

EPA ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM FOR
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Case Docket Number FIFRA-01-2010-0066

Site-specific Superfund (SF) Acct. Number _____

☒ This is an original debt ☐ This is a modification

Name and address of Person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment:

FCS - Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a
Chemstation - Boston
96 Moore Road
Weymouth, MA 02189

Total Dollar Amount of Receivable \$ 9,720

Due Date: 9/2/11

SEP due? Yes ☐ No ☒ Date Due _____

Installment Method (if applicable)

INSTALLMENTS OF:

1st \$ _____ on _____

2nd \$ _____ on _____

3rd \$ _____ on _____

4th \$ _____ on _____

5th \$ _____ on _____

For RHC Tracking Purposes:

Copy of Check Received by RHC _____ Notice Sent to Finance _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number _____

If you have any questions call: _____
in the Financial Management Office

Phone Number _____



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 1 – New ENGLAND
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Boston, MA 02109-3912

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Kan S. Tham
direct: (617) 918-1872

BY HAND

August 3, 2011

Wanda I. Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk
EPA Region 1 – New England
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (ORA 18-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: In the Matter of: FCS – Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston;
Docket No. FIFRA-01-2010-0066; Approved Consent Agreement and Final Order

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Please find enclosed for filling the original and one copy of a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) resolving the above-entitled enforcement case. Also, enclosed are the original and one copy of a certificate of service documenting that, on this date, a copy of the CAFO was mailed to Respondent's representative, in the manner indicated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kan S. Tham
FIFRA Enforcement Coordinator
U.S. EPA Region 1

Enclosures

cc: Richard G. Nissi, President
Hugh W. Martinez, EPA Region 1, Senior Enforcement Counsel (electronically)

In re: Chemstation – Boston;
FIFRA-01-2010-0066

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing CAFO and Cover Letter to the Regional Hearing Clerk have been provided to the following persons on the date noted below:

*Original and one copy,
Hand-delivered:*

Wanda I. Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk
EPA Region 1 – New England
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (ORA 18-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912

*One copy by certified mail,
Return receipt requested:*

Richard G. Nissi, President
FCS – Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston
96 Moore Road
Weymouth, MA 02189

Date: 8/3/2011



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Respondent.)
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Docket No. FIFRA-01-2010-0066

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT and
FINAL ORDER**

INTRODUCTION

1. The United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1 (“EPA”), as Complainant, and FCS – Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston (“Chemstation” or “Respondent”), as Respondent, enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) by mutual consent. The CAFO informs Respondent of EPA’s intention to assess a penalty against Chemstation for alleged violations of Section 12 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended (“FIFRA”), 7 U.S.C. § 136j, and implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 167, Subpart E. The CAFO also informs Respondent of its right to request a hearing.

2. This CAFO simultaneously commences and concludes the cause of action described herein, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), and Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a). Complainant and Respondent (collectively, the “Parties”) agree that settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that entry of this CAFO without litigation is the most appropriate means of resolving this matter.

3. Therefore, before any hearing or the taking of any testimony, without adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein, the Parties agree to comply with the terms of this CAFO.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

4. Respondent is a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has its place of business at 96 Moore Road, Weymouth, MA (the “Facility”), and is a “person” as defined in Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s).

5. Pursuant to Sections 7(a) and (b) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. §§ 136e(a) and (b), and 40 C.F.R. § 167.20, on or about April 7, 2005, Respondent registered the Facility as a pesticide-producing establishment. EPA’s national office in Washington, DC (“EPA Headquarters”) assigned the Office of Pesticide Program Company Number 082228. Subsequently, EPA Region 1 assigned the EPA Establishment Number 082228-MA-001 to the Facility.

6. Section 7(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(c)(1), and the implementing regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 167, Subpart E, require any producer operating a registered establishment to report to EPA the types and amounts of each pesticide product that it is currently producing, that it produced during the past year, and that it sold or distributed during the past year.

7. Under 40 C.F.R. § 167.85(d), a producer is responsible for obtaining, completing and reporting this information each year, even if it has not produced any pesticidal product for the reporting year. The information must be submitted to EPA, on

a form available from EPA Headquarters, on or before March 1 of the year subsequent to the calendar year which is the subject of the report.

8. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), authorizes a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 against any registrant, commercial applicator, wholesaler, dealer, retailer or other distributor for each violation of FIFRA. Pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 2461, as amended by EPA's 2008 Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, promulgated in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701, this amount was increased to \$6,500 for violations occurring after March 15, 2004, and to \$7,500 for violations occurring after January 12, 2009.

9. On or about December 8, 2008, EPA issued a Notice of Warning ("NOW") [No. FIFRA-NOW-2008-015] to Respondent, pursuant to Section 12(a)(2)(L) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(2)(L), for failure to file its annual pesticide production report for calendar year 2007, as required by Section 7 of FIFRA, on or before the March 1, 2008 due date. The NOW was issued for non-reporting. Although Chemstation received several notifications from the United States Post Office regarding the NOW which was sent via certified mail, the NOW was unclaimed by Chemstation and was returned to EPA on January 12, 2009.

10. Respondent stipulates that EPA has jurisdiction over the subject matter alleged in this CAFO. For the purposes of this proceeding, Respondent waives any defenses it might have as to jurisdiction and venue and, without admitting or denying EPA's factual findings or allegations of violation herein, Respondent consents to the terms of this CAFO.

11. Respondent acknowledges that it has been informed of the right to request a hearing and hereby waives its right to request a judicial or administrative hearing on any issue of law or fact set forth in this CAFO. Respondent also waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement.

12. By signing this CAFO, Respondent certifies that it is presently operating in compliance with Section 7(c) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(c), and has fully addressed the violations alleged by EPA herein.

EPA FINDINGS

13. EPA finds, based on its investigation of facts and circumstances underlying Chemstation's participation as an owner or operator of a pesticide-producing establishment, that Respondent violated Section 7(c) of FIFRA, as further described.

14. During calendar years 2007, 2008 and 2009, the Facility was registered with EPA as a pesticide-producing establishment under Section 7(b) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136e(b), and 40 C.F.R. Part 167.

15. EPA Headquarters mails annual reminder notices to registered pesticide-producing establishments of the FIFRA requirement to submit a production report. These reminders are mailed at least two months in advance of the March 1 reporting deadline. The reminder notices are sent as a courtesy to registered establishments, as there is no statutory or regulatory requirement for EPA to do so. On or about December 14, 2007, EPA Headquarters mailed a notice to Respondent at the Facility reminding Respondent of the requirement to submit an annual pesticide production report to EPA by March 1, 2008, for the 2007 calendar year. Likewise, on or about December 15, 2008, and November 23, 2009, EPA mailed notices to Respondent at the Facility reminding

Respondent of the requirement to submit an annual pesticide production report to EPA by March 1, 2009, for the 2008 calendar year and by March 1, 2010, for the 2009 calendar year, respectively.

16. Notwithstanding the March 1, 2008, March 1, 2009, and March 1, 2010 due dates, the reminder notices from EPA, and Respondent's receipt of the notification of certified mail for the NOW, as described in Paragraphs 9 and 15, Respondent did not submit its pesticide production reports for calendar years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

17. Respondent's failure to submit the required information to EPA for calendar year 2007 on or before March 1, 2008, for calendar year 2008 on or before March 1, 2009, and for calendar year 2009 on or before March 1, 2010, each constitutes a separate violation of Section 7(c)(1) of FIFRA and 40 C.F.R. Part 167, Subpart E. Such failures are unlawful pursuant to Section 12(a)(2)(L) of FIFRA and are violations for which penalties may be assessed pursuant to Section 14(a) of FIFRA.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

18. Respondent hereby certifies that it has voluntarily cancelled the FIFRA establishment registration for the Facility at 96 Moore Road, Weymouth, MA (previously assigned the pesticide-producing EPA Establishment Number 082228-MA-001). Respondent further agrees not to produce pesticides or pesticide devices at the Facility, nor to seek its re-registration under Section 7 of FIFRA, for a period of at least five (5) years from the effective date of this CAFO.

19. In light of the above, and taking into account the factors enumerated in Section 14(a) of FIFRA, EPA's May 2010 "Enforcement Response Policy for FIFRA Section 7(c) Establishment Reporting Requirements" (the "Penalty Policy"), and other

factors as justice may require, EPA has determined that it is fair and appropriate to mitigate the entire civil penalty in this case such that Respondent pays no civil penalty in resolving this enforcement action.

20. Notwithstanding the preceding Paragraph 19, in the event that, within five (5) years of the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent violates Paragraph 18, above, by either re-registering the Facility under FIFRA or by producing pesticides or pesticide devices at the Facility, then, a stipulated penalty of \$9,720, plus interest, shall immediately become due and owing from Respondent, without demand by EPA, within thirty (30) calendar days of such re-registration or production. Interest on such stipulated civil penalty shall be assessed at the rate of the United States Treasury tax and loan rate in accordance with 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(b)(2), and shall accrue from the effective date of this CAFO until the date Respondent pays the civil penalty owed, in full, under this paragraph.

21. Respondent shall pay the \$9,720 civil penalty, plus interest, within thirty (30) days of the date of the triggering event, as specified in the preceding Paragraph 20, and shall make payment by submitting a bank or certified check, to the order of the “Treasurer, United States of America” in the amount of \$9,720, plus all accrued interest, to:

U.S. EPA-Region 1
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

and shall provide copies of the check to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1 (Mail Code ORA 18-1)
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

and:

Kan Tham, FIFRA Enforcement Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1 (Mail Code OES 05-4)
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Respondent shall include the case name and docket number (*In re: FCS – Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston*, FIFRA-01-2010-0066) on the face of the check.

21. If Respondent fails to pay any civil penalty owed under this CAFO, it will be subject to an action to compel payment, plus interest, enforcement expenses and a nonpayment penalty. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States, as well as a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will begin to accrue on the civil penalty (or any portion thereof) on the date it is due under this CAFO if such penalty (or portion thereof) is not paid in full by such due date and will be assessed at the United States Treasury tax and loan rate specified in Paragraph 19, above. In addition, a penalty charge of six percent (6%) per year and an amount to cover the costs of collection will be assessed on any portion of the debt which remains delinquent more than ninety (90) days after payment is due. Should assessment of the penalty charge on the debt be required, it will be assessed as of the first day payment is due, under 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(d).

22. The civil penalty due and any interest, non-payment penalties or charges that arise pursuant to this CAFO shall represent penalties assessed by EPA and shall not

be deductible for the purposes of Federal taxes. Accordingly, Respondent agrees to treat all payments made pursuant to this CAFO as penalties within the meaning of Internal Revenue Service regulations, including 26 C.F.R. § 1.162-21, and further agrees not to use these payments in any way as, or in furtherance of, a tax deduction under Federal, State or local law.

23. This CAFO constitutes a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to Section 14(a) of FIFRA, for the specific violations alleged in this CAFO. Except as otherwise provided herein, EPA reserves all civil and criminal enforcement authorities, and specifically reserves its authority to address imminent hazards. Compliance with this CAFO shall not be a defense to any action subsequently commenced pursuant to Federal laws and regulations administered by EPA, and it is the responsibility of Respondent to comply with said laws and regulations.

24. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees in the action resolved by this CAFO, and Respondent specifically waives its right to seek attorneys' fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504.

25. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this CAFO and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.

For Respondent:



(Signature)



(Title)

6-30-11

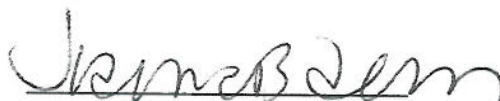
(Date)

Richard Niss,

(Print Name)

FCS – Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston
96 Moore Road
Weymouth, MA 02189

For EPA Region 1:

 7/28/11
(Signature) (Date)

Joanna B. Jerison, Legal Enforcement Manager
Office of Environmental Stewardship
EPA-Region 1

and:

 7/31/2011
(Signature) (Date)

Kan Tham, FIFRA Enforcement Coordinator
Toxics and Pesticides Unit
Office of Environmental Stewardship
EPA-Region 1

Of Counsel:

Hugh W. Martinez, Senior Enforcement Counsel
Regulatory Legal Office
Office of Environmental Stewardship
EPA-Region 1

FINAL ORDER

The foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. Respondent, FCS – Chemsupply, Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston, is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the above Consent Agreement, effective on the date it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

August 1, 2011
(Date)

Jill T. Metcalf
Jill T. Metcalf, Acting Regional Judicial Officer
EPA-Region 1