

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (DEQ/AQD), Herschler Building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, and Inter-Mountain Pipe & Threading Company (Inter-Mountain), 935 Pendell Boulevard, Second Floor, Post Office Box 1840, Casper, Wyoming, 82601, enter into this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) to fully and finally resolve without litigation the alleged violations cited in Notice of Violation Docket Number 5438-14. The Notice of Violation alleged that Inter-Mountain violated the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations (Air Quality Rules) by failing to perform a pre-renovation asbestos inspection and by failing to notify DEQ/AQD prior to disturbing asbestos-containing material during the renovations at 935 Pendell Boulevard in Casper, Wyoming.

Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-901(a)(ii) (2013) authorizes stipulated settlement, including payment of a penalty, implementation of compliance schedules, or other settlement conditions in lieu of litigation. To that end, Inter-Mountain and the DEQ/AQD hereby agree as follows:

1. Inter-Mountain is a Wyoming corporation that controlled the renovation of 935 Pendell Boulevard in Casper, Wyoming.

2. The DEQ/AQD is the executive branch agency of Wyoming government responsible for enforcing the Air Quality Rules.

3. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-201 provides, “[n]o person shall cause, threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any air contaminant in any form so as to cause pollution which violates rules, regulations and standards adopted by the [environmental quality] council.”

4. Chapter 3, Section 8 of the Air Quality Rules requires all owners and operators of renovation activities that will disturb a certain amount of asbestos-containing material to provide DEQ/AQD with written notice of their intent to renovate, at least ten (10) working days before the commencement of renovation activities. This section further requires all such owners and operators to perform a thorough inspection of the renovation site for the presence of asbestos prior to commencing renovation.

5. In response to a complaint received on March 17, 2014, DEQ/AQD Inspector Linda Dewitt performed a site visit at 935 Pendell Boulevard on March 19, 2014. During that visit, Ms. Dewitt spoke with Mr. Richard Bonander, the president of Inter-Mountain, who informed Ms. Dewitt that Inter-Mountain had not performed the statutorily mandated pre-renovation asbestos inspection.

6. During the site visit, Ms. Dewitt obtained a sample of sheet vinyl from the men's restroom portion of the renovation area. Subsequent laboratory analysis demonstrated that the vinyl contained 35% chrysotile asbestos. On March 26, 2014, the site supervisor for the operating company responsible for the renovation informed Ms. Dewitt that either one of his employees or one of his sub-contractor's employees had removed and disposed of the sheet vinyl during renovations.

7. DEQ/AQD never received, and Inter-Mountain does not claim that they or any other party provided, a Notification of Demolition or Renovation form.

8. On July 21, 2014, DEQ/AQD issued Notice of Violation 5438-14 to Inter-Mountain. The Notice of Violation alleged that Inter-Mountain was in violation of the Air Quality Rules for failing to perform a pre-renovation asbestos inspection and for failing to notify DEQ/AQD prior to disturbing asbestos-containing material during the renovations at 935 Pendell Boulevard in Casper, Wyoming.

9. Without admitting liability, and in lieu of litigation pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-11-901(a)(ii), Inter-Mountain agrees to pay to the DEQ/AQD the amount of one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars and no cents (\$1,125.00) as a stipulated penalty to resolve the violations alleged in the aforementioned Notice of Violation. Inter-Mountain agrees to make full payment by check made payable to the Wyoming DEQ/AQD, within thirty (30) days after Inter-Mountain has been notified by DEQ/AQD that the final signature has been affixed to this Agreement. Inter-Mountain agrees to mail the payment to Ann Shed, Compliance Program Principal, DEQ/AQD, Herschler Building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

10. Inter-Mountain, by entering into this Agreement, does not concede or admit any liability, fault, or statutory noncompliance. Except as specifically provided for herein, nothing in this Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, or defense that Inter-Mountain may have against any entity.

11. Full compliance with this signed Agreement shall constitute full satisfaction for all claims by the DEQ/AQD against Inter-Mountain arising from the allegations contained within the Notice of Violation and this Agreement. In reliance on this Agreement, the DEQ/AQD will refrain from taking further enforcement action against Inter-Mountain for these particular alleged violations. By this Agreement, the Parties intend to resolve with prejudice all allegations that are contained within the Notice of Violation and this Agreement.

12. In the event that Inter-Mountain fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, Inter-Mountain waives any statute of limitation claims that may apply in an

enforcement action by the DEQ/AQD involving the specific matters described in the Notice of Violation or otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

13. This Agreement shall be admissible by either Inter-Mountain or the DEQ/AQD without objection by the other party in any action between DEQ/AQD and Inter-Mountain relating to the violations alleged herein.

14. Each party assumes the risk of any liability arising from its own conduct. Neither party agrees to insure, defend, or indemnify the other. Neither DEQ/AQD nor Inter-Mountain shall have any claim against the other for attorneys' fees, or any other costs related to the preparation and resolution of this Agreement.

15. Any changes, modifications, revisions, or amendments to this Agreement are invalid unless mutually agreed upon by both parties, incorporated by written instrument, executed, and signed by all parties to this Agreement.

16. The laws of the State of Wyoming shall govern the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this Agreement. The Courts of the State of Wyoming shall have jurisdiction over this Agreement and the parties, and the venue shall be the First Judicial District, Laramie County, Wyoming.

17. This Agreement, consisting of four (4) pages represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.

18. The State of Wyoming and the DEQ/AQD do not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement and specifically retain immunity and all defenses available to them as sovereigns pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 1-39-104(a) and all other state law.

19. The parties do not intend to create in any other individual or entity the status of third party beneficiary, and this Agreement shall not be construed to create such status. The rights, duties, and obligations contained in this Agreement shall operate only between the parties to this Agreement, and shall inure solely to the benefit of the parties to this Agreement. The parties to this Agreement intend and expressly agree that only parties signatory to this Agreement shall have any legal or equitable right to seek to enforce this Agreement, to seek any remedy arising out of a party's performance or failure to perform any term or condition of this Agreement, or to bring an action for the breach of this Agreement.

20. Each party represents that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement, agrees to comply with and to be bound by the terms of this Agreement, and further agrees that they will not contest the basis or validity of this Agreement. This Agreement shall become binding upon the parties once executed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties, by their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this Agreement:

INTER-MOUNTAIN COMPANY:

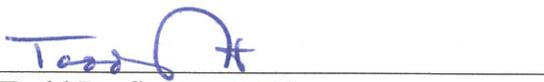
By: 
Richard A. Bonander
President

August 25, 2014
Date

STATE OF WYOMING, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

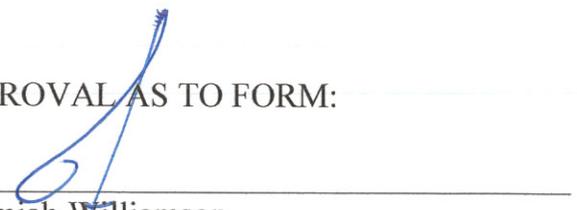
By: 
Steven A. Dietrich, AQD Administrator

9-3-14
Date

By: 
Todd Parfitt, DEQ Director

9/4/14
Date

APPROVAL AS TO FORM:


Jeremiah Williamson
Assistant Attorney General
Attorney for DEQ/AQD

9/18/14
Date