Air Enforcement: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Willow Island, West Virginia Industrial Coatings Manufacturer Enter into Consent Agreement

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Allnex USA Inc. ("Allnex") entered into a June 11th Consent Agreement ("CA") addressing alleged violations of an Air Permit. See Docket No. CAA-03-2025-0036.

The CA provides that Allnex operates a facility that manufactures industrial coatings, adhesives, textiles, and elastomers in Willow Island, West Virginia.

EPA is stated to have sent an information request to the facility on February 5, 2019, under Section 114 of the Clean Air Act and received responses from Allnex in February and April of that year. An additional information request is stated to have been sent on July 26, 2022, and a response received that same year.

The facility is stated to hold a Permit to Operate its Urethanes Manufacturing Unit. The Permit incorporates 40 C.F.R. § 63.2480.

Allnex is stated to have elected to utilize the compliance methods of 40 C.F.R. Part 63, Subpart H to comply with Subpart FFFF.

The CA alleges the following violations:

- Failed to conduct the required quarterly monitoring of 54 valves in gas/vapor or light liquid service at the Facility between January 2020 and June 2022, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 63.168(d)(2) and 40 C.F.R. § 63.2480.

Allnex neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations set forth in the CA.

A civil penalty of $34,365.00 is assessed.

A copy of the CA can be downloaded here.