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

TO: Lou Akers, President
Metrec of West Virginia
5095 Rt. 60 West
Ceredo, WV 25507

DATE: April 3, 2014

ORDER NO.: 7962

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 Metrec of West Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Metrec of West Virginia operates a metal recycling/salvage facility located in Ceredo, Wayne County, West Virginia. The WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility (Permit No. WV0111457, Registration No. WVG611300) was issued to Empire Metal Recycling on May 11, 2007. The WV/NPDES permit was reissued on November 24, 2010, with an expiration date of March 31, 2014.

2. On September 26, 2012, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) personnel conducted an inspection of the facility. At the time of this inspection, WVDEP personnel determined that Empire Metal Recycling was no longer operating the facility. WVDEP personnel advised the current operator, Metrec of West Virginia, to apply for a WV/NPDES permit transfer, in accordance with WV State Code 22-11-11 and WV Legislative Rule 47CSR10 Section 3.5.

3. On September 23, 2013, the aforementioned WV/NPDES permit was voided due to non-payment of fees.

4. On September 24, 2013, WVDEP personnel conducted an inspection of the facility. During the inspection, WVDEP personnel determined that Metrec of West Virginia failed to apply for a permit transfer, as advised during the September 26, 2012 inspection. In addition, WVDEP personnel observed the following violation of WV State Code and WV Legislative Rule:

    a. 22-11-8 and 47CSR10 Section 3.1 - Metrec of West Virginia was discharging stormwater associated with industrial activity without authorization pursuant to a valid WV/NPDES permit.

5. On January 23, 2014 WVDEP personnel and representatives of Metrec of West Virginia met to discuss the terms and conditions of this Order. During the meeting, Metrec of West Virginia represented that it had submitted the required application for its WV/NPDES permit.

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. Metrec of West Virginia shall immediately take all measures to initiate compliance with all pertinent laws and rules.

2. Because of Metrec of West Virginia's WV State Code and WV Legislative Rule violations, Metrec of West Virginia shall be assessed a civil administrative penalty of one thousand seven hundred thirty dollars ($1,730) to be paid to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for deposit in the Water Quality Management Fund within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order. Payments made pursuant to this paragraph are not tax-deductible for purposes of State or federal law. **Payment shall include a reference to the Order No. and shall be mailed to:**

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

OTHER PROVISIONS

1. Metrec of West Virginia 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, Metrec of West Virginia 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, Metrec of West Virginia 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 Metrec of West Virginia 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, Metrec of West Virginia 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 Metrec of West Virginia becomes aware of such a delay, notification shall be provided to the Director/Chief Inspector and Metrec of West Virginia 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 Metrec of West Virginia Metrec of West Virginia 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 Metrec of West Virginia (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 Metrec of West Virginia 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 Metrec of West Virginia 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 Metrec of West Virginia, its successors and assigns.

7. This Order shall terminate upon Metrec of West Virginia's notification of full compliance with the "Order for Compliance" and verification of this notification by WVDEP.

Lou Akers, President
Metrec of West Virginia

4.10.14
Date

Public Notice begin:

Date

Public Notice end:

Date

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

Date

revised March 2013

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Photograph Attachment

9/24/13 Picture of Metrec of WV Facility.

9/24/13 Stockpile of material at Metrec of WV.

9/24/13 Stockpile of material at Metrec of WV.

Base Penalty Calculation

(pursuant to 47CSR1-6.1)

Responsible Party: Metrec of West Virginia **Receiving Stream:**

Treatment System Design Maximum Flow: _____ **MGD**

Treatment System Actual Average Flow: _____ **MGD** (if known)

Enter FOF# and rate each finding as to Potential and Extent.

1)	Potential for Harm Factor	Factor Range	FOF# 4a												
a)	Amount of Pollutant Released	1 to 3	1												
b)	Toxicity of Pollutant	0 to 3	0												
c)	Sensitivity of the Environment	0 to 3	0												
d)	Length of Time	1 to 3	1												
e)	Actual Exposure and Effects thereon	0 to 3	0												
	Average Potential for Harm Factor		0.4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2)	**Extent of Deviation Factor**	**Factor Range**													
	Degree of Non-Compliance	1 to 3	3												

Potential for Harm Factors:

1)c - Sensitivity of the Environment Potentially Affected (0 for "dead" stream)

1)d - Length of Time of Violation

1)e - Actual Human/Environmental Exposure and Resulting Effects thereon

Examples/Guidance:

Note: Rate as 1 for Minor, 2 for Moderate and 3 for Major. Rate as 0 if it does not apply.

Minor = exceedance of permit limit by <=40% for Avg. Monthly or <=100% for Daily Max., exceed numeric WQ standard by <= 100%, or report doesn't contain some minor information.

Moderate = exceedance of permit limit by >= 41% and <= 300% for Avg. Monthly , >= 101% and <= 600% for Daily Max., exceed numeric WQ standard by >= 101% and <= of 600% or report doesn't fully address intended subject matter.

Major = exceedance of permit limit by >= 301% for Avg. Monthly, >= 601% for Daily Max., exceed numeric WQ standard by >= 601%, failure to submit a report, failure to obtain a permit, failure to report a spill, etc. Note that a facility in SNC should be rated as major for length of time and degree of non-compliance.

Narrative WQ standard violations - case-by-case.

Continue rating Findings of Facts (FOF) here, if necessary. Otherwise, continue on Page 3.

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	Average Potential for Harm Factor		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2)	**Extent of Deviation Factor**	**Factor Range**													
	Degree of Non-Compliance	1 to 3													

		Extent of Deviation from Requirement		
		Major	Moderate	Minor
Potential for Harm to Human Health or the Environment	Major	$8,000 to $10,000	$6,000 to $8,000	$5,000 to $6,000
	Moderate	$4,000 to $5,000	$3,000 to $4,000	$2,000 to $3,000
	Minor	$1,500 to $2,000	$1,000 to $1,500	Up to $1,000

FOF #	Potential for Harm	Extent of Deviation	Penalty	Multiple Factor	Base Penalty
4a	Minor	Major	$1,700	1	$1,700
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
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0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	$0
Total Base Penalty					$1,700

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		$340
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		10	($170)
6.2.b.3 - Cooperation with the Secretary		10	($170)
6.2.b.5 - Ability to Pay			$0
Penalty Adjustments			**$30**
Penalty =			**$1,730**

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: