

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD  
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of:

Justin Holder,

Battlefield Automotive, LLC, and

Enhanced Alternatives, LLC,

d/b/a Battlefield Automotive and  
Confederate Diesel

Respondents.

Docket No.  
CAA-HQ-2018-8374

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

**Preliminary Statement**

1. This civil administrative penalty assessment proceeding was commenced under section 205(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), 42 U.S.C. § 7524(c)(1), and the “Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits,” 40 C.F.R. Part 22. (“Consolidated Rules”).
2. Complainant in this matter is the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”). On the EPA’s behalf, Phillip A. Brooks, Director, Air Enforcement Division, Office of Civil Enforcement, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, is authorized by lawful delegation to institute and settle civil administrative penalty assessment proceedings under section 205(c)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7524(c)(1). EPA Delegation 7-6-A.
3. Respondents in this matter are Justin Holder, Battlefield Automotive, LLC, and Enhanced Alternatives, LLC, d/b/a Battlefield Automotive and Confederate Diesel.

4. Respondent Justin Holder is an individual and resides in the State of Maryland with a principal place of business at 311B West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782 and a principal residence at 308 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782.
5. Respondent Battlefield Automotive, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Maryland with a principal place of business at 311B West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782.
6. Respondent Enhanced Alternatives, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Maryland with a principal place of business at 311B West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782.
7. Respondents have been sellers and installers of aftermarket automotive parts and components, specializing in diesel-powered trucks.
8. The EPA alleges that Respondents sold, offered for sale, manufactured and/or installed aftermarket parts and components that are: (1) designed to remove, disable, or bypass exhaust gas recirculation components (“EGRs”) located in motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine exhaust systems (hereinafter “EGR Delete Parts”); (2) designed to remove, disable, or bypass exhaust aftertreatment components or elements of design such as diesel oxidation catalysts (“DOC”), diesel particulate filters (“DPF”), nitrogen oxide adsorbing catalysts (“NAC”), and/or selective catalytic reduction (“SCR”) components located in motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine exhaust systems (hereinafter “Exhaust Aftertreatment Delete Pipes”); and (3) designed to reprogram the engine control unit (“ECU”) and modify original equipment manufacturer (“OEM”) calibrations governing the operation of DPFs, EGRs, DOCs, NACs, SCRs, fuel-injection timing, on-board diagnostic systems (“OBDS”), or other emissions-related elements of design (“Defeat Tuners or Tunes”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Defeat Devices”).

9. The EPA alleges that between June 19, 2013, and December 31, 2014, Respondent Justin Holder and Respondent Enhanced Alternatives, LLC sold and/or installed at least 211 Defeat Devices in violation of section 203(a)(3)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(B), of the CAA. The EPA further alleges that between January 1, 2015, and May 31, 2016, Respondent Justin Holder, Respondent Battlefield Automotive, LLC, and Respondent Enhanced Alternatives, LLC sold and/or installed at least 44 Defeat Devices in violation of section 203(a)(3)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(B), of the CAA.
10. This action was commenced on June 14, 2018, when the EPA filed the Complaint against Respondents alleging that Respondent Justin Holder and Respondent Enhanced Alternatives, LLC are jointly and severally liable for least 211 violations of section 203(a)(3)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(B), of the CAA, that occurred between June 19, 2013, and December 31, 2014, and that Respondent Justin Holder, Respondent Battlefield Automotive, LLC, and Respondent Enhanced Alternatives, LLC are jointly and severally liable for at least 44 violations of section 203(a)(3)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(B), of the CAA that occurred between January 1, 2015, and May 31, 2016.
11. The EPA and Respondents, having agreed to settle this action, enter this Consent Agreement and consent to the entry of the attached Final Order before taking testimony and without adjudication of any issues of law or fact. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3), issuance of a Final Order ratifying this Consent Agreement disposes of and concludes this proceeding with respect to the EPA and Respondents.

#### **Terms of Agreement**

12. The parties agree that resolving this action without the adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their respective interests and the public interest.
13. For the purpose of this proceeding, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2), each Respondent:

- (a) admits to the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint;
- (b) neither admits nor denies the factual allegations of the Complaint;
- (c) neither admits nor denies the alleged violations of law as stated in the Complaint;
- (d) consents to the assessment of a civil penalty as stated below;
- (e) consents to any conditions specified in this Consent Agreement;
- (f) waives any right to contest the alleged violations of law; and
- (g) waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

14. For the purpose of this proceeding, each Respondent:

- (a) agrees that this Agreement states a claim upon which relief may be granted against Respondent;
- (b) waives any and all remedies, claims for relief and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review that Respondent may have with respect to any issue of fact or law set forth in this Consent Agreement, including any right of judicial review under Section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7607(b)(1);
- (c) waives any rights he or it may possess at law or in equity to challenge the authority of the EPA to bring a civil action in a United States District Court to enforce this Agreement or Order, or both, and to seek an additional penalty for such noncompliance, and agrees that federal law shall govern in any such civil action;
- (d) consents to personal jurisdiction in any action to enforce this Agreement or Order, or both, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia;
- (e) agrees that Respondent may not delegate duties under this Consent Agreement to any other party without the written consent of the EPA, which may be granted or withheld at EPA's unfettered discretion. If the EPA so consents, the Consent Agreement is binding on the party or parties to whom the duties are delegated;

- (f) acknowledges that this Agreement constitutes an enforcement action for purposes of considering Respondent's compliance history in any subsequent enforcement actions;
  - (g) acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and attached Final Order will be available to the public and agrees that it does not contain any confidential business information or personally identifiable information;
  - (h) acknowledges that its tax identification number may be used for collecting or reporting any delinquent monetary obligation arising from this Agreement (see 31 U.S.C. § 7701);
  - (i) certifies that the information it has supplied concerning this matter was at the time of submission true, accurate, and complete; and
  - (j) acknowledges that there are significant penalties for knowingly submitting false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment (see 18 U.S.C. § 1001).
15. For purposes of this proceeding, the parties each agree that:
- (a) this Consent Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings, whether written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof;
  - (b) this Consent Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original and, when taken together, constitute one agreement; the counterparts are binding on each of the parties individually as fully and completely as if the parties had signed one single instrument, so that the rights and liabilities of the parties will be unaffected by the failure of any of the undersigned to execute any or all of the counterparts; any signature page and any copy of a signed signature page may be detached from any counterpart and attached to any other counterpart of this Consent Agreement.

- (c) its undersigned representative is fully authorized by the party whom he or she represents to bind that party to this Consent Agreement and to execute it on behalf of that party;
  - (d) each party's obligations under this Consent Agreement and attached Final Order constitute sufficient consideration for the other party's obligations under this Consent Agreement and attached Final Order.; and
  - (e) each party will bear their own costs and attorney fees in the action resolved by this Consent Agreement and attached Final Order.
16. Respondents agree to pay to the United States a civil penalty of \$8,241 (the Civil Penalty). The EPA reduced the civil penalty on the basis of information produced by Respondents demonstrating their inability to pay a higher civil penalty.
17. Respondents agree that each Respondent is jointly and severally liable for payment the civil penalty and associated penalties and/or remedies identified in Paragraph 22 and 23 of this CAFO in the event the civil penalty is not timely paid in accordance with this CAFO.
18. Respondents agree to pay the Civil Penalty to the United States within 30 calendar days following the issuance of the attached Final Order (i.e., the effective date of this Consent Agreement and attached Final Order).
19. Respondents agree to pay the Civil Penalty in the manner specified below:
- (a) Pay the Civil Penalty using any method provided on the following website:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/financial/additional-instructions-making-payments-epa>;
  - (b) Identify each and every payment with "Docket No. CAA-HQ-2018-8374"; and
  - (c) Within 24 hours of payment, email proof of payment to Mark J. Palermo, Attorney-Advisor, at palermo.mark@epa.gov ("proof of payment" means, as applicable, a copy of the check, confirmation of credit card or debit card payment, confirmation of wire or automated clearinghouse transfer, and any other information required to

demonstrate that payment has been made according to EPA requirements, in the amount due, and identified with “Docket No. CAA-HQ-2018-8374”).

20. As a condition of settlement, each Respondent agrees to the following: By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent certifies that from the date of their signature, he or it will not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or install aftermarket Defeat Devices, including EGR Delete Parts, Exhaust Aftertreatment Delete Pipes, and Defeat Tuners and/or Tunes, and will not remove or render inoperative any emissions-related device or element of design installed on or in a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine. Toward this end, each Respondent agrees to comply with the Compliance Plan attached as Appendix A of this CAFO.

#### **Effect of Consent Agreement and Attached Final Order**

21. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), Respondents’ full compliance with this Consent Agreement shall only resolve Respondents’ liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts alleged above.
22. Failure to pay the full amount of the penalty assessed under this Consent Agreement may subject each Respondent to a civil action to collect any unpaid portion of the proposed civil penalty and interest. In order to avoid the assessment of interest, administrative costs, and late payment penalty in connection with such civil penalty, as described in the following Paragraph of this Consent Agreement, Respondents must timely pay the penalty.
23. If Respondents fail to timely pay any portion of the penalty assessed by the attached Final Order, the EPA may:
  - (a) request the Attorney General to bring a civil action in an appropriate district court to recover: the amount assessed; interest at rates established pursuant to 26 U.S.C.

- § 6621(a)(2); the United States' enforcement expenses; and a 10 percent quarterly nonpayment penalty, 42 U.S.C. § 7524(c)(6);
- (b) refer the debt to a credit reporting agency or a collection agency, 40 C.F.R. §§ 13.13, 13.14, and 13.33;
  - (c) collect the debt by administrative offset (i.e., the withholding of money payable by the United States to, or held by the United States for, a person to satisfy the debt the person owes the Government), which includes, but is not limited to, referral to the Internal Revenue Service for offset against income tax refunds (see 40 C.F.R. Part 13, Subparts C and H); and
  - (d) suspend or revoke each Respondent's licenses or other privileges, or (ii) suspend or disqualify each Respondent from doing business with the EPA or engaging in programs the EPA sponsors or funds, 40 C.F.R. § 13.17.
24. Penalties paid pursuant to this Consent Agreement are not deductible for federal tax purposes. 26 U.S.C. § 162(f).
25. This Consent Agreement and attached Final Order apply to and are binding upon the Complainant and the Respondents. Successors and assigns of Respondents are also bound if they are owned, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, or otherwise controlled by Respondents. Nothing in the previous sentence adversely affects any right of the EPA under applicable law to assert successor or assignee liability against any Respondent's successor or assignee.
26. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondents of the duty to comply with all applicable provisions of the CAA or other federal, state, or local laws or statutes, nor shall it restrict the EPA's authority to seek compliance with any applicable laws or regulations, nor shall it be construed to be a ruling on, or determination of, any issue related to any federal, state, or local permit.

27. The EPA reserves the right to revoke this Consent Agreement and accompanying settlement penalty if and to the extent the EPA finds, after signing this Consent Agreement, that any information provided by Respondents was or is materially false or inaccurate, and the EPA reserves the right to pursue, assess, and enforce legal and equitable remedies for the Alleged Violations of Law. The EPA shall give Respondents written notice of such termination, which will be effective upon mailing.
28. The Parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Environmental Appeals Board with a request that it be incorporated into a Final Order.
29. Respondents and Complainant agree to issuance of the attached Final Order. Upon filing, the EPA will transmit a copy of the filed Consent Agreement to the Respondents. This Consent Agreement and attached Final Order shall become effective after execution of the Final Order by the Environmental Appeals Board and filing with the Hearing Clerk.

## Appendix A:

### Compliance Plan to Avoid Illegal Tampering and Aftermarket Defeat Devices

This document explains how to help ensure compliance with the Clean Air Act's prohibitions on tampering and aftermarket defeat devices. The document specifies what the law prohibits, and sets forth two principles to follow in order to prevent violations.

#### The Clean Air Act Prohibitions on Tampering and Aftermarket Defeat Devices

The Act's prohibitions against tampering and aftermarket defeat devices are set forth in section 203(a)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3), (hereafter "§ 203(a)(3)"). The prohibitions apply to all vehicles, engines, and equipment subject to the certification requirements under sections 206 and 213 of the Act. This includes all motor vehicles (e.g., light-duty vehicles, highway motorcycles, heavy-duty trucks), motor vehicle engines (e.g., heavy-duty truck engines), nonroad vehicles (e.g., all-terrain vehicles, off road motorcycles), and nonroad engines (e.g., marine engines, engines used in generators, lawn and garden equipment, agricultural equipment, construction equipment). Certification requirements include those for exhaust or "tailpipe" emissions (e.g., oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, particulate matter, greenhouse gases), evaporative emissions (e.g., emissions from the fuel system), and onboard diagnostic systems.

The prohibitions are as follows:

"The following acts and the causing thereof are prohibited—"

**Tampering:** CAA § 203(a)(3)(A), 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(A), 40 C.F.R. § 1068.101(b)(1): "for any person to remove or render inoperative any device or element of design installed on or in a [vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment] in compliance with regulations under this subchapter prior to its sale and delivery to the ultimate purchaser, or for any person knowingly to remove or render inoperative any such device or element of design after such sale and delivery to the ultimate purchaser;"

**Defeat Devices:** CAA § 203(a)(3)(B), 42 U.S.C. § 7522(a)(3)(B), 40 C.F.R. § 1068.101(b)(2): "for any person to manufacture or sell, or offer to sell, or install, any part or component intended for use with, or as part of, any [vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment], where a principal effect of the part or component is to bypass, defeat, or render inoperative any device or element of design installed on or in a [vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment] in compliance with regulations under this subchapter, and where the person knows or should know that such part or component is being offered for sale or installed for such use or put to such use."

Section 203(a)(3)(A) prohibits tampering with emission controls. This includes those controls that are in the engine (e.g., fuel injection, exhaust gas recirculation), and those that are in the exhaust (e.g., filters, catalytic convertors, and oxygen sensors). Section 203(a)(3)(B) prohibits (among other things) aftermarket defeat devices, including hardware (e.g., certain modified exhaust pipes) and software (e.g., certain engine tuners and other software changes).

The EPA's longstanding view is that conduct that may be prohibited by § 203(a)(3) does not warrant enforcement if the person performing that conduct has a documented, reasonable basis for knowing that the conduct does not adversely affect emissions. *See* Mobile Source Enforcement Memorandum 1A (June 25, 1974).

The EPA evaluates each case independently, and the absence of such reasonable basis does not in and of itself constitute a violation. When determining whether tampering occurred, the EPA typically compares the vehicle after the service to the vehicle's original, or "stock" configuration (rather than to the vehicle prior to the service). Where a person is asked to perform service on an element of an emission control system that has already been tampered, the EPA typically does not consider the service to be illegal tampering if the person either declines to perform the service on the tampered system or restores the element to its certified configuration.

Below are two guiding principles to help ensure Respondent commits no violations of the Act's prohibitions on tampering and aftermarket defeat devices.

**Principle 1: Respondent Will Not Modify any OBD System**

**Respondent will neither remove nor render inoperative any element of design of an OBD system.<sup>i</sup> Also, Respondent will not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or install any part or component that bypasses, defeats, or renders inoperative any element of design of an OBD system.**

**Principle 2: Respondent Will Ensure There is a Reasonable Basis for Conduct Subject to the Prohibitions**

**For conduct unrelated to OBD systems, Respondent will have a *reasonable basis* demonstrating that its conduct<sup>ii</sup> does not adversely affect emissions. Where the conduct in question is the manufacturing or sale of a part or component, Respondent must have a *reasonable basis* that the installation and use of that part or component does not adversely affect emissions. Respondent will fully document its *reasonable basis*, as specified in the following section, at or before the time the conduct occurs.**

## Reasonable Bases

This section specifies several ways that Respondent may document that it has a “reasonable basis” as the term is used in the prior section. In any given case, Respondent must consider all the facts including any unique circumstances and ensure that its conduct does not have any adverse effect on emissions.<sup>iii</sup>

- A. Identical to Certified Configuration:** Respondent generally has a reasonable basis if its conduct: is solely for the maintenance, repair, rebuild, or replacement of an emissions-related element of design; and restores that element of design to be identical to the certified configuration (or, if not certified, the original configuration) of the vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment.<sup>iv</sup>
- B. Replacement After-Treatment Systems:** Respondent generally has a reasonable basis if the conduct:
- (1) involves a new after-treatment system used to replace the same kind of system on a vehicle, engine or piece of equipment and that system is beyond its emissions warranty; and
  - (2) the manufacturer of that system represents in writing that it is appropriate to install the system on the specific vehicle, engine or piece of equipment at issue.
- C. Emissions Testing:**<sup>v</sup> Respondent generally has a reasonable basis if the conduct:
- (1) alters a vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment;
  - (2) emissions testing shows that the altered vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment will meet all applicable emissions standards for its full useful life; and
  - (3) where the conduct includes the manufacture, sale, or offering for sale of a part or component, that part or component is marketed only for those vehicles, engines, or pieces of equipment that are appropriately represented by the emissions testing.
- D. EPA Certification:** Respondent generally has a reasonable basis if the emissions-related element of design that is the object of the conduct (or the conduct itself) has been certified by the EPA under 40 C.F.R. Part 85 Subpart V (or any other applicable EPA certification program).<sup>vi</sup>
- E. CARB Certification:** Respondent generally has a reasonable basis if the emissions-related element of design that is the object of the conduct (or the conduct itself) has been certified by the California Air Resources Board (“CARB”).<sup>vii</sup>

## ENDNOTES

<sup>i</sup> *OBD system* includes any system which monitors emission-related elements of design, or that assists repair technicians in diagnosing and fixing problems with emission-related elements of design. If a problem is detected, an OBD system should record a diagnostic trouble code, illuminate a malfunction indicator light or other warning lamp on the vehicle instrument panel, and provide information to the engine control unit such as information that induces engine derate (as provided by the OEM) due to malfunctioning or missing emission-related systems. Regardless of whether an element of design is commonly considered part of an OBD system, the term “OBD system” as used in this Appendix includes any element of design that monitors, measures, receives, reads, stores, reports, processes or transmits any information about the condition of or the performance of an emission control system or any component thereof.

<sup>ii</sup> Here, the term *conduct* means: all service performed on, and any change whatsoever to, any emissions-related element of design of a vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment within the scope of § 203(a)(3); the manufacturing, sale, offering for sale, and installation of any part or component that may alter in any way an emissions-related element of design of a vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment within the scope of § 203(a)(3), and any other act that may be prohibited by § 203(a)(3).

<sup>iii</sup> General notes concerning the Reasonable Bases: Documentation of the above-described reasonable bases must be provided to EPA upon request, based on the EPA’s authority to require information to determine compliance. CAA § 208, 42 U.S.C. § 7542. The EPA issues no case-by-case pre-approvals of reasonable bases, nor exemptions to the Act’s prohibitions on tampering and aftermarket defeat devices (except where such an exemption is available by regulation). A reasonable basis consistent with this Appendix does not constitute a certification, accreditation, approval, or any other type of endorsement by EPA (except in cases where an EPA Certification itself constitutes the reasonable basis). No claims of any kind, such as “Approved [or certified] by the Environmental Protection Agency,” may be made on the basis of the reasonable bases described in this Policy. This includes written and oral advertisements and other communication. However, if true on the basis of this Appendix, statements such as the following may be made: “Meets the emissions control criteria in the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Tampering Policy in order to avoid liability for violations of the Clean Air Act.” There is no reasonable basis where documentation is fraudulent or materially incorrect, or where emissions testing was performed incorrectly.

<sup>iv</sup> Notes on Reasonable Basis A: The conduct should be performed according to instructions from the original manufacturer (OEM) of the vehicle, engine, or equipment. The “certified configuration” of a vehicle, engine, or piece of equipment is the design for which the EPA has issued a certificate of conformity (regardless of whether that design is publicly available). Generally, the OEM submits an application for certification that details the designs of each product it proposes to manufacture prior to production. The EPA then “certifies” each acceptable design for use, in the upcoming model year. The “original configuration” means the design of the emissions-related elements of design to which the OEM manufactured the product. The appropriate source for technical information regarding the certified or original configuration of a product is the product’s OEM. In the case of a replacement part, the part manufacturer should represent in writing that the replacement part will perform identically with respect to emissions control as the replaced part, and should be able to support the representation with either: (a) documentation that the replacement part is identical to the replaced part (including engineering drawings or similar showing identical dimensions, materials, and design), or (b) test results from emissions testing of the replacement part. In the case of engine switching, installation of an engine into a different vehicle or piece of equipment by any person would be considered tampering unless the resulting vehicle or piece of equipment is (a) in the same product category (e.g., light-duty vehicle) as the engine originally powered and (b) identical (with regard to all emissions-related elements of design) to a certified configuration of the same or newer model year as the vehicle chassis or equipment. Alternatively, Respondent may show through emissions testing that there is a reasonable basis for an engine switch under Reasonable Basis C. Note that there are some substantial practical limitations to switching engines. Vehicle chassis and engine designs of one vehicle manufacturer are very distinct from those of another, such that it is generally not possible to put an engine into a chassis of a different manufacturer and have it match up to a certified configuration.

<sup>v</sup> Notes on emissions testing: Where the above-described reasonable bases involve emissions testing, unless otherwise noted, that testing must be consistent with the following. The emissions testing may be performed by someone other than the person performing the conduct (such as an aftermarket parts manufacturer), but to be consistent with this Appendix, the person performing the conduct must have all documentation of the reasonable basis at or before the conduct. The emissions testing and documentation required for this reasonable basis is the same as the testing and documentation required by regulation (e.g., 40 C.F.R. Part 1065) for the purposes of original EPA certification of the vehicle, engine, or equipment at issue. Accelerated aging techniques and in-use testing are acceptable only insofar as they are acceptable for purposes of original EPA certification. The applicable emissions standards are either the emissions standards on the Emission Control Information Label on the product (such as any stated family emission limit, or FEL), or if there is no such label, the fleet standards for the

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product category and model year. To select test vehicles or test engines where EPA regulations do not otherwise prescribe how to do so for purposes of original EPA certification of the vehicle, engine, or equipment at issue, one must choose the “worst case” product from among all the products for which the part or component is intended. EPA generally considers “worst case” to be that product with the largest engine displacement within the highest test weight class. The vehicle, engine, or equipment, as altered by the conduct, must perform identically both on and off the test(s), and can have no element of design that is not substantially included in the test(s).

<sup>vi</sup> Notes on Reasonable Basis D: This reasonable basis is subject to the same terms and limitations as EPA issues with any such certification. In the case of an aftermarket part or component, there can be a reasonable basis only if: the part or component is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or installed on the vehicle, engine, or equipment for which it is certified; according to manufacturer instructions; and is not altered or customized, and remains identical to the certified part or component.

<sup>vii</sup> Notes on Reasonable Basis E: This reasonable basis is subject to the same terms and limitations as CARB imposes with any such certification. The conduct must be legal in California under California law. However, in the case of an aftermarket part or component, the EPA will consider certification from CARB to be relevant even where the certification for that part or component is no longer in effect due solely to passage of time.

The foregoing Consent Agreement *In the Matter of Justin Holder, Battlefield Automotive, LLC, and Enhanced Alternatives, LLC, d/b/a Battlefield Automotive and Confederate Diesel*, Docket No. CAA-HQ-2018-8374, is Hereby Stipulated, Agreed, and Approved for Entry.

**For Justin Holder:**



Signature

9.24.2018

Date

Printed Name: Justin K. Holder

Address: 308 W. Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, Maryland, 21782

Respondent's Federal Tax Identification Number: 219-88-9123

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**For Battlefield Automotive, LLC:**



Signature

8-24-2018  
Date

Printed Name: Justin K. Holder

Title: Managing Member

Address: P.O. Box 420, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Respondent's Federal Tax Identification Number: 47-2185067

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**For Enhanced Alternatives, LLC:**

  
Signature

4-24-2018  
Date

Printed Name: Justin K. Holder

Title: Managing Member

Address: PO Box 420 Sharpsburg MD 21782

Respondent's Federal Tax Identification Number: 2--8007514

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**FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)-(c) of EPA’s Consolidated Rules of Practice, the attached Consent Agreement resolving this matter is incorporated by reference into this Final Order and is hereby ratified.

The Respondent is ORDERED to comply with all terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately.

So ordered.<sup>1</sup>

**ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD**

Dated: 9/4/2018

  
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 Kathie A. Stein  
 Environmental Appeals Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The three-member panel ratifying this matter is composed of Environmental Appeals Judges Aaron P. Avila, Kathie A. Stein, and Mary Beth Ward.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing "Consent Agreement" and "Final Order," in the matter of *Justin Holder, Battlefield Automotive, LLC, and Enhanced Alternatives, LLC, d/b/a Battlefield Automotive and Confederate Diesel*, Docket No. CAA-HQ-2018-8374, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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