

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

OCT 07 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Roy E. Light General Manager Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board 404 East Willow Street Scottsboro, Alabama 35768

Re: Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board

Expedited Settlement Agreement

CAA-04-2014-8014(b)

Dear Mr. Light:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2014-8014(b)) involving Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing.

As required by the ESA, within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, payment to the Treasurer, United States of America in the amount of \$1,380 should be submitted as follows:

For payment sent via electronic transfer
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA = 021030004
Account = 68010727
SWIFT address = FRNYUS33
33 Liberty Street
New York, New York 10045
Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read:
"D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency";

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS)

U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, MO 63101 314-418-4087.

Also, a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with the ESA should be sent to the following individuals:

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

Deanne Grant EPCRA Enforcement Section U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303; and

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

Also enclosed, please find a copy of the "Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings." This document puts you on notice of your potential duty to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. If you have any questions with regard to the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, you may refer to the contact phone number at the bottom of the SEC Notice.

If you need additional information in this matter, please call Deanne Grant at (404) 562-9291.

Sincerely

Acting Chief

EPCRA Enforcement Section

Enclosures

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2014-8014(b)

This ESA is issued to: Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board

404 East Willow Street Scottsboro, Alabama 35768

for violating 40 CFR §§ 68.48, 68.52, 68.56, and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Based on compliance monitoring inspections conducted at the Respondent's facilities located at 3001 Veterans Drive, Scottsboro, Alabama 35769 and 5800 Alabama Highway 79, Scottsboro, Alabama 35769, on December 4, 2013, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, when at the time of inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It ensured the process is designed in compliance with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.48(b);

It addressed consequences of deviation in its written operating procedures that provide clear instructions or steps for safely conducting activities associated with each covered process consistent with the safety information for that process as required by 40 CFR § 68.52(b)(7);

It prepared and implemented procedures to maintain the on-going mechanical integrity of the process equipment as required by 40 CFR § 68.56(a);

It performed or caused to be performed inspections and tests on process equipment that follow recognized and generally accepted engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.56(d).

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SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith efforts to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of \$1,380.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA or otherwise contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violations listed in this ESA.

Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,380. Respondent's payment shall be made by sending a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of \$1,380, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses:

For payment sent via U.S. Postal Service U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center PO Box 979077 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent via overnight mail service (FedEx, UPS)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Government Lockbox 979077
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 418-1818

The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA <u>must be included on the check</u>. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

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

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

Deanne Grant
U. S. EPA, Region 4
EPCRA Enforcement Section
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

The penalty specified in this ESA shall represent civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of State or Federal taxes.

Upon Respondent's payment of the penalty, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Act referenced in this ESA. EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

The following individual represents EPA in this matter and is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Mark J. Fite U.S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404) 562-8451

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This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:	
Name (print): Roy E. Light Title (print): General Manager Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board	Date: <u>09-12-14</u>
FOR COMPLAINANT:	
Beyerly H. Banister	Date: 09/23/14
Director	
Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division	
I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference.	It is so ORDERED.
Susan B. Schub	Date: 16/2/14

Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement, in the matter of Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board, CAA-04-2014-8014(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Mark J. Fite
U. S. EPA, Region 4
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division
61 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

Lucia Mendez U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Environmental Accountability 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Iendez (Via EPA's internal mail)
PA, Region 4
of Environmental Accountability

Roy E. Light Scottsboro Water, Sewer & Gas Board 404 East Willow Street Scottsboro, AL 35769 (Via Certified Mail -Return Receipt Requested)

Date: 10-7-14

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511