Air Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Geismar Integrated Chemical Production Facility Enter into Settlement Agreement



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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and Lion Copolymer Geismar, LLC ("Lion") entered into a July 9th Settlement Agreement ("SA") addressing alleged violations of an air permit. See SA-AE-26-0036.

The SA provides that Lion owns and/or operates an integrated chemical production facility located in Geismar, Louisiana.

The facility is stated to operate under the authority of a Title V Air Quality Permit.

LDEQ is stated to have conducted an inspection and subsequent file review of the facility on March 5, 2023, and identified the alleged violations:

- Failure to properly use or diligently maintain in proper working order any air pollution control equipment, device or contrivance, operating procedure, or abatement scheme whenever any emissions are being made to aid in controlling the overall levels or air contaminants into the atmosphere (referencing a semi-annual monitoring report that identified two causes).
- Violations of permitted operating parameters (identified in two semi-annual monitoring reports, which listed two causes).
- Violations of fugitive emission requirements (referenced in two semi-annual monitoring reports, which listed two causes).

Lion denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

A civil penalty of $7,500 is assessed.

A copy of the SA can be found here.