

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION**

**IN RE: UPS Ground Freight, Inc.**

**File NO.: UST 2009-00479  
AAD File NO: 010-003/WME**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

**A. INTENT & PURPOSE:**

This Agreement is entered by and between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Office of Compliance & Inspection ("RIDEM") and UPS Ground Freight, Inc. (the "Respondent"). This Agreement is entered in accordance with Section 42-17.1-2 *et seq.* of the *Rhode Island General Laws* ("R.I.G.L.") for the purpose of resolving the administrative enforcement action set forth in a Notice of Violation ("NOV") issued to the Respondent by RIDEM on January 11, 2010.

**B. STIPULATED FACTS:**

- (1) WHEREAS, the subject property is located at 617 George Washington Highway in the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island (the "Property").
- (2) WHEREAS, the Property includes a building and garage and six (6) underground storage tanks ("USTs") that are used for the storage of petroleum products (the "Facility").
- (3) WHEREAS, the Facility is subject to the RIDEM Rules and Regulations for Underground Storage Facilities Used for Petroleum Products and Hazardous Materials, as amended (the "UST Regulations").
- (4) WHEREAS, Respondent is the owner and operator of the USTs.
- (5) WHEREAS, the Facility is registered with RIDEM in accordance with Section 6.00 of the UST Regulations and is identified as UST Facility No. 00479.
- (6) WHEREAS, on January 11, 2010 RIDEM issued a NOV to the Respondent alleging certain violations of the UST Regulations.
- (7) WHEREAS, the Respondent requested an administrative hearing to contest the NOV.
- (8) WHEREAS, the Respondent has complied with the Order section of the NOV.
- (9) WHEREAS, in lieu of proceeding to an administrative adjudicatory hearing on the NOV

and in order to affect a timely and amicable resolution of the NOV, RIDEM and the Respondent hereby agree that it is in the best interest of the parties and in the public interest to resolve the issues raised in the NOV.

- (10) WHEREAS, RIDEM finds that this Consent Agreement is a reasonable and fair settlement and adequately protects the public interest in accordance with the R.I.G.L. § 42-17.1 et seq. and the UST Regulations.

**C. AGREEMENT**

- (1) JURISDICTION – RIDEM has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Agreement and has personal jurisdiction over the Respondent.
- (2) FORCE and EFFECT – This Agreement shall have the full force and effect of a final administrative order of the Director issued after a full hearing on the merits pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I.G.L. § 42-35-1 et seq. from which no timely appeal was taken, and which is enforceable in Superior Court in accordance with R.I.G.L. §42-17.1-2(21)(v).
- (3) APPLICATION – The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon RIDEM, the Respondent and its agents, servants, employees, successors assigns and all persons, firms and corporations acting under, through and for the Respondent in the performance of work relating to or impacting the requirements of this Agreement.
- (4) CONDITIONS –
- (a) Penalty – Upon Respondent’s execution of this Consent Agreement, the Respondent shall pay to RIDEM the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in administrative penalties.
- (b) Penalties that the Respondent agrees to pay in this Consent Agreement are penalties payable to and for the benefit of the State of Rhode Island and are not compensation for actual pecuniary loss.
- (c) All penalty payments shall be in the form of a certified check, payable to the *R.I. General Treasurer –Water and Air Protection Program Account*. All payments shall be delivered, along with a copy of this Agreement to:

Chief, RIDEM Office of Compliance and Inspection  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908-5767

**D. COMPLIANCE**

- (1) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE – Compliance with and fulfillment of this Agreement shall be deemed to resolve all issues raised in the NOV dated January 11, 2010.
- (2) COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS – Compliance with the terms of this Agreement does not relieve the Respondent of any obligation to comply with any other applicable laws or regulations administered by, through or for RIDEM or any other governmental entity.
- (3) ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS – Upon a determination by the Director that there is a threat to the public health or the environment, or upon discovery of any new information, RIDEM reserves the right to take additional enforcement actions as provided by law or regulation, including, but not limited to, the issuance of “Immediate Compliance Orders” as authorized by *R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-2(21)*. This Agreement shall not restrict any right to hearing or other right available by statute or regulation that the Respondent may have regarding any new enforcement action commenced by RIDEM after the execution of this Agreement.
- (4) FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND UNKNOWN CONDITIONS – This Agreement shall not operate to shield the Respondent from liability arising from future activities, as of the date of execution of this Agreement.
- (5) EFFECTIVE DATE – This Agreement shall be deemed entered as of the date of execution by all parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned consent to this Agreement in substance and in form.**

For UPS Ground Freight, Inc.

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name and title of signing party

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Department of Environmental Management

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David E. Chopy, Chief  
Office of Compliance and Inspection

Date: \_\_\_\_\_