDERED that this ESA be entered, and Respondent pays the above penalty.

Date:_____

Steven Jawgiel
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. EPA Region 9

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the matter of Gallade Chemical, Inc. (Docket No. CAA(112r)-09-2025-0073) was filed by the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, and that a true and correct copy of the same was served on the parties, via electronic mail, as indicated below:

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