## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

Midwest Environmental Defense Center, Inc.,	) )
Plaintiff,	) )
vs.	) )
Gina McCarthy, in her official capacity as	
Administrator of the United States	
Environmental Protection Agency,	
Defendant.	) )

### COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Plaintiff Midwest Environmental Defense Center, Inc. ("MEDC"), through its undersigned counsel, complains as follows:

### INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is a civil action for declaratory and injunctive relief, with costs and fees, under the Clean Air Act ("the Act" or "CAA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401, et seq.
- 2. MEDC seeks an order requiring the Defendant Gina McCarthy, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("Administrator"), to perform her non-discretionary duty to grant or deny its petition to object to the proposed Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Renewal, Permit No. 445031290-P10 ("Permit"), for Appleton Coated, LLC's facility located in Combined Locks, Wisconsin ("AC Facility"). MEDC's petition was submitted to the Administrator pursuant to CAA § 505(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 42 U.S.C. 7661d(b)(2) on October 28, 2013.

### **PARTIES**

- 3. MEDC is an incorporated, not-for-profit organization with headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin. Its purpose is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment through application and enforcement of laws intended to protect the environment.
- 4. MEDC's members live, work, and recreate around and downwind from the AC Facility, which includes a paper mill and boilers that emit numerous pollutants, including sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, particulates, carbon monoxide and hazardous air pollutants, which negatively impact MEDC's members. MEDC's members are directly harmed by the Administrator's delay in responding to Plaintiff's petition to object to the proposed Permit for the AC Facility. An objection by the Administrator would result in reduced air pollution from the facility, thereby alleviating, in part, some of the air pollution that injures MEDC's members.
- 5. Additionally, MEDC and its members would further participate in the public processes provided for by Congress in the Clean Air Act if the Administrator would timely respond to Plaintiff's petition. MEDC and its members have the right to petition for judicial review of the Administrator's final decision and to enforce the final revised permit terms once issued. The Administrator's failure to respond to Plaintiff's petition negatively affects MEDC's procedural rights under the CAA.
- 6. The Defendant, Gina McCarthy, is acting in her official capacity as the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA"). The Administrator is responsible for directing the activities of the U.S. EPA and implementing the requirements of the CAA. Specifically, the Administrator is statutorily required to respond to petitions, such as the one Plaintiff filed, under CAA § 505(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(2).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims set forth in this complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7604(a), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and 28 U.S.C. § 2201. The relief requested by the Plaintiff is authorized by statute in 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, and 42 U.S.C. § 7604.
- 8. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Wisconsin pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e)(2) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred in this District, and alternately pursuant to *id.* § 1391(e)(3) because Plaintiff MEDC resides in this District and no real property is involved in this action.

### **NOTICE**

- 9. MEDC gave notice pursuant to, and in compliance with, the requirements in CAA § 304(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 7604(b)(2), and 40 C.F.R. Part 54 by letter sent via certified mail postmarked on August 10, 2015 ("Notice Letter") addressed to the Administrator.
- 10. More than 60 days have passed since Plaintiff provided its Notice Letter to the Administrator.

### **FACTS**

- 11. On or about April 13, 2012, WDNR released a draft operating permit for the AC Facility to the public for review and comment.
- 12. By letter dated May 12, 2012, MEDC and others submitted to WDNR timely public comments regarding the terms and conditions of the proposed Permit for the AC Facility.
- 13. On or about August 6, 2013, WDNR transmitted to the Administrator a copy of the proposed Permit for the AC Facility pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(a)(1), thereby triggering the Administrator's 45-day review period under 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(1).

- 14. The Administrator did not object to the proposed Permit for the AC Facility within her 45-day review period under 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(1).
- 15. On September 20, 2013, WDNR issued the final Title V operating permit renewal (Permit No. 436034390-P10) for the AC Facility.
- 16. On or about October 28, 2013, within the 60-day petition period provided by 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(2) and 40 CFR § 70.8(d), MEDC petitioned the Administrator seeking the U.S. EPA's objection to the Permit for the AC Facility.
- 17. Plaintiff provided a copy of its petition to the permit applicant and owner of the permitted facility and the permitting authority (WDNR) as required by CAA § 505(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(2).
- 18. Pursuant to CAA § 505(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(2), Administrator McCarthy had 60 days from October 28, 2013, to grant or deny Plaintiff's petition.

# CAUSE OF ACTION: FAILURE TO PERFORM A NONDISCRETIONARY ACT OR DUTY

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1-18 above in their entirety and further alleges as follows:
- 20. Pursuant to CAA § 505(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b)(2), "If the Administrator does not object in writing to the issuance of a permit...any person may petition the Administrator to [object]...The Administrator shall grant or deny such petition within 60 days after the petition is filed." (emphasis added).
- 21. The 60-day period for the Administrator to either grant or deny Plaintiff's petition expired on or about December 27, 2013.
- 22. The Administrator's duty to grant or deny Plaintiff's petition within 60 days is not discretionary.

- 23. As of the date of this Complaint, the Administrator has neither granted nor denied Plaintiff's petition at issue. Thus, the Administrator's failure to perform her non-discretionary duty to grant or deny Plaintiff's petition is ongoing and will continue until enjoined and restrained by the Court.
- 24. The CAA provides Plaintiff with a cause of action to compel the Administrator's non-discretionary duty to grant or deny Plaintiff's timely petition in CAA § 304(a), 42 U.S.C. § 7604(a).

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, MEDC respectfully prays for this Court to:

- A. Declare that the Administrator has a non-discretionary duty to grant or deny Plaintiff's timely petition to object to the Title V Operating Permit Renewal for the AC Facility;
- B. Declare that the Administrator's failure to grant or deny Plaintiff's petition is a violation of CAA § 505(b), 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b);
- C. Order the Administrator to grant or deny Plaintiff's petition by a date set by the Court;
- D. Award Plaintiff the costs of this action, with reasonable attorney fees, pursuant to CAA § 304(d), 42 U.S.C. § 7604(d);
- E. Retain jurisdiction over this action to ensure compliance with the Court's Order; and
- F. Grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- **(b)** County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)** 

- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

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Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

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Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

  Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Wisconsin

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Defendant	)					
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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.						
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