

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD), and Sampson Construction (Sampson) enter into this Settlement Agreement to fully and finally resolve without litigation the violations alleged in **Notice of Violation (NOV) Docket Number 4466-09 dated March 30, 2009 that occurred in Laramie County, Wyoming.**

W.S. §35-11-901(a)(ii) authorizes the DEQ to negotiate a stipulated settlement, including payment of a penalty, in lieu of litigation. To that end, Sampson and the DEQ hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The DEQ, pursuant to W.S. §35-11-104, is a department in the executive branch of the state government of Wyoming and is principally situated in Cheyenne, Wyoming. DEQ is the agency with the responsibility for administering the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act (Act) including all provisions of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations (WWQRR).

2. Sampson has agreed to provide the DEQ with documentation demonstrating the steps taken to address the alleged violations covered by this NOV, including the ongoing operational programs designed to prevent violations in the future. Sampson shall maintain storm water BMPs throughout the life of the project to ensure no sedimentation enters a water of the state. *"BMPs mean schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the state. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage."* Following implementation of the corrective actions, Sampson shall provide to the WQD an updated Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) during a scheduled follow up site visit to verify that permit requirements have been met.

3. Sampson agrees to pay a penalty of three thousand one hundred dollars and no cents (\$3,100.00) as a settlement to resolve the above referenced NOV. Payment to the DEQ is due and payable within thirty (30) days of the full execution of this Settlement Agreement. Payment to DEQ shall be by check made payable to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division and shall be sent to: Mr. Kevin M. Wells, Compliance & Enforcement Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Herschler Building 4th Floor-West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. The check should reference NOV Docket Number 4466-09.

4. This signed Settlement Agreement and payment by Sampson as cited in NOV 4466-09, shall constitute full satisfaction for and resolution of all claims by the DEQ against Sampson based on the violations alleged in NOV Docket Number 4466-09. Contingent upon Sampson's full compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement, the DEQ will refrain from taking further enforcement action against Sampson for these particular violations. By this Settlement Agreement, the parties intend to resolve with prejudice all allegations that were asserted in NOV Docket Number 4466-09.

5. Sampson waives any statute of limitations which may apply to an enforcement action by the DEQ involving the specific matters described in NOV Docket Number 4466-09 in the event that Sampson fails to fulfill its obligations under this Settlement Agreement.

6. Nothing in this agreement precludes DEQ from taking additional enforcement action; including the issuance of a NOV, Order, and/or pursuing additional penalties, should Sampson violate the Act, applicable rules and regulations, or WYPDES permit requirements in the future.

7. This Settlement Agreement or any actions taken in accordance with its provisions, does not constitute an admission by Sampson to any allegations, findings, determinations or conclusions contained in this Agreement, nor is this a retraction by the DEQ of the specific allegations in NOV Docket Number 4466-09. Except as specifically provided for herein, nothing in this Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, or defense that Sampson may have against any entity.

8. This Settlement Agreement shall be admissible by either party without objection by the other party in any subsequent action between these parties to enforce its terms.

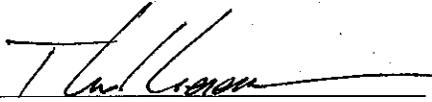
9. Notwithstanding any other language in this Settlement Agreement, the State of Wyoming and DEQ do not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this Settlement Agreement with Sampson and specifically retain all immunity and all defenses available as sovereigns under state and federal law.

10. Each party shall bear its own attorney fees and costs, if any, incurred through the date this Settlement Agreement is signed by both parties.

11. Sampson and the DEQ agree to comply with and be bound by the terms of this agreement and further agree they will not contest the basis or validity of this Settlement Agreement in any action taken by DEQ to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement. Therefore this Settlement Agreement is binding upon Sampson, its successors and assigns, and upon the DEQ.

12. The persons signing this Settlement Agreement certify that they are duly authorized to bind their respective parties to this Settlement Agreement. Full execution of this Settlement Agreement shall be determined by the latest date of all parties signing.

FOR: SAMPSON CONSTRUCTION

Signed: 

Typed: Thad Lienemann

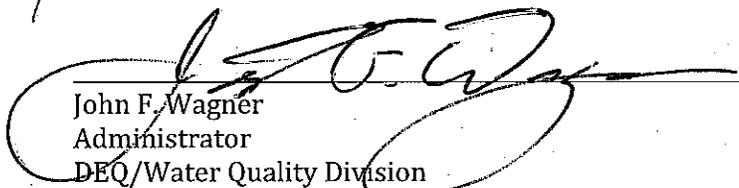
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Date: 5/15/09

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John V. Corra
Director
Department of Environmental Quality

Date: 5/6/09


John F. Wagner
Administrator
DEQ/Water Quality Division

Date: 5/3/09

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