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June 29, 2009

**Re: Director's Final Findings & Orders
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
OHR 000 126 409**

Mr. Gary E. Wyatt
Senior Vice President
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
1000 Lowe's Boulevard
 Mooresville, North Carolina 28117

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

Here are the Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) issued to Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. on June 29, 2009. These Orders are effective today.

I have also enclosed invoices for the penalty payments as required by Order Nos. 1 through 3. Please remember that your first payments are due no later than July 29, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning compliance with these Orders, do not hesitate to contact John Pasquarette at (419) 352-8461.

Sincerely,

J. E. Sarvis

for Harry E. Sarvis, Manager
Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

Attachments

cc: Michael A. Savage, Chief, DHWM
Dave Sholtis, Asst. Chief, DHWM
Todd Anderson, Legal
Heidi Greismer, PIC
John Pasquarette, Mgr., DHWM, NWDO
Amy Heller, DHWM, NWDO

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Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
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JUN 28 2009
BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ENTERED DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL

In the Matter of:

Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
1000 Lowe's Boulevard
 Mooresville, North Carolina 28117

Respondent

Director's Final
Findings and Orders

PREAMBLE

It is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. (Respondent) pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §§ 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 the Respondent or of the Facility shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 3734. and the rules promulgated there under.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent is a "person" as defined in ORC § 3734.01(G) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-50-10(A).

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.

By: [Signature] Date: 6-29-09

2. Respondent operates a product distribution facility located at 12700 County Road 212, Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio 45840 (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 EPA ID number OHR000126409. The hazardous wastes generated by Respondent at the Facility include hazardous waste flammable and corrosive liquids (hazardous waste codes D001/D002/D005/D007/D018/D035/U002); toxic organic liquids (hazardous waste codes D006/D008/D011/D016); and other toxic liquids (hazardous waste codes D006/D008/D011/D016/P012/U080). Respondent is a small quantity handler of universal waste and generates spent lamps.
4. On August 28 and September 4, 2008, Ohio EPA performed a compliance evaluation inspection at the Facility. As a result of this inspection, Ohio EPA determined that Respondent had, *inter alia*:
 - a. Stored hazardous waste beyond the allowed 180 days without a permit, in violation of ORC § 3734.02 (E) and (F); and
 - b. Failed to have emergency information posted by the telephone in violation of OAC rule 3745-52-34(D)(5)(b).
5. Respondent was notified of the violations referenced in Finding No. 4. of these Orders by letter dated September 16, 2008.
6. On September 30, 2008, Respondent submitted documentation showing the hazardous wastes referenced in Finding No. 4.a. of these Orders were sent to a permitted facility on September 18, 2008.
7. By letter dated October 30, 2008, Respondent submitted documentation in response to the violations referenced in Finding No. 4. of these Orders.
8. By letter dated November 12, 2008, Ohio EPA notified Respondent that the violation referenced in Finding No. 4.b. of these Orders was abated.
9. Because Respondent will continue to store hazardous waste in the less than one hundred eighty (180) day accumulation area and because no releases of hazardous waste were observed, the Director has determined that no additional

action is required of Respondent at this time regarding the ORC § 3734.02 (E) and (F) violation referenced in Finding No. 4.a. of these Orders.

V. ORDERS

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

1. Within 30 days of the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall pay Ohio EPA the amount of \$10,150.00 in settlement of Ohio EPA's claims for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734. \$8,120.00 of this amount will be deposited into the hazardous waste cleanup fund established pursuant to ORC § 3734.28. Payment shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for \$8,120.00. 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.
2. In lieu of paying the remaining \$2,030.00 of the civil penalty to Ohio EPA, Respondent shall fund a supplemental environmental project (SEP) by making a contribution in the amount of \$2,030.00 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 \$2,030.00. 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.
3. Should Respondent fail to fund the SEP within the required time frame established in Order No. 2., Respondent shall pay to Ohio EPA, within 7 days after failing to comply with Order No. 2., the amount of \$2,030.00 in accordance with the procedures in Order No. 1.

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.

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
Northwest District Office
Division of Hazardous Waste Management
347 N Dunbridge Road
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
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
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
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 of the hazardous waste storage area as well as corrective action at the Facility at 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 final 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 of the hazardous waste storage area 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 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

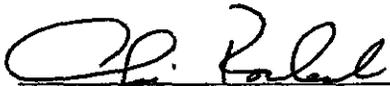
The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

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

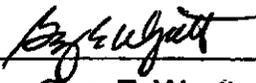
June 29, 2009

Date

IT IS SO AGREED:

Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. 

Signature


Gary E. Wyatt
Senior Vice President

Date

6-05-09

Printed or Typed Name

Title