

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7383 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 September 16, 2024, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violation of Title V Operating Permit No. 2540-00003 at its Wiggins Plywood Plant located at 1945 South First Street, Wiggins, MS in Stone County:

- 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-002 on April 9, 2024. Respondent emitted 0.743 lb/MMBtu of heat input during the stack test. Subsequently, Respondent demonstrated compliance with the Filterable PM limitation during a retest of Emission Point AA-002 on April 12, 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 \$35,000.00. 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 12th day of November, 2024.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: *Chris Wells*

CHRIS WELLS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 5th day of November, 2024.

HOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.

BY: *Sam Newbill*

SAM NEWBILL  
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

STATE OF Mississippi  
COUNTY OF Forrest

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 at HOOD INDUSTRIES, INC. and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 5th day of November, 2024.

*Jolanda R. Weaver*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 8-30-27

