



State of Mississippi

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 2, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL #7019 1120 0000 4785 9156

Mr. H.A. Stringer
Marion County Timber Inc
168 Ten Mile Creek Road
Foxworth, Mississippi 39483

**Re: Marion County Timber Inc
Agreed Order No. 7248 23**

Dear Mr. Stringer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7248 23, 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,

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

Enclosure
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 81388
ENF20230001

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. **7248 23**

MARION COUNTY TIMBER, INC.
168 TEN MILE CREEK ROAD
FOXWORTH, MISSISSIPPI 39483

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 Marion County Timber, Inc., Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letter dated June 22, 2022, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violation discovered during a Compliance Evaluation Inspection on March 30, 2022, at Respondent's sawmill in Marion County:

- A. Miss. Code Ann. 49-17-29(2)(b): Respondent discharged stormwater prior to obtaining coverage under Mississippi's Industrial Storm Water General NPDES Permit.

2.

By letter dated September 28, 2022, Respondent submitted an Industrial Stormwater Notice of Intent for Coverage Under the Industrial Stormwater General NPDES Permit. The Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board issued Certificate of Permit Coverage No. MSR002497 to Respondent on December 5, 2022, for coverage under Mississippi's Industrial Storm Water General

NPDES Permit.

3.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violation 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 \$11,250.00. 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 2nd day of May, 2023.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

AGREED, this the 25 day of April, 2023.

MARION COUNTY TIMBER, INC.

BY: H. A. Stringer

TITLE: Pres

STATE OF Mississippi

COUNTY OF Marion



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

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 25 day of April, 2023.

Lanette Stringer
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 11/17/2025

