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Air Enforcement: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Sandston Chemical Manufacturing Facility Enter into Order by Consent

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The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("VDEQ") and Seppic, Inc. ("SI") entered into a July 9th Order by Consent ("Order") addressing alleged violations of an air Permit.

The Order provides that SI owns and operates a chemical manufacturing facility in Sandston, Virginia.

VDEQ staff is stated to have received a report from SI regarding VOC emissions and conducted a records review of the same. It was calculated that SI emitted 7.5 tons of VOCs for the year against a Permit limit of 1.4 tons per year.

The facility is also stated to have disclosed that machinery at the facility had a potential to emit 0.00495 lb/hr of TLV-TWA when regulatory exemptions from Permitting for such a pollutant were a potential to emit lower than 0.00198 lb/hr.

SI is stated to have undertaken a facility-wide environmental audit. It engaged a third-party consultant to conduct the audit and review the processes undertaken at the facility to ensure any changes which had occurred since the initial Permitting had not altered its obligations under either the existing Permit or the air pollution control regulations. It was this audit which generated the report that SI voluntarily disclosed to VDEQ.

SI is stated to have violated Permit Conditions 10 and 12 of the Air Permit as well as 9 VAC5-60-22(C)(1)(c).

The Order requires that within 60 days of the effective date of this document that SI submit to VDEQ a completed application and fee for a revised/amended Permit that accurately reflects operating conditions at the facility.

A copy of the Order can be downloaded [here](#).