



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

March 4, 2024

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Mr. Sam Newbill
Hood Industries Inc, Wiggins Plywood Plant
1978 Hood Blvd, Suite 100
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

**Re: Hood Industries Inc, Wiggins Plywood Plant
Agreed Order No. 7315 24**

Dear Mr. Newbill:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7315 24, 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. 1642
ENF20240001

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. **7315 24**

HOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.
1978 HOOD BOULEVARD, SUITE 325
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39401

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 Hood Industries, Inc., Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letter dated December 7, 2023, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violation of Title V Operating Permit No. 2540-00003 at its Wiggins Plywood Plant:

- A. Condition 3.B.3: 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 a stack test of Emission Point AA-003 on April 3, 2023. Respondent emitted 0.561 lb/MMBtu of heat input during the stack test. Respondent demonstrated compliance with the Filterable PM limitation during a retest of Emission Point AA-003 on May 12, 2023.

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 \$17,500.00. 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 1st day of March, 2024.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: *Chris Wells*
CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

HOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.

BY: *Sam Newbill*
SAM NEWBILL
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

STATE OF Mississippi
COUNTY OF Lamar

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named SAM NEWBILL, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, AND SAFETY of HOOD INDUSTRIES, INC. and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 22nd day of February, 2024.

April S. Mann
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 4/24/2026

