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July 26, 2024

Mr. Douglas Plattner
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2039 West Jefferson Street
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RE: Executed Consent Order; DEP vs Chevrolet Buick of Quincy; OGC File No. 24-1738;
Facility ID# FLD984244616; Gadsden County

Dear Mr. Plattner:

Enclosed is the executed Consent Order (Order), which addresses hazardous waste and/or waste oil violations including failure to contain, label, and manage used oil products the facility generates. Please note the requirements of the Order for which you are responsible for and fulfill all pertinent actions accordingly. All Order time requirements begin the date that it is clerked by our Department unless otherwise noted.

Your cooperation in resolving this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Lyttle at (850) 595-0655 or Ashley.Lyttle@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Laskake".

on behalf of

Elizabeth Mullins Orr
Director
Northwest District

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Enclosures: Executed Consent Order

cc: Lea Crandall, Office of General Counsel, Lea.Crandall@Floridadep.gov
Marci Plattner, Plattner Automotive Group, mplattner@plattnerautomotivegroup.com



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SUBJECT: Department of Environmental Protection v. Chevrolet Buick of Quincy
OGC File No.: 24-1738
Facility ID# FLD984244616
Gadsden County

Mr. Plattner:

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") finds that Chevrolet Buick of Quincy ("Respondent") located at 2039 W Jefferson St, Quincy, Florida 32351, failed to contain, label, and manage the used oil products they generate, in violation of Rules 62-710.401, 62-710.850 Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), 40 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") 262.11 and 279.22. Before sending this letter, the Department requested that the Respondent undertake certain actions to resolve the violations. These actions have since been completed. However, due to the nature of the violations, the Respondent remains subject to civil penalties. The Respondent is also responsible for costs incurred by the Department during the investigation of this matter.

Based on the violations described above, the Department was seeking \$10,430.00 in civil penalties and \$500.00 for costs and expenses the Department has incurred in investigating this matter, which amounts to a total of \$10,930.00. The civil penalties would be apportioned as follows:

- \$430.00 for violation of 40 CFR 262.11.
- \$1,000.00 for violation of 40 CFR 279.22(b)(2) and Section 403.121(5), Florida Statutes ("F.S").
- \$1,000.00 for violation of 40 CFR 279.22(c)(1) and Section 403.121(5), F.S.
- \$1,000.00 for violation of 40 CFR 279.22(d)(2) and Section 403.121(5), F.S.

- \$1,000.00 for violation of 40 CFR 279.22(d)(3) and Section 403.121(5), F.S.
- \$1,000.00 for violation of Subsection 62-710.401(6) F.A.C. and Section 403.121(5), F.S.
- \$3,000.00 for violation of Paragraph 62-710.850(5)(a) F.A.C. and Section 403.121(5), F.S.
- \$2,000.00 for violation of Paragraph 62-710.850(5)(b) F.A.C. and Section 403.121(5), F.S.

The Respondent has taken proactive measures to train their staff on proper hazardous waste handling and labeling, has maintained open communication with the Department during the process of returning to compliance, and worked to correct all violations in a timely manner. Based on these good faith efforts the Department is reducing the civil penalties to \$7,000.00.

The Department's Offer

Based on the violation listed in this Consent Order ("Order"), the Department has applied a penalty reduction to the civil penalty. The Department is now seeking \$7,000.00 in civil penalties and \$500.00 for costs and expenses the Department has incurred in investigating this matter, which amounts to a total of \$7,500.00.

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 Northwest District Office, 160 West Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502 by **July 21, 2024**. 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, Douglas Plattner:

- (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 \$7,500.00 in full **within 30 days of the effective date of this Order.**
- (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, effective and 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.

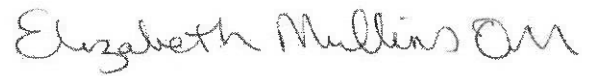
Until clerked by the Department, this letter is only a settlement offer and not a final agency action. Consequently, neither the Respondent nor any other party may request an administrative hearing to contest this letter pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. Once this letter is clerked and becomes a final order 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 Anna List at (850) 595-0627 or at Anna.List@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Mullins Orr
Director
Northwest District

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

I, DOUGLAS PLATTNER [Type or Print Name], HEREBY ACCEPT
THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

By: 
[Signature]

Date: 7-23-24

Title: President
[Type or Print]

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

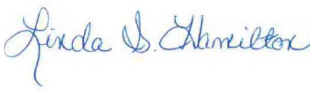
DONE AND ORDERED this 26th day of July, 2024, in
Escambia County, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

 on behalf of

Elizabeth Mullins Orr
Director
Northwest District

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


Clerk

July 26, 2024
Date

Attachments: Notice of Rights

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 name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; 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; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or received via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@floridadep.gov, 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.