



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR  
**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 12, 2025

CERTIFIED MAIL #7019 1120 0000 4785 6759

Mr. Lee Hankins  
Hankins Lumber Company Inc, Elliott  
PO Box 1397  
Grenada, Mississippi 38902-1397

**Re: Hankins Lumber Company Inc, Elliott**  
**Agreed Order No. 7490 25**

Dear Mr. Hankins:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7490 25, which has been executed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Chris Wells, on behalf of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

The enclosed Order assesses a civil penalty. The penalty payment, when due, should be made by check payable to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the MDEQ Accounts Receivable at P.O. Box 2339, Jackson, MS 39225.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the enclosed order, please contact Geoffrey Martin at (601) 961-5024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Clark".

Michelle Clark, P.E., BCEE, Chief  
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure  
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 12033  
ENF20250001

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7490 25

HANKINS LUMBER COMPANY, INC.  
496 NAT G TROUTT ROAD  
ELLIOTT, MISSISSIPPI 38926

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and Hankins Lumber Company, Inc., Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letter dated August 16, 2024, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violation of Title V Operating Permit No. 0960-00010 at its facility in Grenada County:

- A. Condition 3.B.7: Respondent failed to demonstrate compliance with the Filterable Particulate Matter (PM) limitation of 0.44 pounds per one million British thermal units (lb/MMBtu) of heat input during stack tests of Emission Points AA-001 and AA-002 on March 26-27, 2024. Respondent emitted 0.516 lb/MMBtu of heat input during the stack test of Emission Point AA-001 and 0.479 lb/MMBtu of heat input during the stack test of Emission Point AA-002. Subsequently, Respondent demonstrated compliance with the Filterable PM limitation during retests of Emission Points AA-001 and AA-002 on June 25-26, 2024.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violation listed above, Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$20,250.00. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Attn: Accounts Receivable

P.O. Box 2339

Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

4.

Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver of that right.

ORDERED, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: 

CHRIS WELLS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

HANKINS LUMBER COMPANY, INC.

BY: 

LEE HANKINS  
PRESIDENT

STATE OF Mississippi

COUNTY OF Greene

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named LEE HANKINS, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the PRESIDENT of HANKINS LUMBER COMPANY, INC. and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: November 18, 2027

