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**CONSENT ORDER
ISSUED UNDER THE
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT
WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 11**

TO: Stewart Porter
Porter & Porter Lumber
P.O. Box 157
Fort Gay, WV 25514

DATE: September 20, 2011

ORDER NO.: 7313

INTRODUCTION

This Consent Order is issued by the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management (hereinafter "Director"), under the authority of West Virginia Code, Chapter 22, Article 11, Section 1 et seq. to Porter & Porter Lumber (hereinafter "Porter & Porter Lumber").

FINDINGS OF FACT

In support of this Order, the Director hereby finds the following:

1. Porter & Porter Lumber operates a pallet mill located Fort Gay, Wayne County, West Virginia. Porter & Porter Lumber was issued WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457, Registration No. WVG610437 on February 1, 2006. Said registration expired on September 30, 2009.
2. Establishments with discharges composed entirely of stormwater associated with industrial activities must obtain a permit from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) pursuant to §22-11-8 of the State Code of West Virginia and as described in Legislative Rule Title 47, Series 10.
3. WVDEP advised Porter & Porter Lumber in mid-2009, early -2010, and January 2011 to reapply for permit registration coverage under the Multi-Sector General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity.

4. Porter & Porter Lumber failed to renew its WV/NPDES permit registration.
5. On June 23, 2011, Porter and Porter Lumber submitted a letter to WVDEP indicating its willingness to provide any documents required to complete the permit renewal process.

ORDER FOR COMPLIANCE

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 22, Article 11, Section 1 et seq. of the West Virginia Code, it is hereby agreed between the parties, and ORDERED by the Director:

1. Porter & Porter Lumber shall immediately take all measures to initiate compliance with all pertinent laws and rules.
2. Within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order, Porter & Porter Lumber shall submit an administratively complete application for permit coverage for the regulated activity. This application shall be submitted to:

**Permitting Section
DWWM
ATTN: Patrick D. Burch
601 57th Street
Charleston, WV 25304**

3. Because of Porter & Porter Lumber's West Virginia Code violations, Porter & Porter Lumber shall be assessed a civil administrative penalty of four thousand eight hundred seventy dollars (\$4,870) to be paid to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for deposit in the Water Quality Management Fund within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order. Payments made pursuant to this paragraph are not tax-deductible for purposes of State or federal law. **Payment shall be mailed to:**

**Chief Inspector
Environmental Enforcement - Mail Code #031328
WV-DEP
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304**

OTHER PROVISIONS

1. Porter & Porter Lumber hereby waives its right to appeal this Order under the provisions of Chapter 22, Article 11, Section 21 of the Code of West Virginia. Under this Order, Porter & Porter Lumber agrees to take all actions required by the terms and conditions of this Order and consents to and will not contest the Director's jurisdiction regarding this Order. However, Porter & Porter Lumber does not admit to any factual and legal determinations made by the Director and reserves all rights and defenses available regarding liability or responsibility in any proceedings regarding Porter & Porter Lumber other than proceedings, administrative or civil, to enforce this Order.

2. The Director reserves the right to take further action if compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order does not adequately address the violations noted herein and reserves all rights and defenses which he may have pursuant to any legal authority, as well as the right to raise, as a basis for supporting such legal authority or defenses, facts other than those contained in the Findings of Fact.
3. If any event occurs which causes delay in the achievement of the requirements of this Order, Porter & Porter Lumber shall have the burden of proving that the delay was caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control which could not have been overcome by due diligence (i.e., force majeure). Force majeure shall not include delays caused or contributed to by the lack of sufficient funding. Within three (3) working days after Porter & Porter Lumber becomes aware of such a delay, notification shall be provided to the Director/Chief Inspector and shall, within ten (10) working days of initial notification, submit a detailed written explanation of the anticipated length and cause of the delay, the measures taken and/or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay, and a timetable by which Porter & Porter Lumber intends to implement these measures. If the Director agrees that the delay has been or will be caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of Porter & Porter Lumber (i.e., force majeure), the time for performance hereunder shall be extended for a period of time equal to the delay resulting from such circumstances. A force majeure amendment granted by the Director shall be considered a binding extension of this Order and of the requirements herein. The determination of the Director shall be final and not subject to appeal.
4. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order shall not in any way be construed as relieving Porter & Porter Lumber of the obligation to comply with any applicable law, permit, other order, or any other requirement otherwise applicable. Violations of the terms and conditions of this Order may subject Porter & Porter Lumber to additional penalties and injunctive relief in accordance with the applicable law.
5. The provisions of this Order are severable and should a court or board of competent jurisdiction declare any provisions to be invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
6. This Order is binding on Porter & Porter Lumber, its successors and assigns.

7. This Order shall terminate upon Porter & Porter Lumber's notification of full compliance with the "Order for Compliance" and verification of this notification by WVDEP.

Stewart Porter
Stewart Porter
Porter & Porter Lumber

9-26-11
Date

Public Notice begin: _____
Date

Public Notice end: _____
Date

Scott G. Mandirola, Director
Division of Water and Waste Management

Date

Penalty Adjustment Factors

(pursuant to 47CSR1-6.2)

Penalty Adjustment Factor

6.2.b.1 - Degree of or absence of willfulness and/or negligence - 0% to 30% increase

6.2.b.4 - Previous compliance/noncompliance history - 0% to 100% increase - based upon review of last three (3) years - Warning = maximum of 5% each, N.O.V. = maximum of 10% each, previous Order = maximum of 25% each - Consistent DMR violations for <1 year = 10% maximum, for >1 year but <2 years = 20% maximum, for >2 years but <3 years = 30% maximum, for >3 years = 40 % maximum

6.2.b.6 - Economic benefits derived by the responsible party (increase to be determined)

6.2.b.7 - Public Interest (increase to be determined)

6.2.b.8 - Loss of enjoyment of the environment (increase to be determined)

6.2.b.9 - Staff investigative costs (increase to be determined)

6.2.b.10 - Other factors

Size of Violator: 0 - 50% decrease

NOTE: This factor is not available to discharges that are causing a water quality violation. This factor does not apply to a commercial or industrial facility that employees or is part of a corporation that employees more than 100 individuals.

Avg. Daily WW Discharge Flow (gpd)	% Reduction Factor
< 5,000	50
5,000 to 9,999	40
10,000 to 19,999	30
20,000 to 29,999	20
30,000 to 39,999	10
40,000 to 99,999	5
> 100,000	0

Additional Other factors to be determined for increases or decreases on a case-by-case basis.

Public Notice Costs (cost for newspaper advertisement)

6.2.b.2 - Good Faith - 10% decrease to 10% increase

6.2.b.3 - Cooperation with the Secretary - 0% to 10% decrease

6.2.b.5 - Ability to pay a civil penalty - 0% to 100% decrease

Base Penalty Adjustments

(pursuant to 47CSR1-6.2)

Penalty Adjustment Factor	% Increase	% Decrease	Base Penalty Adjustments
6.2.b.1 - Willfulness and/or negligence -	20		\$880
6.2.b.4 - Compliance/noncompliance history			\$0
6.2.b.6 - Economic benefits - (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.7 - Public Interest - (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.8 - Loss of enjoyment - (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.9 - Investigative costs - (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.10 - Other factors (size of violator)			\$0
6.2.b.10 - Additional Other Factors - Increase (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.10 - Additional Other Factors - Decrease (flat monetary decrease)			\$0
Public Notice Costs (flat monetary increase)	\$30		\$30
6.2.b.2 - Good Faith - Increase			\$0
6.2.b.2 - Good Faith - Decrease			\$0
6.2.b.3 - Cooperation with the Secretary		10	(\$440)
6.2.b.5 - Ability to Pay			\$0
Penalty Adjustments			\$470
Penalty =			\$4,870

Estimated Economic Benefit Item	Estimated Benefit (\$)
Monitoring & Reporting	
Installation & Maintenance of Pollution Control Equipment	
O&M expenses and cost of equipment/materials needed for compliance	
Permit Application or Modification	
Competitive Advantage	
Estimated Economic Benefit	\$0
Comments:	