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## Pretreatment/Wastewater Enforcement: Mississippi Commission of Environmental Quality and Batesville, Mississippi Facility Enter into Agreed Order

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Crown Cork and Seal, USA, Inc. ("Crown Cork"), and the Mississippi Commission of Environmental Quality entered into an October 18th Agreed Order ("AO") addressing alleged violations of the facility's Water-Pretreatment Permit.

The AO states that Crown Cork operates a facility located in Batesville, Mississippi and holds Water-Pretreatment Permit NO. MSP090321.

The AO alleges violations which include:

- Samples were taken in the middle of the treatment process and not at the nearest accessible point after final treatment. This is a violation of condition L-1 of the Pretreatment Permit, which states: Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified in this permit shall be taken at the nearest accessible point after final treatment but prior to actual discharge into the POTW collection system or mixing with non-regulated waste streams.
- Sulfuric and Nitric acids were added to the wastewater samples after collecting the samples, which is not allowed or required since preservatives are already included in the sampling containers provided by the laboratory. This is a violation of condition T-17 of the Pretreatment Permit, which states: Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored wastewater.

The AO states that Crown Cork implemented measures that have resulted in a return into compliance with the applicable permit conditions.

Crown Cork agrees to a \$75,000 civil penalty.

[A copy of the AO can be downloaded below.](#)