

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AND

ORDER NO. 7326 24

**MR. GRAHAM C. COATS
4266 POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE
MERIDIAN, MS 39305**

AGREED CONSENT ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and Mr. Graham Coats in the above-captioned cause and agree as follows:

1. Mr. Graham Coats (Mr. Coats) has been contacted by the Commission, through the MDEQ, and notified of the following:
 - A. An ongoing investigation by the MDEQ confirmed the abandonment of waste tires on two properties owned by Mr. Coats. The first property located at 2631 A Street in Meridian, MS has an estimated 40,000 waste tires onsite, and the second property located at 976 Bonita Drive in Meridian, MS has an estimated 2,500 waste tires onsite.

B. Mr. Coats is aware that the waste tire stockpiles located on the subject properties may create a nuisance and a public health and safety problem and has made efforts to have the tires removed. MDEQ received a request from Mr. Coats for assistance with removal of the waste tires stockpiled on-site.

2. In order to fully remediate the sites and remove the waste tires situated on Mr. Coats' properties, the Commission and Mr. Coats hereby agree to the following:

A. Pursuant to the Mississippi Code, Annotated, Section 17-17-419 as amended, Mr. Coats agrees to permit the abatement of the unauthorized waste tire stockpiles located on the properties by allowing an MDEQ contractor to enter the premises and remove and transport the waste tires for proper disposal.

B. MDEQ agrees to have a selected waste tire abatement contractor remove, transport, and properly dispose of the waste tires as per the terms of the contract between MDEQ and the contractor and the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi.

C. Mr. Coats confirms that he is the lawful owner of the subject properties at 2631 A Street, Meridian, Mississippi and 976 Bonita Drive, Meridian, Mississippi and as such agrees to provide the employees of MDEQ and the selected waste tire abatement contractor with the necessary access to and use of the properties for the purpose of removal of the abandoned waste tires for proper transport and disposal.

Mr. Coats agrees to allow the employees of MDEQ and the selected waste tire abatement contractor access to and use of each property during normal business hours and at any other times which are mutually acceptable to all parties.

- D. Mr. Coats agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission, the MDEQ and all of their employees, officers, and contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost including attorney's fees or expenses arising out of, or incident to, the abatement of the waste tire stockpiles herein described.

ORDERED, this the 3rd day of June, 2024.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: 

CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 15 day of May, 2024.

Graham C. Coats

BY: Graham Coats, by Leslie Harrison, POA

LESLIE H. HARRISON
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR
GRAHAM C. COATS

TITLE: Power of Attorney

STATE OF Mississippi

COUNTY OF Lauderdale

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Leslie Han Harrison who first being duly sworn, did state upon his/her oath and acknowledge to me that he/she is the POA of Graham C. Coats, of ^{owner} the properties described in this order at 2631 A Street, Meridian, MS and 976 Bonita Drive, Meridian, MS and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 15th day of May, 2024.

Elizabeth M. Jolly
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: May 2nd, 2025

