

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT,
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

AFIN: 60-04839

LIS No. 23-048

CAR-SON CONSTRUCTION, LLC
13203 MACARTHUR DRIVE
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR ZIP 72118

CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This Consent Administrative Order (CAO) is issued pursuant to the authority delegated under the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, and the federal regulations issued thereunder. In addition, this CAO is issued pursuant to the authority of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (the Act), Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-101 *et seq.*, the Removal of Asbestos Material Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-27-1001 *et seq.*, Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule 7, APC&EC Rule 8, and APC&EC Rule 21.

The issues herein having been settled by agreement of Car-Son Construction, LLC (Respondent) and the Chief Administrator of the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), it is hereby agreed and stipulated that the following FINDINGS OF FACT and ORDER AND AGREEMENT be entered.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or before June 22, 2022, Respondent demolished or caused to be demolished a structure, Prescott Elementary School building, formerly located at 301-399 School Street, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas 71857 (the Site).

2. Ark. Code Ann. § 20-27-1007(2) and (4) provides:

It shall be unlawful for any person:

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(2) To participate in any response action, demolition, or renovation contrary to the rules or orders issued under this subchapter or contrary to the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, § 8-4-101 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act, § 8-6-201 *et seq.*, and the rules promulgated thereunder, whether or not such person is required to have a license or certificate pursuant to this subchapter;

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(4) To violate any provision of this subchapter or any rule or order adopted or issued under this subchapter.

3. Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103(c)(1)(A) provides, “Any person that violates any provision of this chapter and rules, permits, or plans issued pursuant to this chapter may be assessed an administrative civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation.”

4. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103(c)(1)(B) as referenced by Ark. Code Ann. § 20-27-1002(a), “Each day of a continuing violation may be deemed a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessment.”

5. The structure(s) in question constitutes a “facility” as defined in APC&EC Rule 21, Chapter 4.

6. Respondent meets the definition of an “owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity” as defined in APC&EC Rule 21, Chapter 4.

7. On June 28, 2022, DEQ received a complaint alleging demolition activities at the Site.

8. On June 29, 2022, DEQ personnel conducted a complaint investigation of the Site.

9. APC&EC Rule 21.601 requires that for any demolition of a facility or facility

component, the owner or operator shall submit a written Notice of Intent (NOI) to DEQ by either hand-delivery, post-marked by U.S. Postal Service, or post-marked by commercial delivery service at least ten (10) working days before any demolition activity begins.

10. APC&EC Rule 21.2214 requires Respondent to include a fee of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) with the NOI involving demolition of a facility that contains greater than one (1) square/linear foot of asbestos containing material (ACM).

11. During the complaint investigation, DEQ personnel observed demolition activity at the Site. Bricks, sheet rock, metal, and other building material from the demolition of the facility were observed in piles, in a waste container, and in a dump truck.

12. The complaint investigation revealed Respondent failed to submit an NOI for the demolition of the facility at the Site. Such a failure violates APC&EC Rule 21.601, and therefore violates Ark. Code Ann. § 20-27-1007(4).

13. A three (3) year asbestos re-inspection report and asbestos management plan were provided to DEQ personnel. The re-inspection report was dated July 21, 2020, and reported the facility contained greater than one (1) square/linear foot of ACM. Therefore, this demolition project would require a fee of \$75.00 accompany the required NOI.

14. On July 5, 2022, Respondent submitted an NOI for demolition of the facility at the Site. Respondent reported the demolition start date as June 22, 2022. The NOI was not accompanied with the required fee of \$75.00. Such an act violates APC&EC Rule 21.2214, and therefore violates Ark. Code Ann. § 20-27-1007(4).

15. In correspondence dated October 20, 2022, DEQ informed Respondent of the compliance issues identified during the investigation of the Site. This was intended to provide Respondent with the opportunity to review the violations and submit any additional information

Respondent deemed appropriate regarding the compliance issues.

16. In correspondence dated December 6, 2022, DEQ informed Respondent that a formal enforcement action is proceeding for the compliance issues associated with the Site.

17. On December 12, 2022, Respondent submitted the ACM demolition fee of \$75.00.

18. On April 25, 2023, DEQ sent Respondent a proposed CAO for the violations contained in the FINDINGS OF FACT section of this CAO.

19. On May 8, 2023, Respondent submitted a response to the proposed CAO. The response stated that once Respondent was alerted to the presence of Asbestos materials, they instantly shut the area down and sectioned it off. Respondent stated that they then proceeded to correct and comply with all conditions necessary to effectively and safely remove the contaminated materials. Respondent also stated that they completed all of the NOI paperwork. Respondent requested the penalty be reduced to \$750.00. Respondent cited numerous mitigating factors to the violations in its correspondence such as this being a first time violation along with the Respondent's prompt and thorough response.

ORDER AND AGREEMENT

WHEREFORE, Respondent, neither admitting nor denying the factual and legal allegations contained in this CAO, and DEQ do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Within 90 calendar days of the effective date of this CAO, an employee/owner of Respondent shall satisfactorily complete an approved asbestos Two-Hour Arkansas Regulatory Awareness training course provided by an Arkansas licensed provider. The course shall adequately address the topics outlined in APC&EC Rule 21.1907.

2. Within ten (10) calendar days of completing the asbestos Two-Hour Arkansas

Regulatory Awareness training course referenced in Paragraph 1 of the ORDER AND AGREEMENT of this CAO, Respondent shall submit a copy of the course completion certificate to:

DEQ, Office of Air Quality
Enforcement Program
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317.

3. In compromise and full settlement for instances of noncompliance specified in the FINDINGS OF FACT, Respondent agrees to pay the sum of **SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)**. Payment is due within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this CAO. Such payment shall be made payable to:

DEQ, Fiscal Division
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317.

In the event that Respondent fails to pay the civil penalty within the prescribed time, DEQ shall be entitled to attorneys' fees and costs associated with collection.

4. All applicable submissions required by this CAO are subject to approval by DEQ. In the event of any deficiency, Respondent shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification by DEQ, submit any additional information requested. Failure to respond adequately to the notice of deficiency within fifteen (15) calendar days constitutes a failure to meet a deadline and is subject to the civil penalties established in the following Paragraph.

5. Failure to meet the limits, requirements, or deadlines of this CAO or the applicable approved schedules provided for herein constitutes a violation of this CAO. If Respondent fails to meet any limits, requirements, or deadlines, Respondent shall pay, on demand, to DEQ civil penalties according to the following schedule:

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| (a) First day through the fourteenth day: | \$100 per day |
| (b) Fifteenth day through the thirtieth day: | \$500 per day |
| (c) More than thirty days: | \$1000 per day |

Stipulated penalties shall be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of DEQ's demand to Respondent for such penalties. These stipulated penalties may be imposed for delay in scheduled performance and shall be in addition to any other remedies or sanctions that may be available to DEQ by reason of Respondent's failure to comply with the requirements of this CAO. DEQ reserves its rights to collect other penalties and fines pursuant to its enforcement authority in lieu of the stipulated penalties set forth above.

6. If any event, including, but not limited to, an occurrence of nature, causes or may cause a delay in the achievement of compliance by Respondent with the requirements or deadlines of this CAO, Respondent shall notify DEQ in writing as soon as reasonably possible after it is apparent that a delay will result, but in no case after the due dates have passed. The notification shall describe in detail the anticipated length of the delay, the precise cause of the delay, the measures being taken and to be taken to minimize the delay, and the timetable by which those measures will be implemented.

7. DEQ may grant an extension of any provision of this CAO, provided that Respondent requests such an extension in writing and provided that the delay or anticipated delay has or will be caused by circumstances beyond the control of and without the fault of Respondent. The time for performance may be extended for a reasonable period, but in no event longer than the period of delay resulting from such circumstances. The burden of proving that any delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of and without the fault of Respondent and the length of the delay attributable to such circumstances shall rest with Respondent. Failure to notify DEQ promptly, as provided in the previous Paragraph of the ORDER AND

AGREEMENT, shall be grounds for a denial of an extension.

8. This CAO is subject to public review and comment in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103(d), and therefore is not effective until thirty (30) calendar days after public notice of the CAO is given. DEQ retains the right and discretion to rescind this CAO based on comments received within the thirty-day public comment period.


9. As provided by APC&EC Rule 8, this matter is subject to being reopened upon Commission initiative or in the event a petition to set aside this CAO is granted by the Commission.

10. Nothing contained in this CAO shall relieve Respondent of any obligations imposed by any other applicable local, state, or federal laws.

11. Nothing in this CAO shall be construed as a waiver by DEQ of its enforcement authority over alleged violations not specifically addressed herein. In addition, this CAO neither exonerates Respondent from any past, present, or future conduct that is not expressly addressed herein, nor does it relieve Respondent of the responsibilities for obtaining any necessary permits.

12. By virtue of the signature appearing below, the individual represents that he or she is a Managing Member of Respondent, being duly authorized to execute and bind Respondent to the terms contained herein. Execution of this CAO by an individual other than a Managing Member of Respondent shall be accompanied by a resolution granting signature authority to that individual as duly ratified by the governing body of the entity.

SO ORDERED THIS 16th DAY OF June, 2023.


CALEB J. OSBORNE
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIRECTOR
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENT
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

CAR-SON CONSTRUCTION, LLC

BY:  (Signature)

Brian Fason (Typed or printed name)

TITLE: CEO / Managing Member

DATE: 6/12/23