

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590 June 24, 2014

#### REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. James F. Knibbs Jim Knibbs Building & Remodeling, Inc. 616 Bay Street Petoskey, Michigan 49770

## Consent Agreement and Final Order in the Matter of Jim Knibbs Building & Remodeling, Inc. Docket No.

### TSCA-05-2014-0012

Dear Mr. Knibbs:

I have enclosed a copy of an original fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order in resolution of the above case. This document was filed on June 24, 2014 with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

The civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 is to be paid in the manner described in paragraphs 81 and 82. Please be certain that the docket number is written on both the transmittal letter and on the check. Payment is due by July 4, 2014 (within 120 calendar days of the filing date).

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

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Paul Fericelli / Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section

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#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 5**

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Jim Knibbs Building	& Remodeling, Inc.
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Respondent.	

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#### Consent Agreement and Final Order

#### **Preliminary Statement**

This is an administrative action commenced and concluded under Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/ Termination or Suspension of Permits (Consolidated Rules), as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

2. The Complainant is, by lawful delegation, the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5.

Respondent is Jim Knibbs Building & Remodeling, Inc. (Respondent), a corporation with a place of business at 616 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770.

Where the parties agree to settle one or more causes of action before the filing of a complaint, the administrative action may be commenced and concluded simultaneously by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order (CAFO). 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

The parties agree that settling this action without the filing of a complaint or the 5.: adjudication of any issue of fact or law is in their interest and in the public interest.

Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty specified in this CAFO, б. and to the terms of this CAFO.

#### Jurisdiction and Waiver of Right to Hearing

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in this CAFO and neither admits nor denies the general allegations in this CAFO.

8. Respondent waives its right to request a hearing as provided at 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c), any right to contest the allegations in this CAFO and its right to appeal this CAFO.

#### Statutory and Regulatory Background

9. In promulgating the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, Pub. L. No.102-550, Oct. 28 1998 (Title X), Congress found, among other things, that low-level lead poisoning is widespread among American children, afflicting as many as 3,000,000 children under the age of six; at low levels, lead poisoning in children causes intelligence deficiencies, reading and learning disabilities, impaired hearing, reduced attention span, hyperactivity, and behavior problems; and the ingestion of household dust containing lead from deteriorating or abraded lead-based paint is the most common cause of lead poisoning in children. A key component of the national strategy to reduce and eliminate the threat of childhood lead poisoning is to educate the public concerning the hazards and sources of lead-based paint poisoning and steps to reduce and eliminate such hazards. See 42 U.S.C. § 4851.

10. Section 1021 of Title X amended TSCA by adding Sections 401-412, entitled Lead Exposure Reduction, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2681 through 2692.

11. Pursuant to Section 402(c)(3) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2682(c)(3), EPA promulgated regulations amending 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subparts E and L, that apply to renovation or remodeling activities in target housing, public buildings constructed before 1978, and commercial buildings that create lead-based paint hazards. These regulations prescribe work practice standards and ensure that individuals engaged in such activities are properly trained, and

that the training programs are accredited and contractors engaged in such activities are certified. These requirements are known as the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Rule (RRP Rule).

12. Pursuant to Section 406(b) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2686(b), EPA promulgated regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, requiring, among other things, that each person who performs for compensation a renovation of target housing provide a lead hazard information pamphlet to the owner and occupant of such housing prior to commencing the renovation. These requirements are known as the Pre-Renovation Education Rule (PRE Rule).

13. 40 C.F.R. § 745.83 defines "firm" as a company, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship or individual doing business, association, or other business entity; a federal, state, tribal or local government agency; or a nonprofit organization.

14. 40 C.F.R. § 745.83 defines "renovation" as the modification of any existing structure, or portion thereof, that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces, unless that activity is performed as part of an abatement as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 745.223. The term renovation includes, but is not limited to: the removal, modification or repair of painted surfaces or painted components (e.g., modification of painted doors, surface restoration, window repair, surface preparation activity (such as sanding, scraping, or other such activities that may generate paint dust)); the removal of building components (e.g., walls, ceilings, plumbing, windows); weatherization projects (e.g., cutting holes in painted surfaces to install blown-in insulation or to gain access to attics, planing thresholds to install weather stripping), and interim controls that disturb painted surfaces.

15. 40 C.F.R. § 745.83 defines "renovator" as an individual who either performs or directs workers who perform renovations. A certified renovator is a renovator who has

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successfully completed a renovator course accredited by EPA or an EPA-authorized state or tribal program.

16. 40 C.F.R. § 745.103 defines "residential dwelling" to mean a single family dwelling, including attached structures such as porches and stoops; or a single-family dwelling unit in a structure that contains more than one separate residential dwelling unit, and in which each such unit is used or occupied, or intended to be used or occupied, in whole or in part, as the residence of one or more persons.

17. 40 C.F.R. § 745.103 defines "target housing" as any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities (unless any child who is less than six years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing) or any zero-bedroom dwelling.

18. 40 C.F.R. § 745.83 defines "pamphlet" as the EPA pamphlet titled "Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools" developed under section 406(a) of TSCA for use in complying with section 406(b) of TSCA, or any State or Tribal pamphlet approved by EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 745.326 that is developed for the same purpose.

19. 40 C.F.R. § 745.84(a)(1) requires that, no more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities, the firm performing renovation activities in residential dwelling units of target housing must provide the owner of the unit with the pamphlet and obtain, from the owner, a written acknowledgement that the owner has received the pamphlet.

20. Under 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a)(4)(i), on or after April 22, 2010 and before July 6, 2010, all renovations must be performed in accordance with the work practice standards in 40 C.F.R. § 745.85 and the associated recordkeeping requirements in 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6) in

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target housing or child-occupied facilities, unless the renovation qualifies for the exception identified in 40 C.F.R. § 745.82(a).

21. Under 40 C.F.R. § 745.81(a)(4)(ii), on or after July 6, 2010, all renovations must be performed in accordance with the work practice standards in § 745.85 and the associated recordkeeping requirements in § 745.86(b)(1) and (b)(6) in target housing or child-occupied facilities, unless the renovation qualifies for the exception identified in §745.82(a).

22. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) provides that firms performing renovations must retain and, if requested, make available to EPA all records necessary to demonstrate compliance with the residential property renovation requirements at 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, for a period of 3 years following completion of the renovation. This includes signed and dated acknowledgements of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner or certificates of mailing of the pamphlet, documentation that the firm complied with the work practice standards in 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, documentation that a certified renovator was assigned to the project, and documentation that the certified renovator performed or directed workers who performed the renovation activities.

23. Under 15 U.S.C. § 2689 and 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(a), failing to comply with any requirement of 40 C.F.R. Part 745, Subpart E, violates Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689, which may subject the violator to administrative civil penalties under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) and 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(d).

24. The Administrator of EPA may assess a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 for each violation of Section 409 of TSCA that occurred after January 12, 2009, pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615, 40 C.F.R. § 745.87(d), and 40 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### **General Allegations**

25. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 21 of this CAFO as if set forth in

this paragraph.

26. Respondent is a "firm," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.

27. Respondent is a "renovator" as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.

28. Every employee of Respondent who performs or directs workers to perform

renovations is a "renovator," as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.

29. From at least March 15, 2010 to January 14, 2011, Respondent performed or

directed workers to perform work for compensation on properties at the following addresses:

Address	Date work began	Description of Work
712 Grand Avenue, Petoskey, Michigan	On or about	installation of a vanity,
	May 31, 2010	cabinet, and shower walls
1804 Terrace Avenue, Petoskey, Michigan	On or about July	remodeling bedroom,
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14,2010	removing a wall,
		finishing porch
412 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan	On or about	demolition and
	October 26, 2010	remodeling second floor
		bedrooms and bathrooms
603 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan	On or about	remodeling master
	April 19, 2010	bedroom
611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan	On or about	replacement of 3
	January 14, 2011	windows
900 South Oxford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods,	On or about	replacement of windows
Michigan	March 15, 2010	
618 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan	On or about	replacement of windows
	August 16, 2010	
820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan	On or about	gut rehabilitation and
	October 4, 2010	construction of new room

30. All of the properties identified in Paragraph 26 are residential dwellings.

31. All of the residential dwellings identified in Paragraph 26 were constructed prior to

1978.

32. All of the residential dwellings identified in Paragraph 26 are "target housing" as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 745.103.

33. The work Respondent performed or directed workers to perform at the residential dwellings identified in Paragraph 26 resulted in the disturbance of painted surfaces.

34. The work Respondent performed or directed workers to perform at the residential dwellings identified in Paragraph 26 was "renovation" as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.

35. On May 11, 2011, Complainant received an anonymous complaint alleging that Respondent was not in compliance with lead safe work practices required by the RRP Rule and the PRE Rule.

36. On June 17, 2011, Complainant issued a Request for Information requesting, among other things, documents, information and records Respondent is required to maintain pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6), in order to determine Respondent's compliance with the RRP Rule.

37. On August 8, 2011 Respondent submitted a response to Complainant's June 17, 2011 Request for Information that contained records and information, some of which were incomplete.

38. On February 2, 2012, and May 24, 2012, Complainant requested additional information from Respondent.

39. On May 25, 2012, Respondent provided Complainant with additional documents responsive to Complainant's requests.

40. Respondent was required to perform the renovations at the residential dwellings referenced in paragraph 26, above, in accordance with the work practice standards in 40 C.F.R. § 745.85 and the associated recordkeeping requirements in 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b).

41. On May 6, 2013, Complainant advised Respondent by letter that it was planning to file an administrative complaint against Respondent for specific alleged violations of the RRP Rule and PRE Rule and that the complaint would seek a civil penalty. Complainant asked Respondent to identify any factors Respondent thought Complainant should consider before issuing the complaint. If Respondent believed there were financial factors which bore on Respondent's ability to pay a civil penalty, Complainant asked Respondent to submit specific financial documents.

#### Counts 1-3

42. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 41 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

43. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(2) requires that the records firms must retain pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) include signed and dated acknowledgments of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner of the residential dwelling no more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities.

44. Respondent retained a signed but undated acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner of the residential dwelling at 618 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

45. Respondent retained a signed but undated acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner of the residential dwelling at 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

46. Respondent retained a signed but undated acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner of the residential dwelling at 1804 Terrace Avenue, Petoskey, Michigan.

47. Respondent's failure to retain dated acknowledgments of receipt of the pamphlet by the owners of the residential dwellings at: 618 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan; and 820 East

Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan, 1804 Terrace Avenue, Petoskey, Michigan, as verification that the pamphlet was received by the owners no more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities constitutes three violations of 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.86(b)(2) and 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

#### Counts 4-5

48. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 47 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

49. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(2) requires that the records firms must retain pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) include signed and dated acknowledgments of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner of the residential dwelling no more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities.

50. Respondent retained a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet. by the owner of the residential dwelling at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan, but the acknowledgement was dated after the renovation activity began.

51. Respondent retained a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of the pamphlet by the owner of the residential dwelling at 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan, but the acknowledgement was dated after the renovation activity began.

52. Respondent's failure to retain acknowledgments of receipt of the pamphlet by the owners of the residential dwellings at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan, and 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan, signed and dated no more than 60 days before beginning renovation activities constitutes two violations of 40 C.F.R. §§ 745.86(b)(2) and 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

#### <u>Counts 6-10</u>

53. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 52 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

54. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(ii) requires the records that must be retained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) include documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that warning signs were posted at the entrance to the work area.

55. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that warning signs were posted at the entrance to the work area for the renovation at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan.

56. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that warning signs were posted at the entrance to the work area for the renovation at 412 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan.

57. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that warning signs were posted at the entrance to the work area for the renovation at 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

58. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that warning signs were posted at the entrance to the work area for the renovation at 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

59. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that warning signs were posted at the entrance to the work area for the renovation at 1804 Terrace Ave., Petoskey, Michigan.

60. Respondent's failure to retain and provide documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including certifications by the certified renovator assigned to the projects that warning signs were posted at entrances to the work areas, for the renovations at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan; 412 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan; 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan; 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan; and 1804 Terrace Ave., Petoskey, Michigan, constitutes five violations of 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(ii) and 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

#### Counts 11-13

61. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 60 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

62. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(iv)(F) requires the records that must be retained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) include documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was contained by covering the floor surface (interiors) or ground (exteriors).

63. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was contained by covering the floor surface (interiors) or ground (exteriors) for the renovation at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan.

64. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was contained by covering the floor surface (interiors) or ground (exteriors) for the renovation at 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

65. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was contained by covering the floor surface (interiors) or ground (exteriors) for the renovation at 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

66. Respondent's failure to retain and provide documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including certifications by the certified renovators assigned to the projects that the work areas were contained by covering the floor surface (interiors) or ground (exteriors), for the renovations at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan; 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan; and 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan, constitutes three violations of 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(iv)(F) and 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

#### Counts 14-18

67. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 66 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

68. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(vii) requires the records that must be retained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) include documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that he or she performed the post-renovation cleaning verification described in 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(b) (the results of which must be briefly described, including the number of wet and dry cloths used).

69. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that he or she performed the post-renovation cleaning verification, including a brief description of the results, for the renovation at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan.

70. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that he or she performed the post-renovation cleaning verification, including a brief description of the results, for the renovation at 412 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan.

71. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that he or she performed the post-renovation cleaning verification, including a brief description of the results, for the renovation at 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan:

72. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that he or she performed the post-renovation cleaning verification, including a brief description of the results, for the renovation at 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

73. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that he or she performed the post-renovation cleaning verification, including a brief description of the results, for the renovation at 1804 Terrace Ave., Petoskey, Michigan.

74. Respondent's failure to retain and provide documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including certifications by the certified renovators assigned to the projects that they performed the post-renovation cleaning verification described in 40 C.F.R. § 745.85(b) (the results of which must be briefly described, including the number of wet and dry cloths used), for the renovations at 712 Grand Ave., Petoskey, Michigan; 412 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan; 611 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan; 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan; and 1804 Terrace Ave.,

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Petoskey, Michigan, constitutes five violations of 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(vii) and 15 U.S.C. §

2689.

#### <u>Count 19-20</u>

75. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 through 74 of this CAFO as if set forth in this paragraph.

76. 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(b)(6)(vi)(B) requires the records that must be retained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 745.86(a) include documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was properly cleaned after the renovation by cleaning the work area surfaces and objects using a HEPA vacuum and/or wet cloths or mops (interiors).

77. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was properly cleaned after the renovation by cleaning the work area surfaces and objects using a HEPA vacuum and/or wet cloths or mops for the renovation at 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

78. Respondent failed to retain and provide a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was properly cleaned after the renovation by cleaning the work area surfaces and objects using a HEPA vacuum and/or wet cloths or mops for the renovation at 1804 Terrace Ave., Petoskey, Michigan.

79. Respondent's failure to retain and provide documentation of compliance with the work practice standards requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 745.85, including a certification by the certified renovator assigned to the project that the work area was properly cleaned after the renovation by cleaning the work area surfaces and objects using a HEPA vacuum and/or wet

cloths or mops, for the renovation at the 820 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan; and 1804. Terrace Ave., constitutes two violations of 40 C.P.R.§ 745.86(b)(6)(vi)(B) and 15 U.S.C. § 2689.

#### Proposed Civil Penalty

80. Pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), based on the factors listed in 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a)(2)(B), particularly Respondent's ability to pay a penalty, Complainant has determined, based on certain financial documentation provided by the Respondent, that Respondent has the ability to pay \$1,000 as a civil penalty for the violations alleged in this CAFO. Complainant also considered *EPA's Interim Final Consolidated Enforcement Response and Penalty Policy for the Pre-Renovation Education Rule; Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule; and Lead-Based Paint Activities Rule,* dated August 19, 2010.

81. Within 30 days after the effective date of this CAFO, Respondent must pay the \$1,000 civil penalty for the TSCA violations by sending a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," to:

U.S. EPA Fines and Penalties Cincinnati Finance Center Post Office Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The check must note the following: the case title ("In the Matter of Jim Knibbs Building & Remodeling, Inc."), the docket number of this CAFO, and the billing document number.

82. A transmittal letter stating Respondent's name, complete address, the case docket number, and the billing document number must accompany the payment in Paragraph 81. Respondent must send a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J) U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard\_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, Illinois 60604

Paul Fericelli (LC-8J) Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604

Jose C. de Leon (C-14J) Office of Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois 60604

due.

88. This civil penalty is not deductible for federal tax purposes.

89. If Respondent does not pay the civil penalty timely, EPA may refer this matter to the Attorney General, who will recover such amount, plus interest, by action in the appropriate United States district court under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). The validity, amount, and appropriateness of the civil penalty are not reviewable in a collection action.

90. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, Respondent must pay the following on any amount overdue under this CAFO. Interest will accrue on any amount overdue from the date payment was due at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury. Respondent must pay a \$15 handling charge each month that any portion of the penalty is more than 30 days past due. In addition, Respondent must pay a 6 percent per year penalty on any principal amount 90 days past

#### **General Provisions**

91. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in the CAFO.

#### - General Provisions

86. This CAFO resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in the CAFO.

87. This CAFO does not affect the rights of the U.S. EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law.

88. This CAFO does not affect Respondent's responsibility to comply with the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.

89. Respondent certifies that he is complying with the Lead Act and the Disclosure Rule.

90. The terms of this CAFO bind Respondent, its successors and assigns.

91. Each person signing this CAFO certifies that he or he has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

92. Each party agrees to bear its own costs and attorney fees in this action.

93. This CAFO constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

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Jim Knibbs Building & Remodeling, Inc., Respondent

MAY 8 2014 Date

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James F. Knibbs Registered Agent

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant

6/12/2014

Date

Margaret M. Guerriero Director Land and Chemicals Division

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#### <u>Final Order</u>

This Consent Agreement and Final Order, as agreed to by the parties, shall become

effective immediately upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk. This Final Order concludes this proceeding pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.18 and 22.31. IT IS SO ORDERED.

6-23-2014 Date

Susan Hedman Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order in the resolution of the civil administrative action involving Jim Knibbs Building and Remodeling, Inc., was filed on June 24, 2014, with the Regional Hearing Clerk (E-19J), U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson-Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604, and that a true correct copy was sent by Certified Mail, Receipt No.7009 1680 0000 7649 6667 to:

Mr. James F. Knibbs Jim Knibbs Building & Remodeling, Inc. 616 Bay Street Petoskey, Michigan 49770

and forwarded intra-Agency copies to:

Ann Coyle, Regional Judicial Officer, ORC/C-14J Jose C de Leon, Counsel for Complainant/C-14J Eric Volck, Cincinnati Finance/MWD

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