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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 4, 2024

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Mr. Steve Patrick
Central Industries Inc, dba River Valley Ingredients
PO Box 1510
Forest, Mississippi 39074

**Re: Central Industries Inc, dba River Valley Ingredients
Agreed Order No. 7381 24**

Dear Mr. Patrick:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7381 24, 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 that reads "Michelle Clark".

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

Enclosure
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 8976
ENF20240002

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7381 24

CENTRAL INDUSTRIES, INC., DBA RIVER VALLEY INGREDIENTS
11634 HIGHWAY 80 WEST
FOREST, MISSISSIPPI 39074

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 Central Industries, Inc., dba River Valley Ingredients, Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letters dated October 18, 2023 and July 1, 2024, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations at its facility located at 11634 Highway 80 West, Forest, Mississippi in Scott County:

- A. Respondent installed and/or utilized air emissions equipment that were not authorized by Synthetic Minor Operating Permit No. 2420-00006 (the Permit) in violation of Condition T-17 of the Permit which states, "This permit does not authorize a modification as defined in 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 2 "Permit Regulations for the Construction and/or Operation of Air Emissions Equipment". Modification is defined as "Any physical change in or change in the method of operation of a facility which increases actual emissions or potential uncontrolled emissions of any air pollutant subject to regulation under the Federal Act emitted into

the atmosphere by that facility or which results in the emission of any air pollutant subject to regulation under the Federal Act into the atmosphere not previously emitted...[11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, R. 2.1.D(2).]”

Respondent installed and/or utilized the following unpermitted air emissions equipment: a 16,000-gallon diesel tank which replaced a 10,000-gallon diesel tank (Emission Point AA-001), a 2,000-gallon diesel tank, a diesel-fired emergency fire pump, a 300-gallon stationary diesel tank, a 300-gallon mobile diesel tank, a 300-gallon gasoline tank, a Salt Brine Tank, a 220-gallon Boiler Tank, and a 4,000-gallon React Ox Tank.

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 \$22,500.00. 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

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.

The parties agree that, by entering into this Agreed Order and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Respondent does not admit any of the allegations listed above and nothing contained herein shall be in any way construed as an admission of liability by Respondent. Without admitting any liability, Respondent consents to entry of this Agreed Order, which the parties agree shall serve as full resolution of the violations alleged above. The parties further agree that the Commission continues to assert that the matters set forth above were violations of the environmental laws, regulations and/or permits applicable to Respondent.

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 4th day of November, 2024.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: 

CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 21st day of October, 2024.

CENTRAL INDUSTRIES, INC., DBA RIVER VALLEY INGREDIENTS

BY: 

STEVE PATRICK
VICE PRESIDENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONS

STATE OF Arkansas

COUNTY OF Washington

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named STEVE PATRICK, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the VICE PRESIDENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONS of CENTRAL INDUSTRIES, INC., DBA RIVER VALLEY INGREDIENTS and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 21 day of October, 2024.


NOTARY PUBLIC



My Commission expires: 08-08-2033