

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

COPART OF LOUISIANA, INC.

AI # 101566

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
LA. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.

* Settlement Tracking No.
* SA-AE-12-0002
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* Enforcement Tracking No.
* AE-CN-07-0144
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SETTLEMENT

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Copart of Louisiana, Inc. ("Respondent") and the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ" or "the Department"), under authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq. ("the Act").

I

Respondent is a corporation that owns and/or operates a sales and car storage facility located in Greenwell Springs, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana ("the Facility").

II

On January 31, 2008, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. AE-CN-07-0144, which was based upon the following findings of fact:

The Respondent owns and/or operates a sales and car storage facility, Copart Auto Auction Yard (the facility), located at 21595 Greenwell Springs Road in Greenwell Springs, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

On or about June 22, 2007, an inspection was conducted by the Department to determine the degree of compliance with the Act and Air Quality Regulations in response to a citizen complaint received by the Department on or about June 12, 2007, regarding fugitive dust emissions. The Department has received fourteen (14) citizen complaints since October 27 2006. A Notice of Deficiency (NOD) was issued by the Department on November 28, 2006 with a Deficiency Clear Letter (DCL) issued by the Department on January 30, 2007. A Notice of Corrected Violation (NOCV) was issued by the Department on May 22, 2007.

The following violation was noted during the course of the inspection:

During the course of the Incident Complaint Investigation (ICI) conducted on June 22, 2007, fugitive dust emissions were noted from the facility with fugitive dust noted offsite on the property of a municipal residence located at 17909 Lighthouse, Greenwell Springs. The failure to take all reasonable precautions to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne is a violation of LAC 33:III.1305.A and La R.S. 30:2057(A)(2).

III

Respondent denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures and/or penalties.

IV

Nonetheless, Respondent, without making any admission of liability under state or federal statute or regulation, agrees to pay, and the Department agrees to accept, a payment in the amount of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,500.00), of which Seven Hundred Forty-Eight and 66/100 Dollars (\$748.66) represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of the claims set forth in this agreement. The total amount of money expended by Respondent on cash payments to the Department as described above, shall be considered a civil penalty for tax purposes, as required by La. R.S. 30:2050.7(E)(1).

V

Respondent further agrees that the Department may consider the inspection report(s), the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty and this Settlement for the purpose of determining compliance history in connection with any future enforcement or permitting action by the Department against Respondent, and in any such action Respondent shall be estopped from objecting to the above-referenced documents being considered as proving the violations alleged herein for the sole purpose of determining Respondent's compliance history.

VI

This agreement shall be considered a final order of the Secretary for all purposes, including, but not limited to, enforcement under La. R.S. 30:2025(G)(2), and Respondent hereby waives any right to administrative or judicial review of the terms of this agreement, except such review as may be required for interpretation of this agreement in any action by the Department to enforce this agreement.

VII

This settlement is being made in the interest of settling the state's claims and avoiding for both parties the expense and effort involved in litigation or an adjudicatory hearing. In agreeing to the compromise and settlement, the Department considered the factors for issuing civil penalties set forth in La. R. S. 30:2025(E) of the Act.

VIII

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. The advertisement, in form, wording, and size approved by the Department, announced the availability of this settlement for public view and comment and the opportunity for a public hearing. Respondent has submitted an

original proof-of-publication affidavit and an original public notice to the Department and, as of the date this Settlement is executed on behalf of the Department, more than forty-five (45) days have elapsed since publication of the notice.

IX

Payment is to be made within ten (10) days from notice of the Secretary's signature. If payment is not received within that time, this Agreement is voidable at the option of the Department. Payments are to be made by check, payable to the Department of Environmental Quality, and mailed or delivered to the attention of Accountant Administrator, Financial Services Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 4303, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4303. Each payment shall be accompanied by a completed Settlement Payment Form (Exhibit A).

X

In consideration of the above, any claims for penalties are hereby compromised and settled in accordance with the terms of this Settlement.

XI

Each undersigned representative of the parties certifies that he or she is fully authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of his or her respective party, and to legally bind such party to its terms and conditions.

COPART OF LOUISIANA, INC.

BY: _____
(Signature)

(Printed)

TITLE: _____

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, at _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # _____)

(stamped or printed)

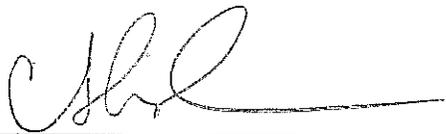
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Peggy M. Hatch Secretary

BY: _____
Cheryl Sonnier Nolan, Assistant Secretary
Office of Environmental Compliance

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Approved: 
Cheryl Sonnier Nolan, Assistant Secretary