

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Parker Hannifin Corporation
Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama
USEPA ID Number ALD980726558**

Consent Order No. 23-XXX-CHW

PREAMBLE

This Special Order by Consent is made and entered into by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (“the Department” or “ADEM”) and Parker Hannifin Corporation (“Parker Hannifin”) pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended, and the Alabama Hazardous Wastes Management and Minimization Act (“AHWMMA”), Ala. Code §§ 22-30-1 to 22-30-24, as amended, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

STIPULATIONS

1. Parker Hannifin operates an instrument fitting manufacturing facility (the “Facility”) with EPA Identification Number ALD980726558, located at 301 Wagner Drive in Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama. Parker Hannifin, as a result of its operations at the Facility, was a large quantity generator of hazardous waste, a small quantity handler of universal waste, and a used oil generator, as those terms are defined in ADEM Admin. Code Div. 14, at all times relevant to this action.
2. The Department is a duly constituted department of the State of Alabama pursuant to Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended.
3. Pursuant to Ala. Code § 22-22A-4(n), the Department is the state agency responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of solid and hazardous waste regulations in accordance with the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act §§ 1002 to 11012, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 to 6992k, as amended.

In addition, the Department is authorized to administer and enforce the provisions of the AHWMMA, Ala. Code §§ 22-30-1 to 22-30-24, as amended.

DEPARTMENT'S CONTENTIONS

4. On January 11, 2023, representatives of the Department's Industrial Hazardous Waste Branch conducted a compliance evaluation inspection ("CEI") of Parker Hannifin. The CEI and a review of Parker Hannifin's compliance showed the following:

(a) Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-3-.01(7)(a), a large quantity generator may accumulate hazardous waste on site without a permit or interim status provided the generator accumulates hazardous waste on site for no more than 90 days, unless it has been granted an extension to the 90-day period. ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-8-.01(1)(c) requires a permit for the "treatment", "storage", and "disposal" of any "hazardous waste" as identified or listed in Chapter 335-14-2.

Parker Hannifin stored hazardous waste for more than 90 days without a permit or an extension. Based on a review of manifests, Parker Hannifin shipped hazardous waste offsite on November 21, 2021, and did not ship hazardous waste offsite again until August 8, 2022. Parker Hannifin's weekly inspection reports for the Central Hazardous Waste Accumulation Area indicated the number of hazardous waste containers located in the area at the time of the inspection. A review of these inspection reports for the time period of November 2021 to August 2022 indicated that Parker Hannifin began storing hazardous waste in the Central Hazardous Waste Accumulation Area on December 3, 2021. This hazardous waste was not shipped offsite until August 8, 2022.

(b) Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-3-.01(8)(d)1., a large quantity generator must submit a correct and complete ADEM Form 8700-12 (including all appropriate attachment pages and fees) reflecting current waste activities to the Department annually. The Department must receive the ADEM Form 8700-12 (including all appropriate attachment pages and fees) no later than the 15th day of the specified month in the specified month schedule located at 335-14-1-.02(1)(a).

Parker Hannifin failed to submit a notification of regulated waste activity (ADEM Form 8700-12) to the Department in 2022 by the designated month of April.

(c) Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-14-11-.02(6)(a), a small quantity handler of universal waste may accumulate universal waste for no longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, or received from another handler, unless the requirements of 335-14-11-.02(6)(b) are met.

Parker Hannifin stored one container of universal waste lamps for more than one year. The container had an accumulation start date of December 17, 2021.

5. On February 6, 2023, the Department issued a Notice of Violation to Parker Hannifin, which cited violations of the hazardous waste regulations that were discovered during the CEI and subsequent record review.

6. On March 22, 2023, the Department received Parker Hannifin's response to the aforementioned Notice of Violation.

7. Pursuant to Ala. Code § 22-22A-5(18), as amended, in determining the amount of any penalty, the Department must give consideration to the seriousness of the violation(s), including any irreparable harm to the environment and any threat to the health or safety of the public; the standard of care manifested by such person; the economic benefit which delayed compliance may confer upon such person; the nature, extent, and degree of success of such person's efforts to minimize or mitigate the effects of such violation(s) upon the environment; such person's history of previous violations; and the ability of such person to pay such penalty. Any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this authority shall not exceed \$25,000.00 for each violation, provided however, that the total penalty assessed in an order issued by the department shall not exceed \$250,000.00. Each day such a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. In arriving at this civil penalty, the Department has considered the following:

(a) **SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION(S):** In determining the seriousness of the violations, the Department considered the general nature and magnitude of the violations along with the available evidence of irreparable harm to the environment and threat to the health or safety of the public.

(b) STANDARD OF CARE: In considering the standard of care manifested by Parker Hannifin, the Department noted that the violations described above were non-technical and therefore could have been avoided. Consequently, Parker Hannifin failed to maintain compliance with the applicable regulatory standards.

(c) ECONOMIC BENEFIT WHICH DELAYED COMPLIANCE MAY HAVE CONFERRED: The Department has determined that there was no significant economic benefit gained by Parker Hannifin as a result of the violations referenced herein.

(d) EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE VIOLATION(S) UPON THE ENVIRONMENT: There are no known environmental effects to mitigate as a result of the alleged violations.

(e) HISTORY OF PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS: Based on a review of Department records, Parker Hannifin does not have a history of similar violations.

(f) ABILITY TO PAY: The Department does not have any evidence indicating that Parker Hannifin is unable to pay the civil penalty.

(g) OTHER FACTORS: It should be noted that this Special Order by Consent is a negotiated settlement and, therefore, the Department has compromised the amount of the penalty that is warranted in the spirit of cooperation and the desire to resolve this matter amicably without incurring the unwarranted expense of litigation (see Attachment A, which is made a part of the Department's Contentions).

8. The Department neither admits nor denies Parker Hannifin's contentions, which are set forth below. The Department has agreed to the terms of this Special Order by Consent in an effort to resolve the alleged violations cited herein without the unwarranted expenditure of State resources in further prosecuting the alleged violations. The Department has determined that the terms contemplated in this Special Order by Consent are in the best interest of the citizens of Alabama.

FACILITY'S CONTENTIONS

9. Parker Hannifin neither admits nor denies the Department's contentions. Parker

Hannifin consents to abide by the terms of this Special Order by Consent and to pay the civil penalty assessed herein.

ORDER

Therefore, without admitting that it has violated any statutes or regulations, Parker Hannifin, along with the Department, desires to resolve and settle the alleged violations cited above. The Department has carefully considered the facts available to it and has considered the six penalty factors enumerated in Ala. Code § 22-22A-5(18)c., as amended, as well as the need for timely and effective enforcement. The Department believes that the following conditions are appropriate to address the violations alleged herein. Therefore, the Department and Parker Hannifin agree to enter into this Special Order by Consent with the following terms and conditions:

A. Parker Hannifin agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty in the amount of \$9,800 in settlement of the violations alleged herein within forty-five days of the effective date of this Special Order by Consent. Failure to pay the civil penalty within forty-five days from the effective date may result in the Department's filing a civil action in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County to recover the civil penalty.

B. Parker Hannifin agrees that all penalties due pursuant to this Special Order by Consent shall be made payable to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management by certified or cashier's check or other payment methods acceptable to the Department and shall be remitted to:

Office of General Counsel

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

P.O. Box 301463

Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463

Any payment submitted to the Department pursuant to this Special Order by Consent shall reference Parker Hannifin's name and address, and the ADEM Administrative Order number of this action.

C. Parker Hannifin agrees that, independent of this Special Order by Consent, Parker Hannifin shall comply with all terms, conditions, and limitations of the AHWMMMA, Ala. Code §§ 22-30-1 to 22-30-24, as amended, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

D. The Department and Parker Hannifin (“parties”) agree that this Special Order by Consent shall apply to and be binding upon both parties, their directors, officers, and all persons or entities acting under or for them. Each signatory to this Special Order by Consent certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Special Order by Consent, to execute the Special Order by Consent on behalf of the party represented, and to legally bind such party.

E. The parties agree that, subject to the terms of these provisions and subject to provisions otherwise provided by statute, this Special Order by Consent is intended to operate as a full resolution of the alleged violations cited herein.

F. Parker Hannifin agrees that it is not relieved from any liability if it fails to comply with any provision of this Special Order by Consent.

G. For purposes of this Special Order by Consent only, Parker Hannifin agrees that the Department may properly bring an action to compel compliance with the terms and conditions contained herein in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County.

H. The parties agree that the sole purpose of this Special Order by Consent is to resolve and dispose of all allegations and contentions stated herein concerning the factual circumstances referenced herein. Should additional facts and circumstances be discovered in the future which would constitute possible violations not addressed in this Special Order by Consent, then such future violations may be addressed in orders as may be issued by the Director, litigation initiated by the Department, or such other enforcement actions as may be appropriate. Parker Hannifin agrees not to object to such future orders, litigation, or enforcement actions based on the issuance of this Special Order by Consent if future orders, litigation, or other enforcement actions address new matters not raised in this Special Order by Consent.

I. The parties agree that this Special Order by Consent shall be considered final and effective immediately upon signature of all parties. This Special Order by Consent shall not be

appealable, and Parker Hannifin does hereby waive any hearing on the terms and conditions of this Special Order by Consent.

J. The parties agree that this Special Order by Consent shall not affect Parker Hannifin's obligation to comply with any federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

K. The parties agree that final approval and entry into this Special Order by Consent is subject to the requirements that the Department give notice of proposed orders to the public, and that the public have at least thirty days within which to comment on the order.

L. The parties agree that, should any provision of this Special Order by Consent be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Environmental Management Commission to be inconsistent with federal or State law and therefore unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

M. The parties agree that any modifications of this Special Order by Consent must be agreed to in writing and signed by both parties.

N. The parties agree that, except as otherwise set forth herein, this Special Order by Consent is not and shall not be interpreted to be a permit or modification of an existing permit under federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to waive or relieve Parker Hannifin of its obligations to comply in the future with any permit.

Executed in duplicate, with each part being an original.

PARKER HANNIFIN CORPORATION

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

Craig Beckwith

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Craig Beckwith

(Printed Name)

General Manager

(Printed Title)

06/16/2023

(Date Signed)

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

(Date Executed)

Attachment A

Parker Hannifin Corporation
Boaz, Marshall County
Facility ID No. ALD980726558

Violation	Number of Violations*	Seriousness of Violation*	Standard of Care*	History of Previous Violation*	
Storage of hazardous waste without a permit	1	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$0	
Failure to submit a correct and complete ADEM Form 8700-12 to the Department	1	\$100	\$50	\$0	
Accumulation of universal wastes for greater than one year	1	\$1,000	\$100	\$0	Total of Three Factors
TOTAL PER FACTOR		\$11,100	\$1,150	\$0	\$12,250

Adjustments to Amount of Initial Penalty

Economic Benefit (+)	\$0	Amount of Initial Penalty	\$12,250
Mitigating Factors (-)	\$0	Total Adjustments (+/-)	-\$2,450
Ability to Pay (-)	\$0	FINAL PENALTY	\$9,800
Other Factors (+/-)	-\$2,450		

Footnotes

* See the "FINDINGS" portion of the Order for a detailed description of each violation and the penalty factors.