



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

VS.

SABRINA POOLS, INC.

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Order No. 2012003DEP

CONSENT ORDER

- A. With the agreement of Sabrina Pools, Inc. (the "Respondent"), the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection ("Commissioner") finds the following:
 - 1. The Respondent is a business located at 2182 Boston Turnpike in Coventry, Connecticut ("facility").
 - 2. Pursuant to Section 22a-174(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS"), the open burning of brush is allowed on residential and certain municipal properties provided a permit is obtained by an official designated by the Commissioner, and provided the burning is conducted in accordance with the specifications outlined in Section 22a-174(f) of the CGS.
 - 3. On May 14, 2012 staff from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("DEEP") Air Engineering and Enforcement Division conducted an inspection at the facility. The inspection indicated that the Respondent conducted open burning without a permit and burned non-brush materials including tin cans, high efficiency fluorescent light bulbs, plastic bottles and other plastic materials in violation of Section 22a-174(f) of the CGS.
 - 4. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-9(a) of the RCSA, "No person shall permit or cause air pollution as defined in Section 22a-174-1 of the RCSA." Section 22a-174-1 of the RCSA defines "air pollution" as follows: "Meaning the presence in the ambient air of one or more air pollutants or any combination thereof in such quantities and of such characteristics and duration as to be, or likely to be, injurious to public welfare or the environment, to the health of human, plant or animal life, or to property, or as unreasonable to interfere with the enjoyment of life and property".
 - 5. The open burning event on May 14, 2012 generated "air pollution" as that term is defined in Section 22a-174-1 of the RCSA.
 - 6. By virtue of the above, the Respondent violated Section 22a-174(f) of the CGS and Section 22a-174-9(a) of the RCSA.

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7. The inspection conducted on May 14, 2012 indicated that the Respondent built or established a solid waste facility and was operating the solid waste facility without the necessary permit as required from the Commissioner pursuant to Section 22a-208a of the CGS.
 8. On June 5, 2012, DEEP's Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division issued Notice of Violation No. WSWDS12060 to the Respondent for establishing and operating a solid waste facility without first obtaining the necessary permits. Based on correspondences dated June 14 and June 28, 2012 and a follow-up letter dated July 19, 2012 from the Respondent's counsel, DEEP sent a Notice of Violation Closure Letter to the Respondent on July 31, 2012.
 9. By virtue of the above, the Respondent violated Section 22a-208a(b) and Section 22a-208c of the CGS, and Section 22a-209-2, Section 22a-209-4, Section 22a-209-7, Section 22a-209-8, and Section 22a-209-9 of the RCSA.
 10. By agreeing to the issuance of this Consent Order, the Respondent makes no admission of fact or law with respect to the matters addressed herein.
- B. With the agreement of Respondent, the Commissioner, acting under Section 22a-6 and Section 22a-174 of the CGS, orders Respondent as follows:
1. The Respondent shall not conduct or allow the open burning of any materials at the property.
 2. The Respondent shall comply with the environmental laws and regulations governing the management of solid waste, including but not limited to Sections 22a-208a and 22a-208c of the CGS and Sections 22a-209-4, 22a-209-7, 22a-209-8 and 22a-209-9 of the RCSA. Respondent shall not conduct activities requiring a permit from the Commissioner, without first having the requisite permit(s) issued by the Commissioner.
 3. Within 60 days of issuance of this Consent Order the Respondent shall submit a written Plan to the Department for the Commissioner's review. The Plan shall include a thorough proposal for properly managing materials from the Respondent's facility in a manner that prevents future violations of Sections 22a-174(f) of the CGS, regarding open burning, and Sections 22a-208a and 22a-208c of the CGS and Sections 22a-209-4, 22a-209-7, 22a-209-8 and 22a-209-9 of the RCSA.
 4. Civil penalty. The Respondent shall pay a penalty of \$10,000 as the total civil penalty to be sought by the Commissioner for those, and only those, violations described in Paragraph A.6. of this Consent Order. The Respondent shall submit the penalty amount of \$10,000 in accordance with the following payment schedule:
 - The Respondent shall make a payment of \$4,000 within 180 days of issuance of this Consent Order.
 - The Respondent shall make an additional payment of \$3,000 within 270 days of issuance of this Consent Order.
 - The Respondent shall make a final payment of \$3,000 within one year of issuance of this Consent Order.

5. Payment of penalties. Payment of penalties under this Consent Order shall be mailed or personally delivered to Bureau of Financial and Support Services--Accounts Receivable Office ["F&SS"]. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, and shall be by certified or bank check payable to the Treasurer, State of Connecticut. The check shall state on its face, "Bureau of Air Management Civil Penalty, Air Engineering & Enforcement Division, Consent Order #2012003DEP.
6. Full compliance. The Respondent shall not be considered in full compliance with this Consent Order until all actions required by this Consent Order have been completed as approved and to the Commissioner's satisfaction.
7. Approvals. The Respondent shall use best efforts to submit to the Commissioner all documents required by this Order in a complete and approvable form. If the Commissioner notifies the Respondent that any document or other action is deficient, and does not approve it with conditions or modifications, it is deemed disapproved, and the Respondent shall correct the deficiencies and resubmit it within the time specified by the Commissioner or, if no time is specified by the Commissioner, within 30 days of the Commissioner's notice of deficiencies. In approving any document or other action under this Consent Order, the Commissioner may approve the document or other action as submitted or performed or with such conditions or modifications as the Commissioner deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Consent Order. Nothing in this paragraph shall excuse noncompliance or delay.
8. Definitions. As used in this Consent Order, "Commissioner" means the Commissioner or a representative of the Commissioner.
9. Dates. The date of "issuance" of this consent order is the date the consent order is deposited in the U.S. mail or personally delivered, whichever is earlier. The date of submission to the Commissioner of any document required by this consent order shall be the date such document is received by the Commissioner. The date of any notice by the Commissioner under this consent order, including but not limited to notice of approval or disapproval of any document or other action, shall be the date such notice is deposited in the U.S. mail or is personally delivered, whichever is earlier. Except as otherwise specified in this consent order, the word "day" as used in this consent order means calendar day. Any document or action which is required by this consent order to be submitted or performed by a date which falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Connecticut or federal holiday shall be submitted or performed by the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Connecticut or federal holiday.
10. Certification of documents. Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order shall be signed by the Respondent or, if the Respondent is not an individual, by the Respondent's chief executive officer or a duly authorized representative of such officer, as those terms are defined in §22a-430-3(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and by the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing such document, and the Respondent or the Respondent's chief executive officer and each such individual shall certify in writing as follows: "I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify, based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in the submitted information is

punishable as a criminal offense under Section §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.”

11. Noncompliance. This Consent Order is a final order of the Commissioner with respect to the matters addressed herein, and is nonappealable and immediately enforceable. Failure to comply with this Consent Order may subject the Respondent to an injunction and penalties.
12. False statements. Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this consent order may be punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.
13. Notice of transfer; liability of Respondent. Until the Respondent has fully complied with this Consent Order, Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing no later than 15 days after transferring all or any portion of the facility, the operations, the site or the business which is the subject of this Consent Order or after obtaining a new mailing or location address. The Respondent’s obligations under this Consent Order shall not be affected by the passage of title to any property to any other person or municipality.
14. Commissioner's powers. Except as provided hereinabove with respect to payment of civil penalties, nothing in this Consent Order shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding or take any other action to prevent or abate violations of law, prevent or abate pollution, recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for past, present, or future violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the actions taken by Respondents pursuant to this Consent Order have not successfully corrected all violations, fully characterized the extent or degree of any pollution, or successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding to require the Respondents to undertake further investigation or further action to prevent or abate violations or pollution.
15. Respondent's obligations under law. Nothing in this Consent Order shall relieve the Respondent of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.
16. No assurance by Commissioner. No provision of this Consent Order and no action or inaction by the Commissioner shall be construed to constitute an assurance by the Commissioner that the actions taken by the Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order will result in compliance.
17. Access to site. Any representative of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may enter the facility without prior notice for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the actions required or allowed by this Consent Order.
18. No effect on rights of other persons. This Consent Order neither creates nor affects any rights of persons or municipalities that are not parties to this Consent Order.
19. Notice to Commissioner of changes. Within 15 days of the date the Respondent becomes aware of a change in any information submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order, or that any such information was inaccurate or misleading or that any relevant information was omitted, the Respondent shall submit the correct or omitted information to the Commissioner.

20. Notification of noncompliance. In the event that the Respondent becomes aware that it did not or may not comply, or did not or may not comply on time, with any requirement of this Consent Order or of any document required hereunder, the Respondent shall immediately notify by telephone the individual identified in the next paragraph and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any noncompliance or delay is avoided or, if unavoidable, is minimized to the greatest extent possible. Within five (5) days of the initial notice, the Respondent shall submit in writing the date, time and duration of the noncompliance and the reasons for the noncompliance or delay and propose, for the review and written approval of the Commissioner, dates by which compliance will be achieved, and the Respondent shall comply with any dates which may be approved in writing by the Commissioner. Notification by the Respondent shall not excuse noncompliance or delay, and the Commissioner's approval of any compliance dates proposed shall not excuse noncompliance or delay unless specifically so stated by the Commissioner in writing.
21. Submission of documents. Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order, unless otherwise specified in this Consent Order or in writing by the Commissioner, shall be directed to:

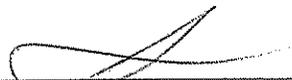
Teraesa Chagnon
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Air Engineering & Enforcement Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Respondent consents to the issuance of this Consent Order without further notice. The undersigned certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into this Consent Order and to legally bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of the Consent Order.

Sabrina Pools, Inc.

Signature: Ronald Nadeau Pres.
Type Name: RONALD NADEAU PRES.
Type Title: PRES
Date: 1-14-13

Issued as a final order of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.



Macky McCleary
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

1/25/13
Date

MAILED CERTIFIED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED