STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

* Settlement Tracking No.

SA-WE-21-0064

SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC

* Enforcement Tracking No.

AI # 169982 * WE-CN-17-00282

WE-CN-19-00944

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PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

LA. R.S. 30:2001, <u>ET SEQ.</u>

SETTLEMENT

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Slidell Seafood, LLC ("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 limited liability company that owns and/or operates a seafood market and boiling facility located in Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana ("the Facility").

II

On October 16, 2017, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-17-00282 (Exhibit 1).

On November 14, 2019, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-19-00944 (Exhibit 2).

The following violations, although not cited in the foregoing enforcement actions, are included within the scope of this settlement:

A file review conducted by the Department on or about October 19, 2020, revealed that the

Respondent exceeded effluent limitations. The effluent limitation exceedances, as reported by the Respondent on Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) are summarized in the following table:

Monitoring Period End				DMR	
Date	Outfall	Parameter	Limit	Value	Units
09/30/2019	001-Q	Solids, total suspended MO AVG	30	560	mg/L
		Solids, total suspended DAILY MX	45	560	mg/L
		Coliform, fecal general MOAV GEO	200	>2419.6	CFU/100mL
		Coliform, fecal general DAILY MX	400	>2419.6	CFU/100mL
•		BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C] MO			
		AVG	30	146	mg/L
		BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20C]			
		DAILY MX	45	146	mg/L
12/31/2019	001-Q	Solids, total suspended MO AVG	30	45	mg/L
		BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C] MO			
		AVG	30	32	mg/L
03/31/2020	001-Q	Solids, total suspended MO AVG	30	110	mg/L
		Solids, total suspended DAILY MX	45	110	mg/L
		BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C] MO		, ,	
		AVG	30	606	mg/L
		BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C]			
		DAILY MX	45	606	mg/L

Each effluent limitation exceedance is a violation of LPDES permit LA0125539 (Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements, Page 1 of 4; and Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, Section A.2), La. R.S. 30:2076(A)(3), and LAC 33:IX.501.A.

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 SIXTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$16,000.00), of which One Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen and 59/100 Dollars (\$1,219.59) 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), permit record(s), the Consolidated Compliance Orders & Notices 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

As required by law, the Department has submitted this Settlement Agreement to the

Louisiana Attorney General for approval or rejection. The Attorney General's concurrence is appended to this Settlement Agreement.

IX

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. The advertisement, in form and wording 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.

X

An initial payment of Eight Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$8,000.00) is to be made within ten (10) days from notice of the Secretary's signature. The remaining Eight Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$8,000.00) shall be paid in monthly installments of \$222.22 over three (3) years or thirty-six (36) months, with the last installment submitted for the amount of \$222.30. 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).

XI

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

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.

	SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC
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	NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 1 59677)
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THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplica 	te original before me this <u>Z3va</u> day of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
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JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



CHUCK CARR BROWN, Ph.D. SECRETARY

State of Louisiana

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE October 16, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL (7004 2510 0006 3854 1051) RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC
c/o Brian Thibodeaux
Agent of Service
213 Joshua Loop

Pearl River, Louisiana 70452

RE: CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. WE-CN-17-00282 AGENCY INTEREST NO. 169982

Dear Sir:

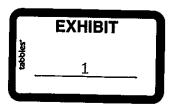
Pursuant to the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq.), the attached CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is hereby served on SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC (RESPONDENT) for the violations described therein.

Compliance is expected within the maximum time period established by each part of the COMPLIANCE ORDER. The violations cited in the CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY could result in the issuance of a civil penalty or other appropriate legal actions.

Any questions concerning this action should be directed to Bernie Boyett at (225) 219-0783.

Administrator Enforcement Division

CJC/BKB/bkb Alt ID No. LA0125539 Attachments



c: e-copy-DHH/Office of Public Health

SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC 1001 Gause Blvd. West Slidell, LA 70460

STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

IN THE MATTER OF

SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC ST. TAMMANY PARISH ALT ID NO. LA0125539

ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO.

WE-CN-17-00282

AGENCY INTEREST NO.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, La. R.S. 30:2001, <u>ET SEQ.</u>

169982

CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

The following CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is issued to SLIDELL SEAFOOD, LLC (RESPONDENT) by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department), under the authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (the Act), La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq., and particularly by La. R.S. 30:2025(C) and 30:2050.2.

FINDINGS OF FACT

l.

The Respondent owns and/or operates a retail seafood facility known as Slidell Seafood West, LLC located at 213 Joshua Loop, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. The Respondent was issued Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit LA0125539 on April 5, 2011, with an effective date of May 1, 2011, and an expiration date of April 30, 2016. The Respondent submitted an LPDES permit renewal application to the Department on or about July 21, 2016, after LPDES permit LA0125539 had expired. LPDES permit LA0125539 was not administratively continued. The Department reissued LPDES permit LA0125539 on

August 31, 2017, with an effective date of November 1, 2017, and an expiration date of October 31, 2022. LPDES permit LA0125539 authorizs the Respondent to discharge commingled treated sanitary wastewater, seafood boil water, and floor washdown wastewater into an unnamed ditch, thence into Bayou Bonfouca, waters of the state.

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An inspection conducted by the Department on or about January 31, 2017, revealed that the Respondent failed to sample in accordance with LPDES permit LA0125539. Specifically, the Respondent was required by LPDES permit LA0125539 to sample semiannually for BOD₅, Fecal Coliform, pH, and Total Suspended Solids. The Respondent failed to sample for all of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Each failure to sample is a violation of LPDES permit LA0125539 (Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements, Pages 1 and 2 of 2; and Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, Sections A.2, and C.2), La. R.S. 30:2076 (A)(3), and LAC 33:IX.501.A.

III.

An inspection conducted by the Department on or about January 31, 2017, and a subsequent file review conducted by the Department on or about October 5, 2017, revealed that the Respondent failed to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for all of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Each failure to submit a DMR is a violation of LPDES permit LA0125539 (Facility Requirements, Page 2 of 2; and Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, Sections A.2 and D.4), La. R.S. 30:2076 (A)(3), and LAC 33:IX.2701.L.4.a.

IV.

A file review conducted by the Department on or about October 5, 2017, revealed that the Respondent did not submit an LPDES permit renewal application 180 days prior to the expiration date of LPDES permit LA0125539. LPDES permit LA0125539 expired April 30, 2016. The Respondent submitted an LPDES permit renewal application to the Department on or about July 21, 2016. The Respondent's failure to submit an LPDES permit renewal application 180 days prior to the expiration date of LPDES permit LA0125539 is a violation of LPDES permit LA0125539, (Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, Sections A.2 and A.5.a), La. R.S. 30:2076 (A)(3), and LAC 33:IX.501.A.

V.

A file review conducted by the Department on or about October 5, 2017, revealed that the Respondent was operating and discharging without an LPDES permit. An inspection conducted by the Department on or about January 31, 2017, noted that the discharge was grey in color and there were floating solids in the ditch. The unauthorized discharge of wastewater is in violation of La. R. S. 30:2075. Additionally, during the January 31, 2017 inspection, the inspector observed that the aeration pump was broken.

COMPLIANCE ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent is hereby ordered:

I.

To protect water quality, if the Respondent continues to discharge, the Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of expired LPDES permit LA0125539 until the new permit becomes effective on November 1, 2017.

II.

If the Respondent continues to discharge, to immediately take, upon receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, any and all steps necessary to achieve and maintain compliance with expired LPDES permit LA0125539 and the Water Quality Regulations including, but not limited to, sampling, submitting DMRs, and submitting timely permit renewal applications.

III.

To submit a completed NetDMR Subscriber Agreement to the Department for approval to submit DMRs electronically using NetDMR, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**. The Subscriber Agreement shall be signed and dated with an original signature and submitted to:

Office of Environmental Compliance

Post Office Box 4312

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4312

Attn: NetDMR

Re: Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-17-00282

Agency Interest No. 169982.

NetDMR is accessed through: www.epa.gov/netdmr. For assistance establishing and maintaining a NetDMR account or for NetDMR training, see attached instructions or contact the Permit Compliance Unit at deqnetdmr@la.gov.

IV.

To submit DMRs and associated reports electronically using NetDMR beginning with the first monitoring period after approval of the NetDMR Subscriber Agreement unless otherwise notified in writing by the Department.

V.

To submit to the Enforcement Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, a written report that includes a detailed description of the circumstances surrounding the cited violations and actions taken or to be taken to achieve compliance with the Order Portion of this COMPLIANCE ORDER. This report and all other reports or information required to be submitted to the Enforcement Division by this COMPLIANCE ORDER shall be submitted to:

Office of Environmental Compliance
Post Office Box 4312
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4312
Attention: Bernie Boyett
Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-17-00282
Agency Interest No. 169982

THE RESPONDENT SHALL FURTHER BE ON NOTICE THAT:

I.

The Respondent has a right to an adjudicatory hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law arising from this COMPLIANCE ORDER. This right may be exercised by filing a written request with the Secretary no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER.

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The request for an adjudicatory hearing shall specify the provisions of the COMPLIANCE ORDER on which the hearing is requested and shall briefly describe the basis for the request. This request should reference the Enforcement Tracking Number and Agency Interest Number, which are located in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of this document and should be directed to the following:

Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Post Office Box 4302 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302

Attn: Hearings Clerk, Legal Division

Re: Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-17-00282 Agency Interest No. 169982

III.

Upon the Respondent's timely filing a request for a hearing, a hearing on the disputed issue of material fact or of law regarding this COMPLIANCE ORDER may be scheduled by the Secretary of the Department. The hearing shall be governed by the Act, the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950, et seq.), and the Department's Rules of Procedure. The Department may amend or supplement this COMPLIANCE ORDER prior to the hearing, after providing sufficient notice and an opportunity for the preparation of a defense for the hearing.

IV.

This COMPLIANCE ORDER shall become a final enforcement action unless the request for hearing is timely filed. Failure to timely request a hearing constitutes a waiver of the Respondent's right to a hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law under Section 2050.4 of the Act for the violation(s) described herein.

V

The Respondent's failure to request a hearing or to file an appeal or the Respondent's withdrawal of a request for hearing on this COMPLIANCE ORDER shall not preclude the Respondent from contesting the findings of facts in any subsequent penalty action addressing the same violation(s), although the Respondent is estopped from objecting to this COMPLIANCE ORDER becoming a permanent part of its compliance history.

VI.

Civil penalties of not more than twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) for each day of violation for the violation(s) described herein may be assessed. For violations which occurred on August 15, 2004, or after, civil penalties of not more than thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500) may be assessed for each day of violation. The Respondent's failure or refusal to comply with this COMPLIANCE ORDER and the provisions herein will subject the Respondent to possible enforcement procedures under La. R.S. 30:2025, which could

result in the assessment of a civil penalty in an amount of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of continued violation or noncompliance.

VII.

For each violation described herein, the Department reserves the right to seek civil penalties in any manner allowed by law, and nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the right to seek such penalties.

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

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Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.3(B), you are hereby notified that the issuance of a penalty assessment is being considered for the violation(s) described herein. Written comments may be filed regarding the violation(s) and the contemplated penalty. If you elect to submit comments, it is requested that they be submitted within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice.

II.

Prior to the issuance of additional appropriate enforcement action(s), you may request a meeting with the Department to present any mitigating circumstances concerning the violation(s). If you would like to have such a meeting, please contact Bernie Boyett at (225) 219-0783 within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY.

III.

The Department is required by La. R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(a) to consider the gross revenues of the Respondent and the monetary benefits of noncompliance to determine whether a penalty will be assessed and the amount of such penalty. Please forward the Respondent's most current annual gross revenue statement along with a statement of the monetary benefits of noncompliance for the cited violation(s) to the above named contact person within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY. Include with your statement of monetary benefits the method(s) you utilized to arrive at the sum. If you assert that no monetary benefits have been gained, you are to fully justify that statement. If the Respondent chooses not to submit the requested most current annual gross revenues statement within ten (10) days, it will be viewed by the Department as an admission that the Respondent has the ability to pay the statutory maximum penalty as outlined in La. R.S. 30:2025.

IV.

The Department assesses civil penalties based on LAC 33:1.Subpart1.Chapter7. To expedite closure of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY portion, the Respondent may offer a settlement amount to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violation(s) described herein. The Respondent may offer a settlement amount, but the Department is under no obligation to enter into settlement negotiations. The decision to proceed with a settlement is at the discretion of the Department. The settlement offer amount may be entered on the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY REQUEST TO CLOSE" form. The Respondent must include a justification of the offer. **DO NOT** submit payment of the offer amount with the form. The Department will review the settlement offer and notify the Respondent as to whether the offer is or is not accepted.

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This CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is effective upon receipt.

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Assistant Secretary

Office of Environmental Compliance

Copies of a request for a hearing and/or related correspondence should be sent to:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Compliance **Enforcement Division** P.O. Box 4312 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4312

Attention: Bernie Boyett

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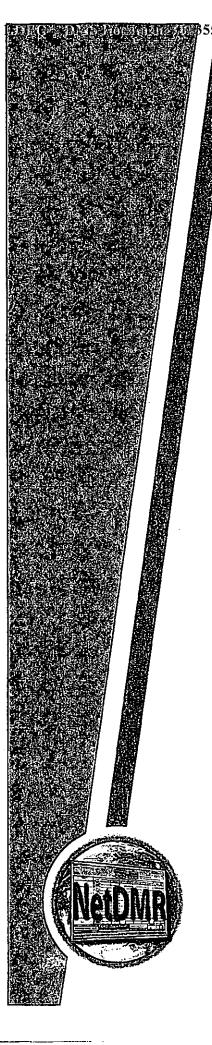
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CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER &



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	Pearl River, Louisiana 70452				
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		Parish:	St. Tammany		
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The attached enforcement action requires the use of NetDMR



WHAT IS NETDMR?

NetDMR is a Web-based tool that allows facilities to electronically sign and submit LPDES discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) to the LDEQ.

HOW DO I USE NETDMR?

- 1. Register in NetDMR
- 2. Submit Subscriber Agreement to LDEQ
- 3. Receive approval by LDEQ
- 4. Sign and Submit On-line

Training is offered by both LDEQ and EPA. Please check the LDEQ NetDMR Training website at http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/netdmr for training materials and current information offered by LDEQ. Information about EPA's training can be found at www.epa.gov/netdmr

HOW DO I REGISTER AND SUBMIT A SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT?

(The first person to register must be an authorized signatory.)

- 1. Go to NetDMR website at https://netdmr.epa.gov/netdmr
- 2. Choose "Louisiana DEQ" as the Regulatory Authority from the drop-down list
- 3. Click the "Create a NetDMR Account" link in the login box
- 4. Complete the account information as required
 - a. Type of user must be "Permittee User"
 - b. Security answers must be unique and are case sensitive
- 5. Click "Submit" and confirm account information
- Click the link within the verification email that has been sent to your email address
- 7. Create password by following instructions on the page
- 8. Login to NetDMR
- 9. Click "Request Access" link in the top left corner
- 10. Enter Permit Number and click "Update"
- 11. Select "Signatory" role and click "Add Request"
- 12. Click "Submit" and confirm
- 13. Provide Signatory Information, click "Submit" and confirm
- 14. Click button to print Subscriber Agreement
- 15. Mail in signed, original Subscriber Agreement to LDEQ for approval

If you have additional questions, please email degnetdmr@la.gov.



WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

Once the Department has determined that a penalty is warranted for a violation, the Assistant Secretary of the Department, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, may enter into a settlement agreement with the Respondent as a means to resolve the Department's claim for a penalty.

HOW DOES THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROCESS WORK?

To begin the settlement agreement process, the Department must receive a written settlement offer. Once this offer is submitted, it is sent for approval by the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Compliance. The formal Settlement Agreement is drafted and sent to the Attorney General's office where the Attorney General has a 90 day concurrence period. During this time, the Respondent is required to run a public notice in an official journal and/or newspaper of general circulation in each affected parish. After which, a 45 day public comment period is opened to allow the public to submit comments. Once the Department has received concurrence, the settlement agreement is signed by both parties. The Department then forwards a letter to the responsible party to establish a payment plan and/or beneficial environmental project (BEP).

WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

The Department uses the penalty determination method defined in LAC 33:1.705 as a guideline to accepting settlement offers. The penalty matrix is used to determine a penalty range for each violation based on the two violation specific factors, the nature and gravity of the violation and the degree of risk/impact to human health and property.

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Degree of Risk to Human Health or Property

Major: (actual measurable harm or substantial risk of harm) A violation of major impact to an environmental resource or a hazard characterized by high volume and/or frequent occurrence and/or high pollutant concentration.

Moderate: (potential for measurable detrimental impact) A violation of moderate impact and hazard may be one characterized by occasional occurrence and/or polkulant concentration that may be expected to have a detrimental effect under certain conditions

Minor: (no harm or risk of harm) A violation of minor impact are isolated single incidences and that cause no measurable detrimental effect or are administrative in nature.

Nature and Gravity of the Violation

Major: Violations of statutes, regulations, orders, permit limits, or permit requirements that result in negating the intent of the requirement to such an extent that little or no implementation of requirements occurred.

Moderate: Violations that result in substantially negating the intent of the requirements, but some implementation of the requirements occurred. Minor: Violations that result in some deviation from the intent of the requirement; however, substantial implementation is demonstrated.

The range is adjusted using the following violator specific factors:

- 1. history of previous violations or repeated noncompliance;
- 2. gross revenues generated by the respondent;
- 3. degree of culpability, recalcitrance, defiance, or indifference to regulations or orders;
- 4. whether the Respondent has failed to mitigate or to make a reasonable attempt to mitigate the damages caused by the violation; and
- whether the violation and the surrounding circumstances were immediately reported to the department, and whether the violation was concealed or there was an attempt to conceal by the Respondent.



Given the previous information, the following formula is used to obtain a penalty amount.

Penalty Event Total = Penalty Event Minimum + (Adjustment Percentage x [Penalty Event Maximum - Penalty Event Minimum])

After this, the Department adds any monetary benefit of noncompliance to the penalty event. In the event that a monetary benefit is gained due to the delay of a cost that is ultimately paid, the Department adds the applicable judicial interest. Finally, the Department adds all response costs including, but not limited to, the cost of conducting inspections, and the staff time devoted to the preparation of reports and issuing enforcement actions.

WHAT IS A BEP?

A BEP is a project that provides for environmental mitigation which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform, but which the defendant/respondent agrees to undertake as a component of the settlement agreement.

Project categories for BEPs include public health, pollution prevention, pollution reduction, environmental restoration and protection, assessments and audits, environmental compliance promotion, and emergency planning, preparedness and response. Other projects may be considered if the Department determines that these projects have environmental merit and is otherwise fully consistent with the intent of the BEP regulations.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY OFFER IS REJECTED?

If an offer is rejected by the Assistant Secretary, the Legal Division will contact the responsible party, or anyone designated as an appropriate contact in the settlement offer, to discuss any discrepancies.

WHERE CAN I FIND EXAMPLES AND MORE INFORMATION?

Settlement Offers	searchable in EDMS using the following filters
	Media: Air Quality, Function: Enforcement; Description: Settlement
Settlement Agreements	Enforcement Division's website
	specific examples can be provided upon request
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Beneficial Environmental Projects	LAC 33:I Chapter 25
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CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY



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Enforcement Tracking No.	WE-CN-19-00944	Certified Mail No.	7018 2290 0000 5826 1203
Agency Interest (AI) No.	169982	Contact Name	Kristin Shaffer
Alternate ID No.	LA0125539	Contact Phone No.	225-219-3786
Respondent:	Slidell Seafood, LLC	Facility Name:	Slidell Seafood, LLC
	c/o Mr. Brian Thibodeaux	Physical Location:	1001 Gause Blvd. West
	Agent for Service of Process		
	213 Joshua Loop	City, State, Zip:	Slidell, LA 70452
	Pearl River, LA 70452	Parish:	St. Tammany

This CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department), under the authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (the Act), La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq., and particularly by La. R.S. 30:2025(C), 30:2050.2 and 30:2050.3(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

An authorized representative of the Department inspected the abovementioned facility or conducted a file review of the facility to determine the degree of compliance with regulations promulgated in the Lauisiana Administrative Code, Title 33. The State regulatory citations for the violation(s) identified during the inspection and/or file review are indicated below.

The Respondent owns and/or operates a seafood market and boiling facility located at 1001 Gause Blvd. W., Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. The Respondent was issued Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit LA0125539 on August 31, 2017, with an effective date of November 1, 2017. LPDES Permit LA0125539 will expire on September 30, 2022. Under the terms and conditions of LPDES Permit LA0125539, the Respondent is permitted to discharge comingled treated sanitary wastewater, seafood boil water, and floor washdown wastewater into an unnamed ditch, thence into Bayou Bonfouca, all waters of the state.

The Respondent was issued COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY WE-CN-17-00282 on or about October 16, 2017. The Respondent submitted a response to COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY WE-CN-17-00282 on or about January 25, 2018. COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY WE-CN-17-00282 is a final strike of the Population and not subject to further region.

	action of the Depar	tment and not subje	ct to further	review.					
	Date of Violation		Description of Violation						
n.	File Review September 30, 2019	The Respondent failed to comply with LPDES permit LA0125539. Specifically, a review of Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) between June 2018 through December 2018, revealed that the Respondent reported exceedances of permit effluent limitations for TSS, BOD, and Fecal Coliform (Table 1). (LA0125539 (Permit Requirements, page 1 of 4, and Standard Conditions for LPDES Permits, section A.2)), La. R.S. 30:2076(A)(3), and LAC 33:IX.501.A)							
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		Monitoring Period End Date	Outfall	DMR Due Date	DMR Received Date	Days Late			
		06/30/2018	001-Q	7/28/2018	8/24/2018	27			
		09/30/2018	001-Q	10/28/2018	2/19/2019	114			
		12/31/2018	001-Q	1/28/2019	2/19/2019	22			

	File Review	The Respondent failed to comply with LPDES permit LA0125539. Specifically, the Respondent failed to	
	September 30,	submit electronic Quarterly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for the following Monitoring Periods:	
IV.	2019	December 2017, March 2018, March 2019, and June 2019. (LA0125539 (Permit Requirements, page 1 of 4,	
		and Permit Requirements, page 2 of 4 Submittal Action Requirements S-1, and Standard Conditions for	
		LPDES Permits, sections A.2 and D.4)), La. R.S. 30:2076(A)(3), and LAC 33:IX.2701.L.4)	

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the requirements that are indicated below:

- To take, immediately upon receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, any and all steps necessary to meet and maintain compliance with the Water Quality Regulations. This shall include, but not be limited to; correcting all of the violations described in the "Findings of Fact" portion.
 - To submit to the Enforcement Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, a written report that includes a detailed description of the circumstances surrounding the cited violation(s) and actions taken or to be taken to achieve compliance with the "Order" portion of this COMPLIANCE ORDER. This report and all other reports or information required to be submitted to the Enforcement Division by this COMPLIANCE ORDER shall be submitted to the Department at the address specified in this document.

EXHIBIT 2

ш.	DMRs for the monitoring periods of the last three (3) order. If you are submitting copies of DMRs, please to	30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, properly completed years mentioned in Paragraph IV of the "Findings of Fact" portion of this be advised that each copy of the DMR shall be signed and certified. If no toring period, the Respondent should indicate this in the space provided			
	for "Comment and Explanation of Any Violations."				
IV.	To submit DMRs and associated reports electronically using NetDMR beginning with the first monitoring period after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER unless otherwise notified in writing by the Department.				
٧.	the Department to discuss the circumstances surrou compliance with the Order Portion of this COMPLI.	receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, to set an appointment to meet with noting the cited violations and actions taken or to be taken to achieve ANCE ORDER and COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL nent Division to arrange a time for the meeting, please contact Kristin			
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T	***************************************	a disputed issue of material fact or of law arising from this COMPLIANCE			
I.	ORDER. This right may be exercised by filing a written red COMPLIANCE ORDER.	quest with the Secretary no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this			
li.	and shall briefly describe the basis for the request. This	provisions of the COMPLIANCE ORDER on which the hearing is requested request should reference the Enforcement Tracking Number and Agency id corner of the first page of this document and should be directed to the			
u.	Upon the Respondent's timely filing a request for a hear this COMPLIANCE ORDER may be scheduled by the Secr Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950, et seq.). Department may amend or supplement this COMPLIAN opportunity for the preparation of a defense for the hear	ring, a hearing on the disputed issue of material fact or of law regarding etary of the Department. The hearing shall be governed by the Act, the , and the Division of Administrative Law's (DAL) Procedural Rules. The ICE ORDER prior to the hearing, after providing sufficient notice and an ing.			
IV.	request a hearing constitutes a waiver of the Responden Section 2050.4 of the Act for the violation(s) described he	ent action unless the request for hearing is timely filed. Failure to timely it's right to a hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law under erein.			
v	COMPLIANCE ORDER shall not preclude the Responden	n appeal or the Respondent's withdrawal of a request for hearing on this t from contesting the findings of facts in any subsequent penalty action ent is estopped from objecting to this COMPLIANCE ORDER becoming a			
	Civil penalties of not more than thirty-two thousand five Respondent's failure or refusal to comply with this COMI possible enforcement procedures under La. R.S. 30:2025 not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each d	hundred dollars (\$32,500) may be assessed for each day of violation. The PLIANCE ORDER and the provisions herein will subject the Respondent to 6, which could result in the assessment of a civil penalty in an amount of lay of continued violation or noncompliance.			
VII.	nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the right to	erves the right to seek civil penalties in any manner allowed by law, and beek such penalties.			
		OTENTIAL PENALTY			
	Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.3(B), you are hereby notifice violation(s) described herein. Written comments may be elect to submit comments, it is requested that they be su	ed that the issuance of a penalty assessment is being considered for the perfiled regarding the violation(s) and the contemplated penalty. If you is important the performance of the penalty of the penalty is in the penalty of the p			
11.	Prior to the issuance of additional appropriate enforcement	ent action(s), you may request a meeting with the Department to present If you would like to have such a meeting, please contact Kristin Shaffer			
18.	The Department is required by La. R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(a benefits of noncompliance to determine whether a pena Respondent's most current annual gross revenue staten for the cited violation(s) to the above named contact PENALTY. Include with your statement of monetary benefits have been gained, you are to fully requested most current annual gross revenues statem) to consider the gross revenues of the Respondent and the monetary sity will be assessed and the amount of such penalty. Please forward the ment along with a statement of the monetary benefits of noncompliance person within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL effits the method(s) you utilized to arrive at the sum. If you assert that no justify that statement. If the Respondent chooses not to submit the tent within ten (10) days, it will be viewed by the Department as an statutory maximum penalty as outlined in La. R.S. 30:2025.			
		BMITTAL OF INFORMATION			
Enforce	ment Division:	Hearing Requests:			
Office of Water Post Of Baton I	na Department of Environmental Quality of Environmental Compliance Enforcement Division ffice Box 4312 Rouge, LA 70821 Kristin Shaffer	Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Post Office Box 4302 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302 Attn: Hearings Clerk, Legal Division Re: Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-19-00944 Agency Interest No. 169982			
	Permits Division (if necessary):	Physical Address (if hand delivered):			
Office Post O	tment of Environmental Quality of Environmental Services Iffice Box 4313 Rouge, LA 70821-4313	Department of Environmental Quality 602 N Fifth Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802			
	Water Permits Division				

HOW TO REQUEST CLOSURE OF THIS CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

- To appeal the CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY, the Respondent must follow the guidelines set forth in the "Right to Appeal" portion of this CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY.
- To request closure of the COMPLIANCE ORDER portion, the Respondent must demonstrate compliance with the "Order" portion of
 this COMPLIANCE ORDER by completing the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY
 REQUEST TO CLOSE" form and returning it to the address specified.
 - Before requesting closure of the COMPLIANCE ORDER portion, please contact the Financial Services Division at 225-219-3865 or email them at _DEQ-WWWFinancialServices@la.gov to determine if you owe outstanding fees.
- To expedite closure of the NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY portion, the Respondent may offer a settlement amount to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violation(s) described herein.
 - o The Department assesses civil penalties based on LAC 33:I.Subpart1.Chapter7.
 - The Respondent may offer a settlement amount but the Department is under no obligation to enter into settlement negotiations. It is decided upon on a discretionary basis.
 - The settlement offer amount may be entered on the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY REQUEST TO CLOSE" form. The Respondent must include a justification of the offer.
 - <u>PO_NOT</u> submit payment of the offer amount with the form. The Department will review the settlement offer and notify the Respondent as to whether the offer is or is not accepted.
 - Before requesting closure of the NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY portion, please contact the Financial Services Division at 225-219-3865 or email them at _DEQ-WWWFinancialServices@la.gov to determine if you owe outstanding fees.

If you have questions or need more information, you may contact Kristin Shaffer at 225-219-3786 or kristin.shaffer@la.gov.

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Office of Environmental Compliance

Attachment(s)

- Request to Close

- Table 1

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If you have questions or need more information, you may contact Kristin Shaffer at 225-219-3786 or kristin.shaffer@la.gov.

	TABLE 1	Slidell Seafood, LLC LA012553	9 Effluent	Violations	
Monitoring Pe End Date	riod / Outfall	Parameter			Units
06/30/2018	001-Q	Solids, total suspended — MO AVG	30		1
06/30/2018	001-Q	Solids, total suspended DAILY MX	45	51	mg/L
06/30/2018	001-Q	Coliform, fecal general MOAV GEO	200	2419.6	CFU/100ml
06/30/2018	001-Q	Coliform, fecal general - DAILY MX	400	2419.6	CFU/100mL
06/30/2018	001-Q	BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C] MO AVG	30	114	mg/l
06/30/2018	001-Q	BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C] DAILY MX	45	114	mg/l
09/30/2018	001-Q	Solids, total suspended — MO AVG	30,	1200	
09/30/2018	001-Q	Solids, total suspended — DAILY MX	45	1200	mg/L
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09/30/2018	001-Q	BOD, carbonaceous [5 day, 20 C] — DAILY MX	45	80	mg/L
12/31/2018	001-Q	Solids, total suspended MO AVG	30	160	mg/L
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12/31/2018	001-Q	Coliform, fecal general MOAV GEO	200	>2419.6	CFU/100mL
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