



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 21, 2025

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Mr. Richard Jones
Oil Dri Production Company
1800 City Avenue North
Ripley, Mississippi 38663

**Re: Oil Dri Production Company
Order No. 7576 25**

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Order No.7576 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.

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

Agency Interest No. 1280
ENF20250002

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7576 25

OIL DRI PRODUCTION COMPANY
1800 CITY AVENUE NORTH
RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI 38663

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 Oil Dri Production Company, Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

Respondent holds State Operating Pretreatment Permit No. MSP092297 at its facility located at 1800 Highway 15 North, Ripley, Mississippi in Tippah County. MDEQ conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection at the facility on May 8, 2025.

By letter dated May 22, 2025, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations that were discovered during the Compliance Evaluation Inspection on May 8, 2025:

- A. Respondent conducted and reported sampling results for days the facility had no discharge in violation of Condition T-17 which states, "Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored wastewater."
- B. Respondent failed to report a discharge for months in which a discharge had occurred

in violation of Condition S-2 which states, "Monitoring results obtained during the previous reporting period shall be summarized and reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). DMR data must be submitted electronically using the MDEQ NetDMR NO LATER THAN THE 28TH DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE COMPLETED REPORTING PERIOD."

- C. Respondent failed to meet sampling and temperature requirements in violation of Condition T-21 which states, "Test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall include those set forth in 40 CFR 136 or alternative procedures approved and/or promulgated by EPA."
- D. Respondent failed to maintain all sample monitoring results for the month of September, 2023, in violation of Condition R-1 which states, "For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this permit, the permittee shall maintain records of all information obtained from such monitoring including: (1) The exact place, date, and time of sampling; (2) The dates the analyses were performed; (3) The person(s) who performed the analyses; (4) The analytical techniques, procedures or methods used; and (5) The results of all required analyses."

By letter dated June 3, 2025, Respondent acknowledged it understood the requirements of the Permit and asserted the violations would not occur in the future.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violations 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 \$26,300.00. 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 21st ~~13~~ day of October, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: [Signature]
CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 13th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

OIL DRI PRODUCTION COMPANY

BY: [Signature]
RICHARD JONES
DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING

STATE OF Mississippi
COUNTY OF Lee

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named RICHARD JONES, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING at OIL DRI PRODUCTION COMPANY and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 13 day of October, 2025.

Amy D Thomas
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 10-17-2025

