

BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Westerman, Inc. 245 North Broad Street Bremen, Ohio 43107

Respondent

<u>Director's Final</u> Findings and Orders

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

PREAMBLE Date: 10-15-08

It is hereby agreed by and among the parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to Westerman, Inc. (Respondent) pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.13 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in ownership of Respondent or of the Facility shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Unless otherwise stated, all terms in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 3734. and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

All of the findings necessary for the issuance of these Orders pursuant to ORC §§ 3734.13 and 3745.01 have been made and are outlined below. Nothing in the findings shall be considered to be an admission by Respondent of any matter of law or fact. The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

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- 1. Respondent is a person as defined in ORC Section 3734.01(G) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-50-10(A).
- 2. Respondent operates a manufacturing facility located at 245 North Broad Street, Fairfield County, Bremen, Ohio 43107 (Facility).
- 3. At the Facility, Respondent generates hazardous waste as that term is defined by ORC 3734.01(J) and OAC rules 3745-50-10(A) and 3745-51-03. Respondent is a small quantity generator of hazardous waste and has been assigned hazardous waste generator identification number OHD986975357. The hazardous wastes (D001, D008, D035, F003, and F008) generated by Respondent at the Facility are the result of painting operations.
- During an April 23, 2008 complaint investigation, Ohio EPA personnel were informed that Seifert Construction, Inc. (Seifert), a conditionally exempt small quantity generator, located at 225 Logan-Thornville Road, Bremen, Ohio 43107, had been transporting one 55-gallon drum of hazardous waste per month, for the previous 24 months, from Seifert's facility to Respondent's Facility.
- 5. On April 30, 2008, Ohio EPA conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at Respondent's Facility. This inspection confirmed that Respondent had accepted and stored at its Facility hazardous waste generated at the Seifert facility. As a result of this inspection, Ohio EPA determined that Respondent had established an unpermitted hazardous waste storage facility, in violation of ORC § 3734.02(E) and (F) through its acceptance and storage of hazardous waste generated at the Seifert facility.
- 6. By letter dated May 14, 2008, Ohio EPA notified Respondent of the violation noted in Finding No. 5 of these Orders.
- 7. Because Ohio EPA is not aware of any releases of hazardous waste from the containers transported from Seifert and because this hazardous waste was stored in Respondent's hazardous waste storage area, the Director has determined that closure of the unpermitted storage area is not required at this time. Therefore, no further action is required at this time to abate the violation of ORC 3734.02 (E) and (F) noted in Finding No. 5.

V. ORDERS

Respondent shall achieve compliance with Chapter 3734. of the ORC and the regulations promulgated thereunder according to the following compliance schedule:

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- 1. Respondent shall pay Ohio EPA the amount of \$6,000.00 in settlement of Ohio EPA's claims for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734., in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall pay Ohio EPA the amount of \$4,800.00 in settlement of Ohio EPA's claims for civil penalties, which will be deposited into the hazardous waste cleanup fund established pursuant to ORC Section 3734.28. Payment shall be made by an official check made payable to Treasurer, State of Ohio, for \$4,800.00. The official check shall be submitted to Ohio EPA, Office of Fiscal Administration, Department L-2711, Columbus, Ohio 43260-2711, together with a letter identifying Respondent. A copy of this check shall be submitted in accordance with Section X. of these Orders.
 - b. In lieu of paying the remaining \$1,200.00 of civil penalty to Ohio EPA, Respondent shall fund a supplemental environmental project (SEP) by making a contribution in the amount of \$1,200.00 to the Ohio EPA Clean Diesel School Bus Program (Fund 5CD). Respondent shall make the payment within 30 days after the effective date of these Orders by tendering an official check made payable to Treasurer, State of Ohio, for \$1,200.00. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, Ohio EPA, Office of Fiscal Administration, Department L-2711, Columbus, Ohio 43260-2711, together with a letter identifying Respondent. A copy of this check shall be submitted in accordance with Section X. of these Orders, and an additional copy of this check shall be sent to James A. Orlemann, Assistant Chief, SIP Development and Enforcement, or his successor, Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.
 - c. Should Respondent fail to fund the SEP within the required time frame established in Order No. 1.b., Respondent shall pay to Ohio EPA, within 7 days after failing to comply with Order No. 1.b., the amount of \$1,200.00 in accordance with the procedures in Order No. 1.a.

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate upon Ohio EPA's receipt of the official checks required by Section V. of these Orders.

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VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to, the operation of Respondent's Facility.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.

X. NOTICE

All documents required to be submitted by Respondent pursuant to these Orders shall be addressed to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Central District Office Division of Hazardous Waste Management 50 West Town Street Columbus, Ohio, 43215 Attn: DHWM Manager

and Ohio EPA Central Office at the following address:

For mailings, use the post office box number:

Chris Korleski, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Lazarus Government Center
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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> P.O. Box 1049 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Attn: Manager, Compliance Assurance Section

For deliveries to the building:

Chris Korleski, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Lazarus Government Center
Division of Hazardous Waste Management
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attn: Manager, Compliance Assurance Section

or to such persons and addresses as may hereafter be otherwise specified in writing by Ohio EPA.

XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA reserves its rights to exercise its lawful authority to require Respondent to perform closure and corrective action at the Facility some time in the future, pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734. or any other applicable law. Respondent reserves its rights to raise any administrative, legal or equitable claim or defense with respect to any action of the Director regarding such closure or corrective action. Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all other rights, privileges and causes of action, except as specifically waived in Section XII. of these Orders.

XII. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation or liability, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Except for the rights to seek closure and corrective action at the Facility, which rights Ohio EPA does not waive, compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction for Respondent's liability for the violations specifically cited herein.

Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions, and service of these Orders, and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent may have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other party to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In

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such an event, Respondent shall continue to comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated or modified.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

XIV. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative of a party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AGREED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	
Chris Korleski Director	October 15, 2008 Date
IT IS SO AGREED:	
Westerman, Inc.	
Jerry A. McChes. Signature	9/23/08 Date
TERRY A. McGHEE Printed or Typed Name	
PRESIDENT/CEO	
Title	