# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

In the matter of administrative proceedings Against MEP CONSTRUCTION, LLC, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and doing business at 76 East Forest Avenue, Suite 8, City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

AQD No. 18-2010

# STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL ORDER BY CONSENT

This proceeding resulted from allegations by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment ("MDNRE"), Air Quality Division ("AQD") against MEP Construction, LLC ("Company"), located at located at 76 East Forest, Suite 8 in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan. The MDNRE alleges that the Company has violated Section 112 of the federal Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 USC 7412, the federal National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants ("NESHAP"), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 61, Subpart M and is in violation of 2000 MR 18, R 336.1942 ("Rule 942") in effect on November 30, 2000; as specified in a Violation Notice dated June 25, 2009. The alleged violations occurred during the asbestos demolition/renovation at the 3-story residential, brick and wood construction demolition site located at 71 Garfield Street in Detroit, Michigan. Specifically, among other alleged violations, the Company failed to thoroughly inspect the facility for asbestos materials, failed to provide written notice of intent to demolish or renovate and failed to remove all Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) from a facility being demolished before any activity begins that would break up, dislodge, or similarly disturb the material; as required.

MEP Construction, LLC, and MDNRE stipulate to the termination of this proceeding by entry of a Stipulation for Entry of a Final Order by Consent ("Consent Order").

The Company and MDNRE stipulate as follows:

1. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, ("Act 451"), MCL 324.101 et seq. is an act that controls pollution to protect the environment and natural resources in the State.

- 2. Article II, Pollution Control, Part 55 of Act 451 ("Part 55"), MCL 324.5501 et seq. provides for air pollution control regulations in this State.
- 3. The MDNRE was created as a principal department within the Executive Branch of the State of Michigan pursuant to Executive Order 2009-45 and has all statutory authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities to administer and enforce all provisions of Part 55.
- 4. The Director has delegated authority to the Chief of the AQD ("AQD Chief") to enter into this Consent Order.
- 5. Section 112 of the CAA, provides authority for the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") to establish emission standards for hazardous air pollutants.
- 6. The USEPA has promulgated NESHAP regulations for asbestos, which are set forth in the Asbestos NESHAP, Sections 61.140 through 61.156.
- 7. The USEPA has delegated authority for the administration of NESHAP asbestos regulations to MDEQ-AQD. This authority was granted in an April 11, 1998 letter from Valdus Adamkus ("USEPA Regional Administrator") to Robert Miller ("Air Quality Division Chief"). In addition, MDEQ has authority for the enforcement of the asbestos regulations through the promulgation of MAC Rule 942 on November 30, 2000. Executive Order 2009-45 combined the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Natural Resources to form the new Department of Resources and Environment (MDNRE) at which time MDEQ-AQD became MDNRE-AQD. The Executive Order was signed on October 08, 2009 and became effective on January 17, 2010.
- 8. The termination of this matter by a Consent Order pursuant to Section 5528 of Part 55 is proper and acceptable.
- 9. The Company and the MDNRE agree that the signing of this Consent Order is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by the Company that the law has been violated.
- 10. This Consent Order becomes effective on the date of execution ("effective date of this Consent Order") by the AQD Chief.
- 11. The Company shall achieve compliance with the aforementioned regulations in accordance with the requirements contained in this Consent Order.

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#### **COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

12. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Company shall fully comply with Section 61.145 (c) of the asbestos NESHAP and with Michigan Administrative Code ("MAC"), 1995 AACS R 336.1942 ("Rule 942"), including adequately wetting RACM during demolition/renovation activities.

- 13. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Company shall fully comply with Section 61.150 of the asbestos NESHAP and with Michigan Administrative Code ("MAC"), 1995 AACS R 336.1942 ("Rule 942") including discharging no visible emissions to the outside air during the collection, processing, packaging, or transporting of any RACM.
- 14. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Company shall fully comply with Section 61.145 (b) and with Michigan Administrative Code ("MAC"), 1995 AACS R 336.1942 ("Rule 942") by providing to the MDNRE-AQD the required notification, which accurately describes the work practices and engineering controls to be used to comply with the asbestos NESHAP.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 15. This Consent Order in no way affects the Company's responsibility to comply with any other applicable state and federal, or local laws or regulations, including without limitation, any amendments to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq., Act 451, Part 55 or their rules and regulations, or to the State Implementation Plan.
- 16. This Consent Order constitutes a civil settlement and satisfaction as to the resolution of the violations specifically addressed herein; however, it does not resolve any criminal action that may result from these same violations.
- 17. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Company shall pay to the General Fund of the State of Michigan, in the form of a check made payable to the "State of Michigan" and delivered to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Financial and Business Services Division, Revenue Control, P.O. Box 30657, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8157, a settlement amount of \$2,500.00, which includes AQD costs for investigation and enforcement. This total settlement amount shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order. To

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ensure proper credit, all payments made pursuant to this Consent Order shall include the Agreement Identification No. AQD-1196 on the face of the check. This settlement amount is in addition to any fees, taxes, or other fines that may be imposed on the Company by law.

- 18. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, if the Company fails to comply with paragraph 12, 13 or 14 of this Consent Order, the Company is subject to stipulated fines of up to \$2,000.00 per violation per day. On and after the effective date of this Consent Order, if the Company fails to comply with any other provision of this Consent Order, the Company is subject to stipulated fines of up to \$500.00 per violation. The amount of the stipulated fines imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be within the discretion of the MDNRE up to the maximum amount stated. Stipulated fines submitted under this Consent Order shall be by check, payable to the "State of Michigan" within 30 days after written demand and shall be delivered to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Financial & Business Services Division, Revenue Control, P.O. Box 30657, Lansing, Michigan 48909. To ensure proper credit, all payments shall include the Agreement Identification No. AQD-1196-S on the face of the check. Payment of stipulated fines shall not alter or modify in any way the Company's obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.
- 19. The AQD, at its discretion, may seek stipulated fines or statutory fines for any violation of this Consent Order which is also a violation of any provision of applicable federal and state law, rule, regulation, permit, or MDNRE administrative order. However, the AQD is precluded from seeking both a stipulated fine under this Consent Order and a statutory fine for the same violation.
- 20. To insure timely payment of the settlement amount assessed in paragraph 17 and any stipulated fines assessed pursuant to paragraph 18 of this Consent Order, the Company shall pay an interest penalty to the State of Michigan each time it fails to make a complete or timely payment under this Consent Order. The interest penalty shall be determined at a rate of twelve percent (12%) per year compounded annually, using the full increment of amount due as principle, calculated from the due date specified in this Consent Order until the date that delinquent payment is finally paid in full. Payment of an interest penalty by the Company shall be made to the State of Michigan in accordance with paragraph 18 of this Consent Order. Interest payments shall be applied first towards the most overdue amount or outstanding interest penalty owed by the Company before any remaining balance is applied to subsequent payment amount or interest penalty.

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21. The Company agrees not to contest the legal basis for the settlement amount assessed pursuant to paragraph 17. The Company also agrees not to contest the legal basis for any stipulated fines assessed pursuant to paragraph 18 of this Consent Order, but reserves the right to dispute in a court of competent jurisdiction the factual basis upon which a demand by MDNRE of stipulated fines is made. In addition, the Company agrees that said fines have not been assessed by the MDNRE pursuant to Section 5529 of Part 55 and therefore are not reviewable under Section 5529 of Part 55.

- This Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect for a period of at least three (3) years. Thereafter, the Consent Order shall terminate only upon written notice of termination issued by the AQD Chief. Prior to issuance of a written notice of termination, the Company shall submit a request, to the AQD Chief at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760, consisting of a written certification that the Company has fully complied with all the requirements of this Consent Order and has made all payments including all stipulated fines required by this Consent Order. Specifically, this certification shall include: (i) the date of compliance with each provision of the compliance program and the date any payments or stipulated fines were paid; (ii) a statement that all required information has been reported to the AQD (iii) confirmation that all records required to be maintained pursuant to this Consent Order are being maintained at the facility; and, (iv) such information as may be requested by the AQD Division Chief. Termination of this Consent Order shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 23. In the event the Company transfers their liability in this matter, the Company shall advise any purchaser or transferee of the existence of this Consent Order in connection with such transfer. Within 30 calendar days, the Company shall also notify the MDNRE-AQD Southeast Michigan District Supervisor, in writing, of such transfer, the identity and address of any transferee, and confirm the fact that notice of this Consent Order has been given to the transferee. As a condition of the transfer, the Company must obtain the consent of the transferee, in writing, to assume all of the obligations of this Consent Order. A copy of that agreement shall be forwarded to the MDNRE-AQD Southeast Michigan District Supervisor within 30 days of assuming the obligations of this Consent Order.
- 24. Prior to the effective date of this Consent Order and pursuant to the requirements of Sections 5511 and 5528(3) of Part 55, the public was notified of a 30-day public comment period and was provided the opportunity for a public hearing.

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25. Section 5530 Part 55 may serve as a source of authority but not a limitation under which the Consent Order may be enforced. Further, Part 17 of Act 451 and all other applicable laws and any other legal basis or applicable statute may be used to enforce this Consent Order.

26. The Company hereby stipulates that entry of this Consent Order is a result of an action by MDNRE to resolve the alleged violations that occurred during the asbestos demolition/renovation at the 3-story residential, brick and wood construction demolition site located at 71 Garfield in Detroit, Michigan. The Company further stipulates that it will take all lawful actions necessary to fully comply with this Consent Order, even if the Company files for bankruptcy in the future. The Company will not seek discharge of the settlement amount and any stipulated fines imposed hereunder in any future bankruptcy proceedings, and the Company will take necessary steps to ensure that the settlement amount and any future stipulated fines are not discharged. The Company, during and after any future bankruptcy

proceedings, will ensure that the settlement amount and any future stipulated fines remain an obligation to be paid in full by the Company to the extent allowed by applicable bankruptcy law.

The undersigned certifies that he/she is fully authorized by the Company to enter into this Consent Order and to execute and legally bind the Company to it.

MEP CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Print Name and Title

The above signatory subscribed and sworn to before me this Let day of

WENONAH M ANDERSON Notary Public, State of Michigan County of Wayne My Commission Expires Oct. 07, 2013

Approved as to Content: Approved as to Form:

inson Hellwig, Chief AIR QUALITY DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL

Dated: 8/3/10

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Alan F. Hoffman, Section Head

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION SECTION ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND AGRICULTURE DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

## FINAL ORDER

The Chief of the Air Quality Division having had opportunity to review the Consent Order and having been delegated authority to enter into Consent Orders by the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment pursuant to the provisions of Part 55 of Act 451 and otherwise being fully advised on the premises,

HAS HEREBY ORDERED that the Consent Order is approved and shall be entered in the record of the MDNRE as a Final Order.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Vinson Hellwig, Chief

Air Quality Division

Dated: