



# State of Mississippi

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Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 9, 2021

**CERTIFIED MAIL #7019 1120 0000 4785 2560**

Mr. Justin Lasseigne  
Best Equipment Technologies, Inc.  
156 Airport Road  
Reserve, LA 70084

**Re: Best Equipment Technologies Inc.  
Agreed Order No. 7128 21**

Dear Mr. Lasseigne:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7128 21, which has been executed by the 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 "Michelle Clark".

Michelle Clark, P.E., BCEE, Chief  
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure  
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 8774  
ENF20210001

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7128 21

BEST EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
100 POPLARVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK  
POPLARVILLE, MS 39470

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 Best Equipment Technologies, Inc., Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letter dated December 28, 2020, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations of Baseline Storm Water General Permit Coverage No. MSR000495 discovered during a Compliance Evaluation Inspection on November 13, 2020 at its facility located at 100 Poplarville Industrial Park, Poplarville, Mississippi in Pearl River County:

- A. ACT5, Condition T-3(4): Failure to retain Monthly Spill and Leak Log Sheet.
- B. ACT5, Condition T-8(9): Failure to retain Routine Visual Site Inspection forms.
- C. ACT8, Condition S-2: Failure to retain of Annual Comprehensive SWPPP Evaluation Forms.
- D. ACT12, Condition S-1: Failure to retain annual training documentation.

2.

By letter dated April 9, 2021, Respondent asserted it has addressed the aforementioned

violations and has returned to compliance with the General Permit.

3.

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 \$28,650.00. 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

4.

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.

5.

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.

6.

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

AGREED, this the 4 day of June, 2021.

BEST EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

BY: [Signature]  
TITLE: Corporate HSE Manager

STATE OF Louisiana

COUNTY OF St. John the Baptist

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Justin Lavoigne who first being duly sworn, did state upon his/her oath and acknowledge to me that he is the Corporate HSE Manager of Best Equipment Technologies, Inc. and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 4<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2021.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Michelle L. Sweeney  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
LA Commission #58124



My Commission expires: Lifetime Commission