



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 9 - 75 Hawthorne St San Francisco, CA 94105
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
Docket No. CWA-09-2026-0001 NPDES No. "Unpermitted"

American Cylinder Head Repair and Exchange, Inc. ("Respondent"), a California limited liability company, is a "person," within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.

Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for unauthorized discharge(s) of stormwater in violation of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311. EPA also finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over any "person" who "discharges pollutants" from a "point source" to "waters of the United States." Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific days of unauthorized industrial stormwater discharges that EPA alleges. The attached "Industrial Non-filer Expedited Settlement Worksheet" ("Worksheet"), incorporated by reference, summarizes the allegations and proposed penalty based on conditions at the Respondent's facility at the time of EPA's November 2, 2023, inspection.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") under the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of **\$3,750**. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s) specified in the Worksheet; (2) a hearing pursuant to the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that the Respondent has addressed the alleged violations identified in the Worksheet by either a) developing and implementing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and submitting to the permit authority a Notice of Intent to be covered by the applicable industrial stormwater permit; or b) acting to meet eligibility requirements for a waiver from industrial stormwater permit requirements as allowed by the permit authority and submitting the relevant forms (such as a No Exposure Certification) to the permit authority.

Respondent certifies it will pay the penalty within 10 calendar days after the effective date of this Agreement by sending a check, wire transfer, automated clearing house, or online payment using the enclosed payment instructions (also at <http://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>). Checks sent by regular U.S. Postal Service mail must be

made payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," and mailed to:

U.S. EPA, Region 9
Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center
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P.O. Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the alleged violation(s) of the Act specified in this Agreement. EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected alleged violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

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

APPROVED BY EPA:

_____/s/_____
Jamie Marincola, Acting Assistant Director, Water Branch
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name: Erika Christensen

Title: Operations Manager

Signature: ____/s/_____ Date: 10/17/2025

EPA received no comments on this matter in response to a 30-day comment period publicly noticed by EPA pursuant to the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

Having determined that this Agreement is authorized by law,

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Beatrice Wong
Regional Judicial Officer, U.S. EPA Region 9