



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHRIS WELLS, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 27, 2020

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Mr. Stephen Blount, President
Griffin, Inc.
6562 Highway 178 West
Byhalia, MS 38611

**Re: Griffin, Inc.
Agreed Order No. 7025 20**

Dear Mr. Blount:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7025 20, which has been executed by the Interim Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Chris Wells, on behalf of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

The enclosed Order assesses a civil penalty. The penalty payment, when due, should be made by check payable to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the MDEQ Accounts Receivable at P.O. Box 2339, Jackson, MS 39225.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the enclosed order, please contact Geoffrey Martin at (601) 961-5024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Sanders".

Chris Sanders, P.E., BCEE
Director, Office of Pollution Control

Enclosure
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 10467
ENF20200001

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COMPLAINANT

7025 20

VS.

ORDER NO. _____

GRIFFIN, INC.
6562 HIGHWAY 178 WEST
BYHALIA, MS 38611

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and Griffin, Inc., Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letter dated October 10, 2019, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations of Baseline Storm Water General Permit (Coverage No. MSR000337) at its facility located at 6562 Highway 178 West, Byhalia, Mississippi in Marshall County:

- A. ACT 8, Condition S-1: Respondent failed to conduct and document routine visual site inspections.
- B. ACT 8, Condition S-2: Respondent failed to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the facility's SWPPP by December 31, 2016 and annually thereafter by December 31 of each year.
- C. ACT 12, Condition S-1: Respondent failed to conduct and document personnel training.

By letter dated October 28, 2019, Respondent asserts the facility has returned to compliance

with Baseline Storm Water General Permit (Coverage No. MSR000337).

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violations listed above, Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$22,960. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 2339
Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

4.

Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver

of that right.

ORDERED, this the 27th day of February, 2020.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: [Signature]
CHRIS WELLS
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 20th day of February, 2020.

GRIFFIN, INC.

BY: [Signature]

TITLE: President

STATE OF MS

COUNTY OF Marshall

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Stephen Blount who first being duly sworn, did state upon his/her oath and acknowledge to me that he/she is the President of Griffin, Inc. and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.



SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 20th day of February, 2020.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 01-18-24