



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 9 - 75 Hawthorne St San Francisco, CA 94105
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Docket Number: CWA-09-2021-0002

Gills Onions, LLC ("Respondent"), a 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.

By its signature, Complainant ("EPA") finds that Respondent is responsible for unauthorized discharge(s) of pollutants in stormwater in violation of Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301 of 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. Attached is an "Industrial Non-filer Expedited Settlement Worksheet" ("Worksheet"), which is incorporated by reference. The Worksheet summarizes the alleged violations and calculates a proposed penalty of \$15,000, based on conditions at the Respondent's referenced facility at the time of EPA's September 21, 2018 inspection.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of 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 \$15,000. 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 Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 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 shall submit a payment, with the case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified below, payable to the Treasurer, United States of America, to:

U.S. EPA, Region 9
Fines and Penalties, Cincinnati Finance Center
In the Matter of: Gills Onions, LLC
Docket No.: CWA-09-2021-0002
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 Worksheet. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective upon filing with EPA Region 9's Regional Hearing Clerk.

APPROVED BY EPA:

Signature: //s// Date: 11/3/2020
Elizabeth Berg, Assistant Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name
(print): Steven H. Gill

Title
(print): Manager

Signature: //s//

Date: 10/3/2020

EPA received no comments concerning this matter in response to a 30-day public comment period publicly noticed by EPA pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of 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: _____
Steven L Jawgiel
Regional Judicial Officer, U.S. EPA Region IX