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Mr. Lynn Jeffers
Owner
Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service, Inc.
344 Moss Loop
Lincoln, Georgia 31326

Re: Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service, Inc.
Consent Agreement and Final Order
Docket No. CAA-04-2011-1523(b)

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

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.

As stated in Section V of the CAFO, the assessed penalty of \$170 is due within 30 days from the effective date. Please ensure that the face of your cashier's or certified check includes the name of the respondent and the docket number of this case. Penalty payment questions should be directed to Mr. Bryson Lehman either by telephone at (513) 487-2123 or by written correspondence to his attention at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati Accounting Operations at the address identified in the CAFO.

Also enclosed is a copy of a document entitled "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 any environmental enforcement actions taken by the EPA. Where used in the document "SEC" refers to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Should you have any questions about this matter or your compliance status in the future, please call me at (404) 562-8979 or Ms. Pamela McIlvaine of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9197.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeaneanne M. Gettle".

Jeaneanne M. Gettle
Chief
Pesticides and Toxic
Substances Branch

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

In the Matter of:)
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Lynn's Land Clearing and)
Tree Service, Inc.)
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Respondent.)
_____)

Docket No. CAA-04-2011-1523(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 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), 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 C.F.R. Part 22. Complainant is the Director of the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Respondent is Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service, Inc.
2. Complainant and Respondent have conferred for the purpose of settlement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 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 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), is vested in the Administrator of EPA. The Administrator of EPA has delegated this authority under the CAA to the Regional Administrators by EPA Delegation 7-6-A, last updated on August 4, 1994. The Regional Administrator, Region 4, has redelegated this authority to the Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, by EPA Region 4 Delegation 7-6-A. Pursuant to the aforementioned Delegations, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division has the authority to commence an enforcement action as the Complainant in this matter.
4. In December 1977, pursuant to Section 112(I) of the CAA, EPA delegated the Administrator's authorities and responsibilities to implement and enforce emission standards and prevention requirements for asbestos under Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, to the State of Georgia. Pursuant to Georgia Department of Natural Resources Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1-.02(9)(b)(7), the State has incorporated and adopted EPA's rules for asbestos located at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, by reference. As indicated in Section 112(I)(7) of the CAA, nothing in Section 112(I) of the CAA shall prohibit the Administrator from enforcing any applicable emission standard or requirement under Section 112 of the CAA.
5. Asbestos is a "hazardous air pollutant" as that term is defined in Sections 112(a)(6) and 112(b)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7412(a)(6) and 7412(b)(1), and is the subject of regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M, "National Emission Standard for Asbestos." promulgated pursuant to Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Any

person who violates Section 112 of the CAA may be assessed a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each such violation, in accordance with Section 113(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C.

§ 7413(d). The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires EPA to review and adjust penalties, as necessary, for inflation at least once every four years. As such, pursuant to the Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the revised maximum penalty for each violation occurring after January 30, 1997, through March 15, 2004, is \$27,500; for each violation occurring after March 15, 2004, through January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$32,500; and for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009, the maximum penalty for each violation is \$37,500. Each day a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

6. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(c)(4), the following individual is authorized to receive service for EPA in this proceeding:

Pamela McIlvaine
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960
(404) 562-9197.

III. Specific Allegations

7. Respondent is the subcontractor responsible for the demolition of a facility previously located at 1413, 1415, and 1417 Waters Avenue in Savannah, Georgia.
8. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 302 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602.
9. Respondent is an owner or operator of a demolition activity.
10. An owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the facility

being demolished or renovated or any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises the demolition or renovation operation or both.

11. Between July 15, 2009, and September 17, 2009, the Respondent demolished the aforementioned facility located at 1413, 1415, and 1417 Waters Avenue in Savannah, Georgia. The facility was a multi-unit commercial facility.
12. Facility is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, in part, as any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including any structure, installation, or building containing condominiums or individual dwelling units operated as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having four or fewer dwelling units).
13. Demolition is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141 as the wrecking or taking out of any load-supporting structural member of a facility together with any related handling operations or the intentional burning of any facility.
14. Respondent violated Section 112 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 61.145(b)(4) by failing to provide required information in the written notice of intention to demolish the facility prior to the initiation of demolition activities.

IV. Consent Agreement

15. For the purposes of this CAFO, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations set forth above and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth above.
16. 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.
17. Respondent consents to the assessment of the penalty proposed by EPA and agrees to pay the civil penalty as set forth in this CAFO.

18. Respondent certifies that as of the date of its execution of this CAFO, it is in compliance with all relevant requirements of the National Emission Standard for Asbestos, 40 C.F.R. Part 61, Subpart M.
19. 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.
20. 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 the CAA.

V. Final Order

21. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of **ONE HUNDRED and SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$170)** which shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date.
22. Respondent shall remit the penalty payment by either a cashier's or certified check made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America." **The Respondent shall note on the face of the check the Respondent's name and the Docket Number associated with this CAFO.** The penalty payment shall be sent by one of the following methods to the address indentified for the method chosen.

Address for payment submittal using the United States Postal Service:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000.

Address for payment submittal using other mail service (e.g., Federal Express, United Parcel Service (UPS), DHL, etc.):

U.S. Bank
1005 Convention Plaza
Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

Contact Person: Natalie Pearson (314) 418-4087

23. 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;

Pamela McIlvaine
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960; and

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

24. 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.

25. 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 principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.
26. Complainant and Respondent shall bear their own costs and attorney fees in this matter.
27. This CAFO shall be binding upon the Respondent, its successors and assigns.
28. Each undersigned representative of the parties to this CAFO certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party represented to enter into this CAFO and legally bind that party to this CAFO.

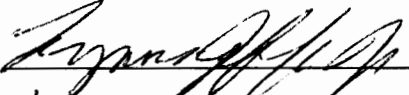
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VI. Effective Date

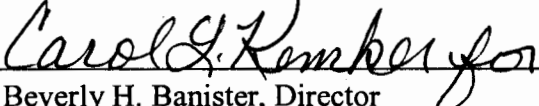
29. The effective date of this CAFO shall be the date on which the CAFO is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

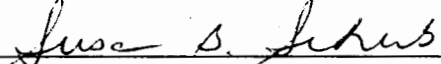
Respondent: Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service, Inc.
Docket No.: CAA-04-2011-1523(b)

By:  Date: 8-29-11
Name: Lynn Jeffers Jr.
Title: owner

Complainant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

By:  Date: 8/3/11
Beverly H. Banister, Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED this 9th day of August, 2011.

By: 
Susan B. Schub
Regional Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

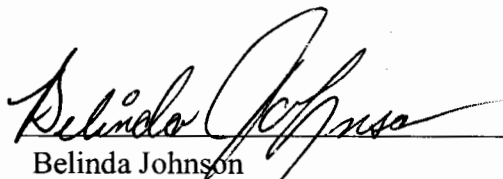
I hereby certify that on the date set out below, I filed the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, In the Matter of Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service, Inc. Docket Number: CAA-04-2011-1523(b), to the addressees listed below.

Mr. Lynn Jeffers (via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested)
Owner
Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service, Inc.
344 Moss Loop
Lincoln, Georgia 31326

Pamela McIlvaine (via EPA's internal mail)
Chemical Products and Asbestos Section
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Marlene Tucker (via EPA's internal mail)
Office of Environmental Accountability
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

By:



Belinda Johnson
Acting Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth St., S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 562-9686

MAY 10 2011

Date: _____

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 Wilson on 8/9/11
(Name) (Date)

in the Region 4, ORC, OEA at (404) 562-9504
(Office) (Telephone Number)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
USAO COLLECTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Order/Consent Agreement
FMO COLLECTS PAYMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SF Judicial Order/Consent Decree
DOJ COLLECTS | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package required:
Sent with bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Receivable | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sent with bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is an original debt | <input type="checkbox"/> Oversight Billing - Cost Package not required |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> This is a modification |

PAYEE: Lynn's Land Clearing and Tree Service Inc
(Name of person and/or Company/Municipality making the payment)

The Total Dollar Amount of the Receivable: \$ 170
(If installments, attach schedule of amounts and respective due dates. See Other side of this form.)

The Case Docket Number: CA# 04 2011 1523 (b)

The Site Specific Superfund Account Number: _____

The Designated Regional/Headquarters Program 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
Environmental Enforcement Section
Department of Justice RM 1647
P.O. Box 7611, Benjamin Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044 | 2. Originating Office (EAD) |
| | 3. Designated Program Office |
- 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 | 3. Designated Program Office |
| 2. Regional Hearing Clerk | 4. Regional Counsel (EAD) |

**EPA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CONTROL NUMBER FORM
PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION
PROGRAM: _____**

Case Docket Control Number: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

_____ **Full payment due 30 days after issuance date of** _____

_____ **Installment payments to be paid:**

Amount Due:

Date Due:

\$ _____

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