

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION

In Re: University of Rhode Island

File No.: AIR-10-12

AAD No.:10-010/ARE

CONSENT AGREEMENT

A. INTENT & PURPOSE

This Agreement is entered by and between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (“RIDEM”) Office of Compliance & Inspection and the University of Rhode Island (the “Respondent”). This Agreement is entered in accordance with Section 42-17.1-2 et seq. of the Rhode Island General Laws (“R.I. Gen. Laws”) for the purpose of resolving the administrative enforcement action set forth in a Notice of Violation (“NOV”) issued to the Respondent by RIDEM on 22 October 2010.

B. STIPULATED FACTS

- (1) WHEREAS, the subject facility is located at 523 Plains Road in the town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island (the “Facility”).
- (2) WHEREAS, the Facility is operated by the Respondent and is a stationary source of air pollutants subject to the RIDEM Air Pollution Control (“APC”) Regulations.
- (3) WHEREAS, on 22 October 2010, RIDEM issued a NOV to the Respondent alleging certain violations of APC Regulation No. 9 and APC Regulation No. 29.
- (4) WHEREAS, the Respondent requested an administrative hearing to contest the NOV.
- (5) WHEREAS, the Respondent complied with the Order section of the NOV.
- (6) WHEREAS, in lieu of proceeding to an administrative adjudicatory hearing on the NOV and to effect 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.
- (7) WHEREAS, RIDEM finds that this Agreement is a reasonable and fair settlement of all claims against Respondent and adequately protects the public interest in accordance with the APC 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 compliance order issued after a full hearing on the merits pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-1 et seq. from which no timely appeal was taken, and which is enforceable in Superior Court in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws Section 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 – Respondent shall pay to RIDEM the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** in administrative penalties assessed as follows:
 - (i) Upon execution of this Agreement by the Respondent, the Respondent shall pay to RIDEM the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)**.
 - (ii) Penalties that the Respondent agrees to pay in this Agreement are penalties payable to and for the benefit of the State of Rhode Island and are not compensation for actual pecuniary loss.
 - (iii) All penalty payments shall be in the form of a check, payable to the ***R.I. General Treasurer – Water and Air Protection Account***. All payments shall be delivered 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.
- (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 Section 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) SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT – The scope of the Agreement is only violations alleged in the NOV.
- (6) AMENDMENT – The Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing.
- (7) 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 the University of Rhode Island:

By: _____ (Print Name)

Its: _____ (Title)

Dated: _____

For the State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental
Management

David E. Chopy, Chief
Office of Compliance and Inspection

Dated: _____

