

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4**

**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**DOCKET NO: CAA-04-2020-8003(b)**

**This ESA is issued to: First Chemical Corporation  
1001 Industrial Road  
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39581**

**for violating 40 C.F.R. § 68.65, 40 C.F.R. § 68.69, 40 C.F.R. § 68.73 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 Enforcement and Compliance Assistance Division (Complainant), and by the First Chemical Corporation, facility (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

**ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 1001 Industrial Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi, November 19-20, 2019, EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program, when at the time of inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It included an evaluation of consequences of deviations pertaining to the technology of the process in the process safety information as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.65(c)(1)(v);

It documented that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.65(d)(2);

It reviewed the operating procedures as often as necessary and certified annually that the operating procedures are current and accurate as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.69(c); and

It corrected deficiencies in equipment that are outside acceptable limits (defined by the process safety information in § 68.65) before further use or in a timely manner when necessary means are taken to assure safe operations as required by 40 C.F.R. § 68.73(e).

## 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 **\$4,200**.

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 **\$4,200**. 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 **\$4,200**, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses or via wire transfer:

For payment sent via electronic transfer

For payment by wire transfer, in lieu of a cashier's check or certified check, if desired, should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York using the following information:

ABA : 021030004

Account : 68010727

SWIFT address: FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

**The wire transfer instructions shall reference the Respondent's name and Docket Number of this ESA.**

For payment sent via Standard Delivery

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077

St. Louis, MO 63197-9000; or

For payment sent for Signed Receipt Confirmation (FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS Certified, Registered, etc.)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077  
1005 Convention Plaza  
SL-MO-C2-GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
Delivery Location Phone Number: 314- 425-1819

**The Respondent's name and the Docket Number of this ESA must be included on the check.** 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  
bullock.patricia@epa.gov, and

Jordan Noles  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
Air Section 1  
Air Enforcement Branch  
61 Forsyth Street S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
noles.jordan@epa.gov

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

Respondent's full compliance with this ESA shall only resolve Respondent's liability for Federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in this ESA. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

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

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.5, the individuals named in the certificate of service are authorized to receive service related to this proceeding and the parties agree to receive service by electronic means.

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FOR RESPONDENT:

Greg Hust

Date: 7/21/2020

Name (print): Greg Hust

Title (print): Plant Manager  
First Chemical Corporation

FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Carrol L. Kemker  
Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

FINAL ORDER

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

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Tanya Floyd  
Regional Judicial Officer

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing “Expedited Settlement Agreement” and “Final Order,” in the Matter of First Chemical Corporation, Docket No. CAA-04-2020-8003(b) were filed and copies of the same were emailed to the parties as indicated below.

**Via email to all parties at the following email addresses:**

To Respondent:        Mr. Robert Mills  
                                 EHS Senior Consultant  
                                 First Chemical Corporation  
                                 1001 Industrial Road  
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                                 (228) 938-2264

To EPA:                    Jordan Noles, RMP Inspector  
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                                 (404) 562-9105

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                                 pratt.marirose@epa.gov  
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                                 61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
                                 Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

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Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk  
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