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ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET  
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Mr. Michael Rekhelman  
VP Technical Services  
ABC Compounding Company, Inc.  
6970 Jonesboro Rd.  
Morrow, GA 30260-2980

SUBJ: Docket No. FIFRA-04-2008-3013(b)  
ABC Compounding Company, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rekhelman:

Enclosed is a copy of the ratified Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) in the above-referenced matter. The original CAFO has been filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk and served on the parties as directed in Section 22.6 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 CFR Part 22.

Please make note of the provisions in Section IV of the Final Order, with respect to payment of the assessed penalty of \$3,156 which is due within 30 days from the effective date of the CAFO. As required by Paragraph 27 of this CAFO, please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the company and the docket number of this case.

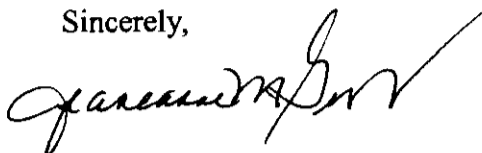
Penalty payment questions should be directed to Ms. Lori Weidner either by telephone at (513) 487-2125 or by written correspondence to her attention at the U.S. EPA, Cincinnati Accounting Operations address identified in Paragraph 27 of the CAFO. Should you have any questions about your compliance status in the future, please call me or Ms. Melba Table at (404) 562-9086.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeaneanne M. Gettle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

Jeaneanne M. Gettle  
Chief  
Pesticides and Toxic  
Substances Branch

Enclosures (2)  
cc: Tommy Gray, GDA

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of: )  
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ABC Compounding Company, Inc. )  
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Respondent. )  
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Docket No. **FIFRA-04-2008-3013(b)**

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

I. Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil penalty proceeding pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a) (hereinafter "FIFRA"), and pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 CFR Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (EPA). Respondent is ABC Compounding Company, Inc.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.18 and desire to resolve this matter and settle the allegations described herein without a formal hearing. Therefore, without the taking of any evidence or testimony, the making of any argument, or the adjudication of any issue in this matter, and in accordance with 40 CFR § 22.13(b), this Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) will simultaneously commence and conclude this matter.

## II. Preliminary Statements

3. The authority to take action under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under FIFRA to EPA Region 4 by EPA Delegation 5-14, dated May 11, 1994.
4. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.5(c)(4) the following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Melba Table  
Pesticides Management Section  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960  
(404) 562-9086.

5. Respondent is ABC Compounding Company, Inc., a Georgia corporation, located at 6970 Jonesboro Rd., Morrow, GA 30260-2980.
6. Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 2(s) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(s), and as such is subject to FIFRA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
7. On or about May 5, 2007, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted an inspection at Hog Slat, Inc., 2229 US Hwy. 701 North, Elizabeth, NC 28337.
8. During the aforementioned inspection, the product, "Tek-Trol Disinfectant-Cleaner-Concentrate," EPA Registration No. 3862-177-82278, was identified as being produced and distributed by the Respondent.
9. Tek-Trol Disinfectant-Cleaner-Concentrate is a pesticide as defined in Section 2(u) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(u), which includes any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

10. A pest is defined in Section 2(t) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(t), as any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under Section 25(c)(1) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136w(c)(1).
11. Respondent “distributes or sells” pesticides. The term “to distribute to sell” as defined by Section 2(gg) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(gg), includes to distribute, sell, offer for sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment, ship, deliver for shipment, or release for shipment.
12. At the time of the inspection, the label on the pesticide Tek-Trol Disinfectant-Cleaner-Concentrate failed to bear the EPA Registration No. and the EPA Establishment No.
13. According to Section 2(q)(C)(iv) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(C)(iv), a pesticide is misbranded if its label does not bear the registration number assigned to the pesticide.
14. According to Section 2(q)(C)(iv) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136(q)(C)(iv), a pesticide is misbranded if its label does not bear the registration number assigned to the pesticide
15. It is a violation according to Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), a for any person in any State to distribute or sell to any person any pesticide which is misbranded.
16. Respondent violated Section 12(a)(1)(E) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(E), on one occasion and is therefore subject to the assessment of civil penalties under Section 14 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l.

17. Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), in conjunction with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, authorizes the assessment of a civil penalty.
18. Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), requires EPA to consider the appropriateness of the assessed penalty to the size of business of the Respondent, the effect on Respondent's ability to continue in business, and the gravity of the violation.
19. After consideration of the factors set forth in Section 14(a)(4) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a)(4), the EPA proposes to assess a total civil penalty of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,156) against the Respondent for the above-described violations. Civil penalties under Section 14(a) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136l(a), may be assessed by Administrative Order.

### III. Consent Agreement

20. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations.
21. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the allegations contained herein and its right to appeal the proposed final order accompanying the consent agreement.
22. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.
23. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of FIFRA.
24. Compliance with this CAFO shall resolve the allegations of the violations contained herein. This CAFO shall not otherwise affect any liability of Respondent to the

United States. Other than as expressed herein, neither EPA nor Complainant waives any right to bring an enforcement action against Respondent for violation of any federal or state statute, regulation or permit, to initiate an action for imminent and substantial endangerment, or to pursue criminal enforcement.

25. Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter by their execution of this CAFO. The parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this CAFO is consistent with the applicable requirements of FIFRA.

IV. Final Order

26. **Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS (\$3,156) which shall be paid within 30 days from the effective date of this CAFO.**
27. Respondent shall remit the penalty by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and shall send the check via U.S. mail to the following address:

US Environmental Protection Agency  
Fines and Penalties  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
PO Box 979077  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

**The check shall reference the name and the Docket Number of the CAFO**

**[“ABC Compounding Company, Inc., FIFRA-04-2008-3013(b)”].**

28. At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the following persons at the following addresses:

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

Melba Table  
Pesticides Management Section  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960;

and

Saundi Wilson  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

29. For the purposes of state and federal income taxation, Respondent shall not be entitled, and agrees not to attempt, to claim a deduction for any civil penalty payment made pursuant to this CAFO. Any attempt by Respondent to deduct any such payments shall constitute a violation of this CAFO.
30. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717, EPA is entitled to assess interest and penalties on debts owed to the United States and a charge to cover the cost of processing and handling a delinquent claim. Interest will therefore begin to accrue on the civil penalty from the date of entry of this CAFO, if the penalty is not paid by the date required. A charge will also be assessed to cover the administrative costs, both direct and indirect, of overdue debts.



In addition, a late payment penalty charge shall be applied on any principle amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

31. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
32. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
33. The undersigned representative of the party to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally binds that party to this CAFO.

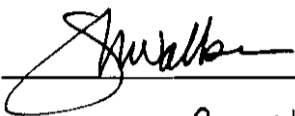
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V. Effective Date

34. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:**


**ABC Compounding Company, Inc.**

By:  (Signature) Date: 3/14/08  
Name: Stephen R. Walker (Typed or Printed)  
Title: President (Typed or Printed)

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

By:  for Date: 4/11/08  
Beverly H. Banister  
Director  
Air, Pesticides and Toxics  
Management Division  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2008.

  
Susan B. Schub  
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of: ABC Compounding Company, Inc., FIFRA Docket No. 04-2008-3013(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated.

For Complainant:

Melba Table  
Pesticides Management Section  
U.S. EPA - Region 4, 4APT-PTSB  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Robert Caplan  
Office of Environmental Accountability  
U.S. EPA - Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960.

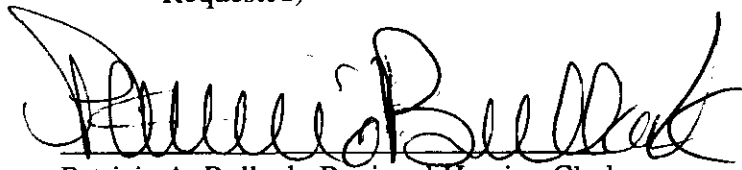
(Via EPA's internal mail)

For Respondent:

Mr. Micheal Rekhelman  
ABC Compounding Company, Inc.  
6970 Jonesboro Rd.  
Morrow, GA 30260-2980

(Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt  
Requested)

Date: 5-1-08



Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
United States Environmental  
Protection Agency, Region 4  
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960  
(404) 562-9511

**EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE:**

(Attach a copy of the final order and transmittal letter to Defendant/Respondent)

This form was originated by: Saundi J Wilson on 4/21/08  
(Name) (Date)

in the OEH at (404) 562-9504  
(Office) (Telephone Number)

Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree  
USAO COLLECTS

Administrative Order/Consent Agreement  
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT

SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree  
DOJ COLLECTS

Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:  
Sent with bill

Other Receivable

Not sent with bill

This is an original debt

Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required

This is a modification

PAYEE: ABC Compounding  
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 3,156  
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: FIFRA 04 2008 3013(b)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program Office: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE:**

The IFMS Accounts Receivable Control Number is: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Financial Management Section at: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRIBUTION:**

A. **JUDICIAL ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the **FINAL JUDICIAL ORDER** should be mailed to:

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| 1. Debt Tracking Officer<br>Environmental Enforcement Section<br>Department of Justice RM 1647<br>P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station<br>Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD)<br>3. Designated Program Office |
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B. **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:** Copies of this form with an attached copy of the front page of the Administrative Order should be to:

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| 1. Originating Office<br>2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 3. Designated Program Office<br>4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |
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