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Mr. Bob Henry Senior District Manager Chemical Waste Management, Inc. 35251 Old Skyline Road P.O. Box 471 Kettleman City, CA 93239

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Re: Consent Agreement and Final Order In the Matter of <u>Chemical Waste Management</u>, Inc.

Dear Mr. Henry:

Please find enclosed the final executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) that you entered into on behalf of Chemical Waste Management, Inc., with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (EPA).

This CA/FO sets out the terms for resolution of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) administrative civil penalty action in the matter of <u>Chemical Waste Management, Inc</u>.

Your full compliance with the payment terms of this CA/FO and completion of all tasks required by this CA/FO will close this case. If you have any questions regarding the rules, regulations and statutes governing your operations which are implemented by EPA or which govern the proceedings terminated by the enclosed document, please contact Mr. Christopher Rollins of my staff at 415-947-4166, or Assistant Regional Counsel, Ms. Letitia Moore at (415) 972-3928.

Sincerely,

Jeff Scott, Director Waste Management Division

Enclosure

cc: Don Plain, DTSC

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6	In the Matter of:)	Docket No. TSCA-09-2011-000/
7	CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT,	INC.,)	CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER PURSUANT TO 40 C.F.R.
8	Respondent.)	\$\$ 22.13 and 22.18

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 11 ("EPA"), and Chemical Waste Management, Inc. ("Respondent"), 12 agree to settle this matter and consent to the entry of this 13 Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CA/FO"), which simultaneously 14 commences and concludes this matter in accordance with Sections 15 22.13(b) and 22.18(b) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice 16 Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and 17 the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits 40 C.F.R. 18 §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b). 19

20 A. AUTHORITY AND PARTIES

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This is a civil administrative penalty action
 instituted against Respondent pursuant to Section 16(a) of the
 Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), for
 violation of Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614, by failing to
 comply with implementing regulations governing polychlorinated
 biphenyls ("PCBs") at 40 C.F.R. Part 761.

27 2. Complainant is the Director of the Waste Management
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Division, EPA Region IX, who has been duly delegated the
 authority to bring this action and to sign a consent agreement
 settling this action.

3. Respondent owns and operates a commercial hazardous
waste facility in Kettleman City, Kings County, California (the
"Facility"). The Facility manages, treats and disposes of PCBs,
hazardous waste and non-hazardous industrial waste.

8 4. Respondent is a "person," as that term is defined at 40
9 C.F.R. § 761.3.

10 5. At all times relevant to this CA/FO, Respondent, at the 11 Facility, managed and disposed of PCBs regulated under TSCA and 12 its implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 761.

13 6. At all times relevant to this CA/FO, Respondent managed 14 PCBs at concentrations ≥ 50 ppm in and around the PCB Storage and 15 Flushing Building at the Facility.

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B. APPLICABLE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY SECTIONS

Pursuant to Section 6(e) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e),
EPA promulgated regulations governing PCBs at 40 C.F.R. Part 761.
8. "PCB" and "PCBs" means any chemical substance that is
limited to the biphenyl molecule that has been chlorinated to
varying degrees or any combination of substances which contains
such substances. 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

9. "PCB Article" means any manufactured article, other
than a PCB container, that contains PCBs and whose surface(s) has
been in direct contact with PCBs. "PCB Article" includes
capacitors, transformers, electric motors, pumps, pipes and any
other manufactured item (a) which is formed to a specific shape
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1 or design during manufacture, (b) which has end use function(s) 2 dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end 3 use, and (c) which has either no change of chemical composition 4 during its end use or only those changes of composition which 5 have no commercial purpose separate from that of the PCB Article. 6 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

7 10. "PCB container" means any package, can, bottle, bag, 8 barrel, drum, tank, or other device that contains PCBs or PCB 9 Articles and whose surface(s) has been in direct contact with 10 PCBs. 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

11 11. "PCB Item" means any PCB Article, PCB Article
12 Container, PCB Container, PCB Equipment, or anything that
13 deliberately or unintentionally contains or has as a part of it
14 any PCB or PCBs. 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

15 12. "PCB-contaminated electrical equipment" means any 16 electrical equipment including, but not limited to, 17 transformers..., that contains PCBs at concentrations ≥ 50 ppm 18 and < 500 ppm in the contaminating fluid. 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.</p>

19 13. "Person" means any individual, corporation, 20 partnership, or association; any State, or political subdivision 21 thereof; any interstate body; and any department, agency, or 22 instrumentality of the Federal Government. 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

14. Section 15 of TSCA makes it unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to comply with any rule promulgated or order issued under Section 2604 or 2605 of TSCA. TSCA Section 15(1)(C), 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1)(C).

2715. Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), authorizes28In the Matter of Chemical Waste Management, Inc.Page 3

1 the EPA Administrator to assess a civil penalty not to exceed 2 \$25,000 per day for each violation of Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614. This statutory maximum civil penalty was 3 subsequently raised to \$37,500 per day for each violation that 4 5 occurred after January 12, 2009 pursuant to the Federal Civil 6 Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-410, as 7 amended, and its implementing regulation, the Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 19. 8

9 C. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

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COUNT 1

Failure to Indicate Removal of Service Date

16. Paragraphs 1 through 15 above are incorporated herein by this reference as if they were set forth here in their entirety.

17. 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(8) requires that containers of PCBs at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater stored for disposal be marked with the date removed from service for disposal.

18. On February 8, 2010, an EPA Inspector observed that Respondent had a container of PCB waste at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater stored for disposal at the Facility.

19. The container was not marked with the removal from service date.

20. Respondent's failure to mark the container with the removal from service date constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.65(c)(8) and Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1)(C).

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COUNT 2 Failure to Properly Manifest

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	Failure to Properly Manifest		
2	21. Paragraphs 1 through 20 above are incorporated herein		
3	by this reference as if they were set forth here in their		
4	entirety.		
5	22. 40 C.F.R. § 761.207(a) requires that generators provide		
6	(i) the date of removal from service for disposal and (ii) the		
7	weight in kilograms of the PCB waste on the manifests for PCB		
8	wastes being transported for commercial off-site storage or		
9	disposal.		
10	23. EPA inspectors observed nine manifests from the		
11	Facility for PCB waste generated by Respondent that did not		
12	include the removal from service date or the PCB waste weight in		
13	kilograms for PCB wastes being transported for commercial off-		
14	site storage or disposal.		
15	24. Each manifest on which Respondent failed to include		
16 17	either the removal from service date or the PCB waste weight in		
1/	kilograms is a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.207(a) and		
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18	Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614(1)(C).		
19	COUNT 3		
19 20	COUNT 3 Continued Use Violation		
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1 § 761.20(a); see, also, Section 6(e)(2)(A) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2 § 2605(e)(2)(A).

3 27. A "totally enclosed manner" means any manner that will 4 ensure no exposure of human beings or the environment to any 5 concentration of PCBs. 40 C.F.R. § 761.3.

6 28. Any person may use equipment, structures or other
7 materials that were contaminated with PCBs during use or because
8 of spills from, or proximity to, PCBs at concentrations ≥50 ppm,
9 provided the materials were decontaminated in accordance with
10 TSCA or now meet an applicable decontamination standard. 40
11 C.F.R. § 761.30(u).

12 29. On February 8, 2010, an EPA Inspector collected two 13 wipe samples from the floor of the PCB Storage and Flushing 14 Building at the Facility, directly below the two drain valve caps 15 for Respondent's PCB tank.

30. Sample results for the wipe samples collected below Respondent's PCB tank showed PCB concentrations in excess of 10 micrograms per 100 square centimeters(10 µg/100 cm²), specifically, 30 and 35 µg/100 cm².

20 31. Respondent used the PCB Storage and Flushing Building 21 at the Facility without meeting the conditions for use under 40 22 C.F.R. § 761.30(u), in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 761.30(u) and 23 Sections 6(e)(2)(A) and 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 24 §§ 2605(e)(2)(A) and 2614(1)(C).

COUNT 4 Continued Use Violation

32. Paragraphs 1 through 31 above are incorporated herein

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by this reference as if they were set forth here in their
 entirety.

3 33. On June 2, 2010, an EPA Inspector collected a wipe 4 sample from the floor of the PCB Storage and Flushing Building at 5 the Facility, near the first drain valve cap for Respondent's PCB 6 tank.

7 34. The sample result for the wipe sample collected near
8 Respondent's PCB tank showed PCB concentrations in excess of
9 10 µg/100 cm², specifically, 11 µg/100 cm².

35. On June 2, 2010, an EPA Inspector collected a wipe
sample from the concrete slab adjacent to Respondent's PCB
Storage and Flushing Building at the Facility.

13 36. The sample result for the wipe sample collected from
14 the concrete slab showed PCB concentrations in excess of
15 10 µg/100 cm², specifically, 24 µg/100 cm².

16 37. Respondent used the PCB Storage and Flushing Building 17 and the adjacent concrete slab at the Facility without meeting 18 the conditions for use under 40 C.F.R. § 761.30(u), in violation 19 of 40 C.F.R. § 761.30(u) and Sections 6(e)(2)(A) and 15(1)(C) of 20 TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2605(e)(2)(A) and 2614(1)(C).

COUNT 5 Improper Disposal Violation

38. Paragraphs 1 through 37 above are incorporated herein by this reference as if they were set forth here in their entirety.

39. Any person storing or disposing of PCB waste must do so in accordance with subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 761. 40 C.F.R.

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1 § 761.50(a).

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2 40. Spills and other uncontrolled discharges of PCBs at 3 concentrations of ≥ 50 ppm constitute the disposal of PCBs. 40 4 C.F.R. § 761.50(a)(4).

5 41. At all times relevant to this CA/FO, Respondent managed
6 PCBs at concentrations ≥ 50 ppm in and around the PCB Storage and
7 Flushing Building at the Facility.

8 42. Sample results of soil samples taken by EPA and
9 Respondent of areas around the PCB Storage and Flushing Building
10 at the Facility show PCBs concentrations ≥1 ppm, ranging from 1.1
11 to 57 ppm.

12 43. The disposal in the soil around the PCB Storage and
13 Flushing Building at the Facility of PCBs managed at the PCB
14 Storage and Flushing Building was not in accordance with Subpart
15 D of 40 C.F.R. Part 761.

16 44. Respondent's failure to dispose of PCBs in accordance 17 with Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 761 constitutes a violation of 18 40 C.F.R. § 761.50(a) and Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 19 § 2614(1)(C).

Improper Disposal Violation

45. Paragraphs 1 through 44 above are incorporated herein by this reference as if they were set forth here in their entirety.

46. Sample results of soil samples taken by Respondent under the concrete slab adjacent to the PCB Storage and Flushing Building at the Facility show PCBs concentrations ≥1 ppm,

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1 specifically 64, 74 and 440 ppm.

2	47. The disposal in the soil under the concrete slab
3	adjacent to the PCB Storage and Flushing Building at the Facility
4	of PCBs managed at the PCB Storage and Flushing Building was not
5	in accordance with Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 761.

6 48. Respondent's failure to dispose of PCBs in accordance
7 with Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 761 constitutes a violation of
8 40 C.F.R. § 761.50(a) and Section 15(1)(C) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C.
9 § 2614(1)(C).

10 D. CIVIL PENALTY

49. Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §2615(a), as adjusted by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. §2461, and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. §3701 (see 61 Fed. Reg. 69360 (Dec. 31, 1996)), authorizes a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation occurring after January 12, 2009 (73 Fed. Reg. 75,340 (Dec. 11, 2008)); 40 C.F.R. §19.4.

50. Based upon the facts alleged herein and upon those 18 19 factors that EPA must consider pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), including the nature, circumstances, extent, 20 and gravity of the violations and, with respect to the violator, 21 ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, any 22 history of prior such violations, the degree of culpability, as 23 well as such other matters as justice may require, EPA proposes 24 that Respondent be assessed THREE HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND AND 25 ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$302,100) as the civil penalty for the 26 violations alleged herein. The proposed penalty is consistent 27 28 In the Matter of Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Page 9

1 with the April 1990 PCB Penalty Policy.

E. ADMISSIONS AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

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3 51. For the purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits 4 to the jurisdictional allegations set forth in Sections A and B of this CA/FO. Respondent consents to and agrees not to contest 5 EPA's jurisdiction and authority to enter into and issue this 6 CA/FO and to enforce its terms. Further, Respondent will not 7 contest EPA's jurisdiction and authority to compel compliance 8 9 with this CA/FO in any enforcement proceedings, either administrative or judicial, or to impose sanctions for violations 10 11 of this CA/FO.

12 52. Respondent neither admits nor denies any allegations of 13 fact set forth in Section C of this CA/FO. Respondent hereby 14 waives any rights Respondent may have to contest the allegations 15 set forth in this CA/FO, including without limitation a hearing 16 pursuant to Section 16(a)(2)(A) of TSCA, 16 U.S.C.

17 § 2615(a)(2)(A), and hereby consents to the issuance of this 18 CA/FO without adjudication. In addition, Respondent hereby 19 waives any rights Respondent may have to appeal the Final Order 20 attached to this Consent Agreement and made part of this CA/FO.

21 F. PARTIES BOUND

53. This CA/FO shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its agents, successors and assigns and upon all persons acting under or for Respondent, until such time as all tasks required by this CA/FO have been completed, the civil penalty required under Section D has been paid in accordance with Section G, and any delays in performance and/or stipulated In the Matter of Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Page 10 1 penalties have been resolved. At such time as those matters are 2 concluded, this CA/FO shall terminate and constitute full 3 settlement of the violations alleged herein.

4 54. No change in ownership or corporate, partnership or
5 legal status relating to the Facility will in any way alter
6 Respondent's obligations and responsibilities under this CA/FO.

7 55. The undersigned representative of Respondent hereby
8 certifies that he or she is fully authorized by Respondent to
9 enter into the terms and conditions of this CA/FO, to execute
10 this CA/FO, and to legally bind Respondent to this CA/FO.

11 G. PAYMENT OF CIVIL PENALTY

12 56. Respondent consents to the assessment of and agrees to 13 pay a civil penalty in the amount of THREE HUNDRED AND TWO 14 THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$302,100) in settlement of the 15 civil penalty claims of the United States for the violations of 16 TSCA, and its implementing regulations, as alleged in Section C 17 above.

Respondent shall submit payment of the civil penalty of 18 57. THREE HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$302,100) 19 within thirty (30) calendar days of the Effective Date of this 20 CA/FO. The Effective Date of this CA/FO is the date that the 21 Final Order contained in this CA/FO, having been approved and 22 issued by the Regional Judicial Officer, is filed. Payment shall 23 be made by wire transfer to the account of the U.S. Treasury at 24 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. 25

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Federal Reserve Bank of New York ABA: 021030004

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Account Number: 68010727 1 SWIFT address: FRNYUS33 2 33 Liberty Street New York, NY 10045 3 Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read: "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency" 4 See also, 5 http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/payment instructions.htm At the time payment is so made, a copy of the 6 58. 7 transmittal form shall be sent to: 8 Regional Hearing Clerk (RC-1) Office of Regional Counsel 9 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street 10 San Francisco, CA 94105 and 11 Christopher Rollins (WST-3) Waste Management Division 12 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX 13 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105 14 In accordance with the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and 59. 15 U.S. Treasury directive (TFRM 6-8000), the payment must be 16 received within thirty (30) calendar days of the Effective Date 17 of this CA/FO to avoid additional charges. If payment is not 18 received within thirty (30) calendar days, interest will accrue 19 from the Effective Date of this CA/FO at the current rate 20 published by the United States Treasury as described at 40 C.F.R. 21 § 13.11(a). A late penalty charge will be imposed after thirty 22 (30) calendar days with an additional charge for each subsequent 23 30-day period, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(b). A 6% per 24 annum penalty will further apply on any principal amount not paid 25 within ninety (90) calendar days of the due date, as described at 26 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(c). Respondent further will be liable for 27 28 Page 12 In the Matter of Chemical Waste Management, Inc.

1 stipulated penalties as set forth below for any payment not 2 received by its due date.

3 60. The penalties specified in this CA/FO shall represent 4 civil penalties assessed by EPA and shall not be deducted by 5 Respondent or any other person or entity for federal, state or 6 local taxation purposes.

7 H. DELAY IN PERFORMANCE AND STIPULATED PENALTIES

8 61. In addition to the interest and per annum penalties
9 described above, in the event that Respondent fails to pay the
10 full amount of the penalty within the time specified in
11 Section G, Respondent agrees to pay Complainant a stipulated
12 penalty in the amount of up to TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)
13 for each day the default continues.

14 62. All penalties shall begin to accrue on the date that 15 performance is due or a violation occurs, and shall continue to 16 accrue through the final day of correction of the noncompliance. 17 Nothing herein shall prevent the simultaneous accrual of separate 18 penalties for separate violations.

19 63. All penalties owed to EPA under this Section shall be 20 due within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notification of 21 noncompliance. Such notification shall describe the 22 noncompliance and shall indicate the amount of penalties due. 23 Interest at the current rate published by the United States 24 Treasury, as described at 40 C.F.R. §13.11, shall begin to accrue 25 on the unpaid balance at the end of the thirty-day period.

26 64. Payment of stipulated penalties shall be made in
27 accordance with the procedure set forth for payment of the
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1 penalty in Section G of this CA/FO.

2 65. All payments shall indicate the name of the Facility,
3 Respondent's name and address, and the EPA docket number assigned
4 to this action.

5 66. The payment of stipulated penalties shall not alter in 6 any way Respondent's obligation to complete the performance 7 required hereunder.

8 67. The stipulated penalties set forth in this Section do 9 not preclude EPA from pursuing any other remedies or sanctions 10 which may be available to EPA by reason of Respondent's failure 11 to comply with any of the requirements of this CA/FO.

12 68. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
13 EPA may, in its unreviewable discretion, waive any portion of
14 stipulated penalties that have accrued pursuant to this CA/FO.

15 69. The payment of stipulated penalties specified in this
16 Section shall not be deducted by Respondent or any other person
17 or entity for federal, state or local taxation purposes.

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

19 70. Respondent is conducting characterization and 20 remediation of soil contamination that formed the basis for 21 violations alleged in this CA/FO pursuant to EPA's September 23, 22 2010 Conditional Approval of the "PCB Building Self-Implementing 23 Cleanup Plan" and the State of California Department of Toxic 24 Substances Control's Corrective Action Consent Order, Docket No. 25 HWCA P1-10/11-001 (Oct. 14, 2010).

26 71. Within twenty (20) days of the Effective Date of this
27 CA/FO, Respondent shall certify to EFA under penalty of law that
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1 Respondent has fully complied with the TSCA PCB requirements that 2 formed the basis for the violations alleged in this CA/FO. 3 72. The certification required to be made pursuant to this 4 CA/FO shall be sent by certified mail, with return receipt 5 requested, to: 6 Christopher Rollins (WST-3) Waste Management Division 7 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street 8 San Francisco, CA 94105 9 The certification shall contain a Certification 73. Statement signed by a responsible official on behalf of 10 11 Respondent. The Certification Statement should be as follows: I certify under penalty of law that the information 12 contained in or accompanying this document is true, 13 accurate, and complete, This certification is based upon my personal knowledge or upon my inquiry of the 14 person or persons directly responsible for gathering the information. 15 A responsible official for the purposes of this provision means: 16 a president, secretary, treasurer or vice-president in 17 charge of a principal business function for Respondent, or any other person who performs similar policy or 18 decision-making functions for Respondent. 19 J. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS 20 74. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(c), this CA/FO 21 resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties 22 for the violations and facts specifically alleged in Section C of 23 this CA/FO. Nothing in this CA/FO is intended to or shall be 24 construed to resolve (i) any civil liability for violations of 25 any provision of any federal, state, or local law, statute, 26 regulation, rule, ordinance, or permit not specifically alleged 27 in Section C of this CA/FO; or (ii) any criminal liability. 28 In the Matter of Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Page 15

75. EPA expressly reserves all rights and defenses that it
 may have.

3 76. EPA hereby reserves all of its statutory and regulatory powers, authorities, rights and remedies, both legal and 4 5 equitable, including the right to require that Respondent perform tasks in addition to those required by this CA/FO. EPA further 6 7 reserves all of its statutory and regulatory powers, authorities, rights and remedies, both legal and equitable, which may pertain 8 9 to Respondent's failure to comply with any of the requirements of this CA/FO, including without limitation, the assessment of 10 penalties under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). This 11 CA/FO shall not be construed as a covenant not to sue, release, 12 waiver or limitation of any rights, remedies, powers or 13 authorities, civil or criminal, which EPA has under the 14 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability 15 Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), or any other statutory, 16 regulatory or common law enforcement authority of the United 17 18 States.

19 77. Compliance by Respondent with the terms of this CA/FO 20 shall not relieve Respondent of its obligations to comply with 21 any applicable local, state, or federal laws and regulations.

78. The entry of this CA/FO and Respondent's consent to comply shall not limit or otherwise preclude EPA from taking additional enforcement actions should EPA determine that such actions are warranted except as they relate to Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the specific alleged violation and facts as set forth in Section C of this CA/FO.

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79. This CA/FO is not intended to be nor shall it be

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1 construed as a permit. This CA/FO does not relieve Respondent of 2 any obligation to obtain and comply with any local, state, or 3 federal permits.

4 K. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

5 80. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees, costs,6 and disbursements incurred in this proceeding.

7 L. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 81. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18(b)(3) and 9 22.31(b), this CA/FO shall be effective on the date that the 10 Final Order contained in this CA/FO, having been approved and 11 issued by the Regional Judicial Officer, is filed.

12 M. MISCELLANEOUS

13 82. The headings in this CA/FO are for convenience of 14 reference only and shall not affect interpretation of this CA/FO. 15

16 FOR RESPONDENT, CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

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Robert G. Henry

Vice President U Chemical Waste Management, Inc.

FOR COMPLAINANT, US. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION IX:

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Jef∮ Scott Director Waste Management Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

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FINAL ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this CA/FO (Docket No. TSCA-09-2011- COO() be entered and that Respondent pay a civil penalty in the amount of THREE HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$302,100) by wire transfer to the account of the U.S. Treasury at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Consent Agreement and Final Order. A copy of the wire transfer form shall be sent to the EPA Region IX addresses specified in Section G of this Consent Agreement and Final Order within such 30-day period.

This Consent Agreement and Final Order shall become effective upon filing by the Regional Hearing Clerk.

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Regional Judicial Officer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date below, the original copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region IX, and that copies were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

> Mr. Bob Henry Senior District Manager Chemical Waste Management, Inc. 35251 Old Skyline Road P.O. Box 471 Kettleman City, CA 93239

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 #02:
 Steven Armsey

 Regional Hearing Clerk

 Office of Regional Counsel, Region IX