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AGENCY-REGION VII  
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**EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (ESA)**

**DOCKET NO.:** CAA-07-2009-0006

**This ESA is issued to:** Farm Service Company

**At:** 3299 Italy Avenue, Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

for violating Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (EPA) and Farm Service Company, 3299 Italy Avenue, Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555 (Respondent), have agreed to a settlement of this action before filing of a complaint, and thus this action is simultaneously commenced and concluded pursuant to Rules 22.13(b) and 22.18(B)(2) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b), 22.18(b)(2).

The Complainant, by delegation of the Administrator of EPA, is the Director of the Air, and Waste Management Division. The Respondent is Farm Service Company, 3299 Italy Avenue, Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555.

This is an administrative action for the assessment of civil penalties instituted pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act. Pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), the Administrator and the Attorney General jointly determined that this matter, where the total penalty exceeds \$270,000 or where the first alleged date of violation occurred more than 12 months prior to the initiation of the administrative action, was appropriate for administrative penalty action.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

On July 29, 2008, an authorized representative of the EPA conducted a compliance inspection of the Respondent's facility located at 3299 Italy Avenue, Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555, to determine compliance with the Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulations promulgated at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The EPA found that the Respondent had violated regulations implementing Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act by failing to comply with the regulations as noted on the enclosed Risk Management Program Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations and Proposed Penalty Sheet (RMP Findings), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size of business, its full compliance history, its good faith effort 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, described in the enclosed RMP Findings, for the total penalty amount of **\$360.00**.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Respondent by signing below waives any objections that it may have regarding jurisdiction, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in herein and in the RMP Findings, 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 Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any. Respondent also certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the violations listed in the enclosed RMP Findings and has sent a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "United States Treasury") in the amount of **\$360.00** in payment of the full penalty amount to the following address:

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

The Docket Number of this ESA is CAA-07-2009-0006, and must be included on the check.

This original ESA, a copy of the completed RMP Findings, and a copy of the check must be sent by certified mail to:

Deanna Smith  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

A copy of the check must also be sent to:

Kathy M. Robinson  
Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7  
901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Upon Respondent's submission of the signed original ESA, EPA will take no further civil action against Respondent for the alleged violations of the Clean Air Act referenced in the RMP

Findings. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Clean Air Act or any other statute.

If the signed original ESA with an attached copy of the check is not returned to the EPA Region 7 office at the above address in correct form by the Respondent within 45 days of the date of Respondent's receipt of it (90 days if an extension is granted), the proposed ESA is withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file an enforcement action for the violations identified herein and in the RMP Findings.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below.

This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

FOR RESPONDENT:

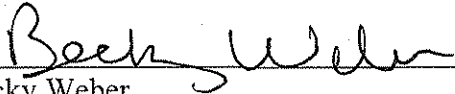
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Date: 5-6-09

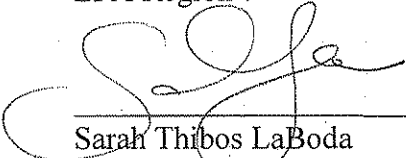
Name (print): James Russman

Title (print): Agromony Manager  
Farm Service Company

FOR COMPLAINANT:

  
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Becky Weber  
Director  
Air and Waste Management Division  
EPA Region 7

Date: 5/18/09

  
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Sarah Thibos LaBoda  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
EPA Region 7

Date: 5/14/09

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

Karina Borromeo  
Karina Borromeo  
Regional Judicial Officer

Date: May 19, 2009

**Risk Management Program Inspection Findings**

Farm Service Company  
3299 Italy Avenue  
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

CAA § 112(r) Violations

**COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH THE ESA**

**VIOLATIONS**

**PENALTY AMOUNT**

Prevention Program

Hazard Review [§ 68.50(c)]

The owner or operator failed to document the results of the review and ensure that problems identified are resolved in a timely manner.

\$150.00

How was this addressed: All results are documented and problems have been resolved

Prevention Program

Operating Procedures [§ 68.52(b)(7)]

The owner or operator failed to prepare written procedures that address the consequences of deviations and steps required to correct or avoid deviations.

\$600.00

How was this addressed: Written procedures relating to consequences of deviations have been completed and are in book

Prevention Program

Compliance Audits [§ 68.58(c)]

The owner or operator failed to develop a report of the audit findings.

\$150.00

How was this addressed: Audit Finding have now been reported

Prevention Program

Compliance Audits [§ 68.58(d)]

The owner or operator failed to determine and document an appropriate response to each of the findings of the audit and document that deficiencies had been corrected.

\$150.00

How was this addressed: Deficiencies have been corrected and have been addressed by employees

Prevention Program

Compliance Audits [§ 68.58(e)]

The owner or operator failed to retain the two most recent compliance audit reports, unless more than five years old.

\$150.00

How was this addressed: Working on most recent compliance reports - is entered in book

Total Unadjusted Penalty

\$1,200.00

Calculation of Adjusted Penalty

The number of employees at Farm Service Company is 3. The total amount of anhydrous ammonia present at the facility is 415,000 pounds. The threshold quantity for liquid ammonia is 10,000 pounds. A size-threshold multiplier of 0.3 can be used for private industry that has 1-5 employees and greater than 10 times the threshold quantity listed in 40 C.F.R. § 68.130 for the particular chemical. Adjusted Penalty = \$1,200.00 (unadjusted penalty) X 0.3 (size-threshold multiplier) is \$360.00. An adjusted penalty of \$360.00 shall be assessed to Farm Service Company for violations found during the RMP Compliance Inspection. This amount will be found in the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA).

TOTAL ADJUSTED PENALTY

\$360.00

PROVIDE THE COST TO THE FACILITY TO CORRECT THE ABOVE VIOLATIONS.

The approximate cost to correct the above items: \$ 10,000<sup>00</sup>

Compliance Officer Name: Terry Totten

Signed: Terry Totten Date: 5-8-09

IN THE MATTER OF Farm Service Company, Respondent  
Docket No. CAA-07-2009-0006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to  
Attorney for Complainant:

Sarah Thibos LaBoda  
Assistant Regional Counsel  
Region VII  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
901 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

James Russmann, Agronomy Manager  
Farm Service Company  
3299 Italy Avenue  
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

Dated: 5/19/09



Kathy Robinson  
Hearing Clerk, Region 7