

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT,
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)**

IN THE MATTER OF:

AFIN: 22-00007

Case #: CAO-25-0070

INTERFOR U.S. INC.
211 OLD TROY RD
MONTICELLO, AR, 71655

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.*, 8 Code of Arkansas Rules (CAR) pt. 10, 8 CAR pt. 11, 8 CAR pt. 40, and 8 CAR pt. 41.

The issues herein having been settled by agreement of INTERFOR U.S. INC. (Respondent) and the Director of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, 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. Respondent owns and operates a lumber yard and sawmill located at 211 Old Troy Road, Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas.
2. The Title V Air Permit referenced in this CAO is 1567-AOP-R11 (the Permit). The Permit was issued on May 22, 2024.

3. Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-217(a)(3) provides:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

...

(3) Violate any provisions of this chapter or of any rule or order adopted by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission under this chapter or of a permit issued under this chapter by the Division of Environmental Quality.

4. 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.”

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

6. On April 30, 2025, DEQ performed a full compliance evaluation at Respondent’s site covering the reporting period of October 1, 2022, through April 30, 2025.

7. On May 21, 2025, DEQ notified Respondent of the evaluation results and requested that a written response addressing the noncompliance items be submitted by June 21, 2025.

8. On July 7, 2025, DEQ sent Respondent a Notice of Noncompliance stating the violations and initiating formal enforcement.

9. On August 7, 2025, Respondent stated the following:

a) Respondent has hired a new EHS coordinator who is being trained on the compliance and recordkeeping requirements of the Title V Permit and Dust Management Plan (DMP). Records will be maintained going forward.

b) Lack of visible emissions readings and recordkeeping was due to loss of EHS personnel for an extended period. Once Respondent identified that weekly visible

emission readings were not being performed, two employees were certified to read Method 9 visible emissions, and weekly monitoring and recordkeeping activities recommenced. Further, Respondent has since hired a new EHS Coordinator who is being trained to oversee this requirement. Readings will be taken and records retained going forward.

10. On January 8, 2026, DEQ proposed a consent administrative order. On February 6, 2026, Respondent provided a response requesting revisions to the CAO and a penalty reduction regarding the foreseeability portion of DEQ's penalty calculations.

11. List of Violations:

- (a) Failure to meet record keeping or reporting conditions that are for enforcement of a criteria pollutant emission limit or 8 CAR pt. 41 opacity limit.

Specific Condition 4 of the Permit requires weekly opacity observations at Respondent's Sawmill Debarker (SN-15).

Specific Condition 12 of the Permit requires weekly opacity observations at the Direct-Fired Lumber Drying Kilns with Wood Fired Burners (SN-22, SN-23, SN-28, SN-29, SN-31, and SN-32).

During the inspection, it was revealed that Respondent failed to conduct weekly opacity observations for ten (10) weeks from December 22, 2024, to March 1, 2025, which violates Specific Conditions 4 and 12 of the Permit and 8 CAR § 41-605.

- (b) Excessive fugitive emissions.

Specific Condition 20 of the Permit requires that Respondent follow the dust management plan located in Appendix C to the Permit.

During the inspection, Respondent failed to provide daily dust control records required

by the dust management plan, which violates Specific Condition 20 of the Permit and 8 CAR § 40-801.

ORDER AND AGREEMENT

WHEREFORE, the parties stipulate and agree as follows:

1. To demonstrate compliance with Specific Condition 4 and 12 of the Permit, Respondent shall submit weekly opacity records. These records shall be submitted for six (6) consecutive months beginning with the month following the effective date of this CAO.
2. To demonstrate compliance with Specific Condition 20 of the Permit, Respondent shall submit daily dust control records. These records shall be submitted for six (6) consecutive months beginning with the month following the effective date of this CAO.
3. In compromise and full settlement of the violations specified in the FINDINGS OF FACT, Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000.00), of which ten percent (10%) shall be paid as reimbursement to DEQ for administrative costs associated with this CAO. Payment is due within thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of this CAO. Payment can be made online using the Financials tab of your site in SEEK or mailed in by check. Paper check payments require the Compliance Action Number be referenced in the memo line of the check and 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 requirements of this CAO are subject to approval by DEQ. In the event of any deficiency; Respondent shall, within the timeframe specified by DEQ, submit any

additional information or changes requested, or take additional actions specified by DEQ to correct any such deficiencies. Failure to respond adequately to the notice of deficiency within the timeframe specified by DEQ constitutes a failure to meet the requirements established by this CAO and is subject to the civil penalties established in the following Paragraph.

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

(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:	\$1,000 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 (30) day public comment period. Notwithstanding the public notice requirements, the corrective actions necessary to achieve compliance shall be taken immediately.
9. As provided by 8 CAR pt. 11, this matter is subject to being reopened upon Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (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. Except as specifically provided herein, nothing contained in this CAO shall be deemed in any way to relieve Respondent of responsibilities contained in the permit.

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 relieves Respondent of the responsibilities for obtaining any necessary permits.
12. The individual signing this CAO represents that he or she is an Officer of Respondent, being duly authorized to execute and bind Respondent to the terms contained herein. Execution of this CAO by an individual other than an Officer of Respondent shall be accompanied by a resolution granting signature authority to that individual as duly ratified by the governing body of the entity.

Consent Administrative Order - Approval Form

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Agreements and Signature(s)

SUBMISSION AGREEMENTS

- ☒ I am the owner of the account used to perform the electronic submission and signature.
- ☒ I have the authority to submit the data on behalf of the facility I am representing.
- ☒ I agree that providing the account credentials to sign the submission document constitutes an electronic signature equivalent to my written signature.
- ☒ I have reviewed the electronic form being submitted in its entirety, and agree to the validity and accuracy of the information contained within it to the best of my knowledge.

Respondent Signatory Authority

I certify that I am authorized to execute this CAO and to legally bind Respondent to its terms and conditions.

Signed By George Autenreath on 06/24/2026 at 8:25 AM

Chief Administrator of Environment and DEQ Director, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment

This CAO is agreed to and ordered as of the date of my signature.

Signed By Bailey Taylor on 06/24/2026 at 12:58 PM