



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
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Certified Mail No.: 7013 1090 0000 1618 5107

Jeffrey Reed
VSS International, Inc.
928 12th St., Suite 700
Modesto, California 93534

Re: In the Matter of VSS International, Inc.
Administrative Complaint and Opportunity to Request Hearing

Dear Mr. Reed:

Enclosed please find the Administrative Complaint and Opportunity to Request Hearing, regarding violations of the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations, specifically 33 U.S.C. § 1321 and 40 C.F.R. Part 112 (the "Oil Pollution Prevention requirements.")

The enclosed penalty policy, applicable to violations of the Oil Pollution Prevention requirements, sets forth the policy for assessing applicable penalties. The enclosed Administrative Complaint and Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, set forth the alternatives available to you in responding to the alleged facts, violations, proposed penalty, and the opportunity for a hearing. It should be emphasized that, if you wish to request a hearing and avoid being found in default, you must file a written answer within thirty (30) days of your receipt of the Administrative Complaint.

Whether you choose to request a hearing, you are encouraged to explore the possibility of settlement by contacting Janice Witul, Enforcement Division, at (415) 972-3089, or having your attorney contact J. Andrew Helmlinger, Office of Regional Counsel, at (415) 972-3904.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen H. Johnson".

Kathleen H. Johnson
Director
Enforcement Division

Enclosures