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USEPA – Region II
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 2 – 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Docket Number: CWA-02-2025-3302, NPDES: NYU065642

Optimum Windows Manufacturing Corp. (“Respondent”) is a “person,” within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act (“Act”), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

Attached is an “Industrial Non-filer Expedited Settlement Worksheet” (“Settlement Form”), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant (“EPA”) finds that Respondent is responsible for the alleged violations specified in the Settlement Form.

Respondent had unauthorized discharge(s) of stormwater associated with industrial activity in violation of Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over any “person” who “discharges pollutants” from a “point source” to “waters of the United States.” Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific alleged violations specified in the Settlement Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order (“Agreement”) under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of **\$5,000**, in accordance with the attached payment schedule. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s) specified in the Form; (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that the Respondent has addressed the alleged violations identified in the Settlement Form by either a) developing and implementing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and submitting to the permit authority a Notice of Intent to be covered by the applicable industrial stormwater permit; or b) acting to meet eligibility requirements for a waiver from industrial stormwater permit requirements as allowed by the permit authority and submitting the relevant forms (such as the No Exposure Certification form), to the permit authority.

Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Final Order, Respondent will submit a bank, cashiers, or certified check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the “Treasurer, United States of America,” via certified mail, to:

U.S. EPA, Region 2
In the Matter of: **Optimum Windows Mfg. Corp.**
Docket No.: CWA-02-2025-3302
Government Lockbox 979078
3180 Rider Trail S.
Earth City, MO 63045

This Agreement settles EPA’s civil penalty claims against Respondent for the alleged Clean Water Act violation(s) specified in this Agreement. EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected alleged violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective thirty (30) days from the date it is signed (“Approved”) by the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division unless a petition to set aside the Order is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(C) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(C), and Part 2 APPROVED BY EPA:

KATHLEEN
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Kathleen Anderson, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.22:

Name: CANDIDO PEREZ JR
Optimum Windows Manufacturing Corp.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/27/24

More than 40 days have elapsed since the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

Having determined that this CAFO is authorized by law and is in the public interest,

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Kathleen Anderson, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division