

STATE OF NEW YORK:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

In the Matter of the
Violations of Environmental Conservation Law,
Article 19

- by -

ORDER ON CONSENT
File No. R4-2009-0824-138

Amphenol Corporation
40-60 Delaware Ave
Sidney, NY 13838

Respondent

WHEREAS:

1. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") has administrative jurisdiction to safeguard the air resources of the State pursuant to ECL Article 19.
2. Respondent, Amphenol Corporation, operates a facility located at 40-60 Delaware Avenue, Sidney, New York, which manufactures aerospace connectors ("facility").
3. Respondent's records indicate that construction of new boilers at the facility began on November 10, 2008 and that the boilers became operational on January 5, 2009.
4. Department staff inspected the facility on July 21, 2009 and observed the new boilers ("inspection").
5. The boilers constitute an emission source as defined by 6 NYCRR 200.1(f).
6. 40 CFR 60.7(a) provides that:

Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall furnish the Administrator written notification or, if acceptable to both the Administrator and the owner or operator of a source, electronic notification, as follows:

(1) A notification of the date construction (or reconstruction as defined under Sec. 60.15) of an affected facility is commenced postmarked no later than 30 days after such date. This requirement shall not apply in the case of mass-produced facilities which are purchased in completed form.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) A notification of the actual date of initial startup of an affected facility postmarked within 15 days after such date.

(4) A notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the emission rate of any air pollutant to which a standard applies, unless that change is specifically exempted under an applicable subpart or in Sec. 60.14(e). This notice shall be postmarked 60 days or as soon as practicable before the change is commenced and shall include information describing the precise nature of the change, present and proposed emission control systems, productive capacity of the facility before and after the change, and the expected completion date of the change. The Administrator may request additional relevant information subsequent to this notice.

(5) A notification of the date upon which demonstration of the continuous [[Page 68]] monitoring system performance commences in accordance with Sec. 60.13(c). Notification shall be postmarked not less than 30 days prior to such date.

(6) A notification of the anticipated date for conducting the opacity observations required by Sec. 60.11(e)(1) of this part. The notification shall also include, if appropriate, a request for the Administrator to provide a visible emissions reader during a performance test. The notification shall be postmarked not less than 30 days prior to such date.

7. 40 CFR 60.48c(a) provides that:

The owner or operator of each affected facility shall submit notification of the date of construction or reconstruction and actual startup, as provided by Sec. 60.7 of this part. This notification shall include:

(1) The design heat input capacity of the affected facility and identification of fuels to be combusted in the affected facility.

(2) If applicable, a copy of any federally enforceable requirement that limits the annual capacity factor for any [[Page 206]] fuel or mixture of fuels under Sec. 60.42c, or Sec. 60.43c.

(3) The annual capacity factor at which the owner or operator anticipates operating the affected facility based on all fuels fired and based on each individual fuel fired.

8. At the time of the July 21, 2009 inspection, the Department staff determined that Respondent had not provided written notification to the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), of the installation of the new boiler.

9. Respondent violated 40 CFR 60.7(a) and 40 CFR 60.48c(a) by failing to provide notification to the EPA of the installation of the new boilers, in compliance with the requirements set forth in the regulations.

10. ECL Section 71-2103(1) provides that: “Except as provided in section 71-2113, any person who violates any provision of Article Nineteen or any code, rule or regulation which was promulgated pursuant thereto;... shall be liable, in the case of a first violation, for a penalty not less than three hundred seventy-five dollars nor more than fifteen thousand dollars for said violation and an additional penalty of not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars for each day during which such violation continues. In the case of a second or any further violation, the liability shall be for a penalty not to exceed twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars for said violation and an additional penalty not to exceed twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars for each day during which such violation continues. In addition thereto, such person may be enjoined from continuing such violation as hereinafter provided.”

11. Respondent has affirmatively waived its right to notice and hearing in the manner provided by law, and has consented to the issuing and entering of this Order and agrees to be bound by the terms, provisions and conditions contained herein.

NOW, having considered this matter and being duly advised, it is **ORDERED** that:

I. With respect of the aforesaid violations, a civil penalty in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) is assessed against the Respondent for the above violations which shall be payable to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation by money order, or certified check at the time this Order is signed, notarized and returned to the Department.

Payment of the above penalties shall not in any way alter Respondent's obligation to complete performance under the terms of this Order.

II. The provisions of this Order shall be deemed to bind Respondent, its agents, employees, and all persons, firms, corporations acting under or for it.

III. The terms of this Order shall not be construed to prohibit the Commissioner or his duly authorized representative from exercising any summary abatement powers, either at common law or as granted pursuant to statute or regulation.

IV. Respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department, the State of New York, and their representatives and employees for all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description arising out of or resulting from the fulfillment or attempted fulfillment of the provisions hereof by Respondent, its directors, officers, employees, servants, agents, successors or assigns.

V. No change in this Order shall be made or become effective except as set forth by a written order of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee.

VI. This Order is deemed effective on the date signed by the Department.

VII. Except as specifically provided in this Order, nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as barring, diminishing, adjudicating or in any way affecting:

A. Any legal or equitable rights or claims, actions, proceedings, suits, causes of action or demands whatsoever that the State may have against Respondent for any other violations of the ECL, rules or regulations promulgated thereunder or permits issued thereunder;

B. Any legal or equitable rights or claims, actions, proceedings, suits, causes of action or demands whatsoever that the State may have against anyone other than Respondent, its agents, its servants, its employees, its successors and its assigns;

C. Whatever right the Department has to bring any action or proceeding against Respondent and/or any of Respondent's employees, servants, agents, successors, and assigns with respect to claims for natural resource damages; and

D. Respondent's right to assert all available defenses to any claims, actions, proceedings, suits, causes of actions or demands made or commenced by the State or the Department provided, however, that Respondent waives all legal or equitable rights claims, actions, proceedings, appeals, suits, causes of action, defenses or demands whatsoever that it may have to a judicial review of the validity and binding effect of this Order and whether or not this Order has been entered into voluntarily by Respondent.

VIII. A. Whenever the Department's approval of a submittal under the terms of this Order is required, the Department shall review such submittal to determine whether it was prepared, and whether the work done to generate the data and other information in the submittal was done, in accordance with this Order and applicable state and federal regulations and laws and generally accepted technical and scientific principles. The Department shall notify Respondent in writing of its approval or disapproval of the submittal. All Department-approved plans and reports shall be incorporated into and become an enforceable part of this Order.

B. 1. If the Department disapproves a submittal, its notice shall specify the reasons for disapproval. Respondent shall make a revised submittal to the Department within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice of disapproval that specifically addresses all of the Department's stated reasons for disapproving the first submittal.

2. After receipt of the revised submittal from Respondent, the Department shall notify Respondent in writing of its approval or disapproval. If the Department approves the revised submittal, it shall be incorporated into and become an enforceable part of this Order. If the Department disapproves the revised submittal, it shall notify the Respondent in writing and specify its reasons. The Department reserves its right to take whatever action it deems necessary after the second disapproval of a submittal.

DATED: _____, 2009
Rotterdam, New York

Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation

BY:

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