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November 30, 2016

VIA EMAIL (*Kelley.M.Boatwright@dep.state.fl.us*)

Ms. Kelley M. Boatwright
Assistant District Director
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
13051 N. Telecom Parkway
Temple Terrace, FL 33637-0926

Re: Florida Department of Environmental Protection v.
Diversified Environmental Services, Inc.
OGC File No.: 16-1315
Facility ID Nos.: FLD984183566 and FLD984182733

Dear Ms. Boatwright:

This firm represents Diversified Environmental Services, Inc. in connection with the Department's recent compliance inspections and the proposed settlement letter and civil penalty assessment set forth in the Department's revised letter dated November 22, 2016. Enclosed please find the settlement letter which has been executed by Mr. Gerry K. McCormick on behalf of Diversified Environmental Services, Inc.

This correspondence shall confirm that Diversified Environmental Services, Inc. has completed all corrective actions to address any alleged violations set forth in the Inspection Reports for the Diversified facilities. This correspondence shall also confirm that Diversified is not required to obtain and does not intend to obtain a Used Oil Processing Facility Permit from the Department for its current operations in Hillsborough County. Further, Diversified does not admit nor acknowledge that any of the alleged violations asserted by the Department are actual violations pursuant to applicable State of Florida Statutory and Florida Administrative Code requirements applicable to this facility.

Please have the settlement letter executed by District Director Yeargan and return a fully executed copy to my attention at the above address. The only outstanding issue to resolve any and all provisions of the settlement letter is the payment of the civil penalty in the amount of \$5,700.00 and the Department's \$500.00 costs and expenses, for a total of \$6,200.00. Diversified Environmental Services, Inc. will remit this settlement payment to the Department

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within thirty (30) days of receipt of the fully executed settlement letter from the Department. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the above matter or if the Department requires any additional information. Thank you again for your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC



Ron H. Noble

cc: Mr. Gerry K. McCormick (via email GMcCormickJr@diversifiedfl.com)

Enclosure

4829-4884-7933, v. 1



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Southwest District Office
13051 North Telecom Parkway
Temple Terrace, FL 33637-0926

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Secretary

November 22, 2016

Diversified Environmental Services, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Gerry K. McCormick, President
P.O. Box 5357
Tampa, FL 33675
c/o Katherine McCormick, Registered Agent

kmccormick@diversifiedfl.com

SUBJECT: Department of Environmental Protection v. Diversified Environmental
Services, Inc., OGC File No.: 16-1315
Facility ID Nos. FLD984183566 and FLD984182733
Hillsborough County

Mr. McCormick:

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") finds that Diversified Environmental Services, Inc. ("Respondent") stored used oil in violation of the rules and statutes cited in the attached warning letter. Before sending this letter, the Department requested that the Respondent undertake certain actions to resolve the violation(s). These actions have since been completed. However, due to the nature of the violation(s), the Respondent remains subject to civil penalties. The Respondent is also responsible for costs incurred by the Department during the investigation of this matter.

The Department's Offer

Based on the violations described above, the Department is seeking \$ \$5,700.00 in civil penalties and \$ 500.00 for costs and expenses the Department has incurred in investigating this matter, which amounts to a total of \$6,200.00. The civil penalties are apportioned as follows: The civil penalty in this matter includes three violation(s) of \$2,000.00 or more.

Respondent's Acceptance

If you wish to accept this offer and fully resolve the enforcement matter pending against the Respondent, please sign this letter and return it to the Department at the Southwest District, 13051 N. Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637 by November 30, 2016. The Department will then countersign it and file it with a designated clerk of the Department. Once the document is filed with the designated clerk, it will constitute a final order of the Department pursuant to Section 120.52(7), F.S. and will be effective unless a request for an administrative hearing is filed by a third party in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S. and the attached Notice of Rights.

By accepting this offer you, Gerry K. McCormick:

- (1) certify that you are authorized and empowered to negotiate, enter into, and accept the terms of this offer in the name and on behalf of Respondent;
- (2) acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., on the terms of this offer, once final;
- (3) acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an appeal pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S.; and
- (4) acknowledge that payment of the above amount does not constitute a waiver of the Department's right, if any, to recover emergency response related costs and expenses for this matter.

The Department acknowledges that the Respondent's acceptance of this offer does not constitute an admission of liability for the violation(s) referenced above.

Respondent's Performance

After signing and returning this document to the Department,

- (1) Respondent must pay \$ \$6,200.00 in full by December 30, 2016.
- (2) Respondent shall make all payments required by this Order by cashier's check, money order or on-line payment. Cashier's check or money order shall be made payable to the "Department of Environmental Protection" and shall include both the OGC number assigned to this Order and the notation "Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund." Online payments by e-check can be made by going to the DEP Business Portal at: <http://www.fldepportal.com/go/pay/>. It will take a number of days after this order is final and effective filed with the Clerk of the Department before ability to make online payment is available.

The Department may enforce the terms of this document, once final, and seek to collect monies owed pursuant to Sections 120.69 and 403.121, F.S.

Until clerked by the Department, this letter is only a settlement offer and not a final agency action. Consequently, neither the Respondent nor any other party may request an administrative hearing to contest this letter pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. Once this letter is clerked and becomes a final order of the Department, as explained above, the attached Notice of Rights will apply to parties, other than the Respondent, whose interests will be substantially affected.

Electronic signatures or other versions of the parties' signatures, such as .pdf or facsimile, shall be valid and have the same force and effect as originals. No modifications of the terms of this Order will be effective until reduced to writing, executed by both Respondent and the Department, and filed with the clerk of the Department.

Please be aware that if the Respondent declines to respond to the Department's offer, the Department will assume that the Respondent is not interested in resolving the matter and will proceed accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Vaughn at (813)470-45799 or at Richard.Vaughn@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Yeargan, P.G.
District Director
Southwest District

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

I, Gerry K. McCormick **HEREBY ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.**

By:

[Signature]

Date:

11/28/16

Title:

Vice President

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

DONE AND ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 2016, in Hillsborough County, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Mary E. Yeargan
District Director
Southwest District

Filed, on this date, pursuant to section 120.52, F.S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Clerk

Date

Attachments: Notice of Rights
 Penalty Assessment Worksheet

Final clerked copy furnished to:

Lea Crandall, Agency Clerk (lea.crandall@dep.state.fl.us)

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Persons who are not parties to this Order, but whose substantial interests are affected by it, have a right to petition for an administrative hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition concerning this Order means that the Department's final action may be different from the position it has taken in the Order.

The petition for administrative hearing must contain all of the following information:

- a) The OGC Number assigned to this Order;
- b) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding;
- c) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the Order;
- d) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Order;
- e) Either a statement of all material facts disputed by the petitioner or a statement that the petitioner does not dispute any material facts;
- f) A statement of the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Order;
- g) A statement of the rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Order; and
- h) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Order.

The petition must be filed (received) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 within 21 days of receipt of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the District Office at the address indicated above. Failure to file a petition within the 21-day period constitutes a person's waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing and to participate as a party to this proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available in this proceeding.