

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

VALLEY PROTEINS, INC.

AI # 17581

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
LA. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.

* Settlement Tracking No.
* SA-AE-20-0030
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* Enforcement Tracking Nos.
* AE-CN-16-01219
* AE-CN-16-01219A
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* Docket No. 2018-1373-EQ
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SETTLEMENT

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Valley Proteins, Inc. (“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 corporation that, on October 17, 2016, purchased from Louisiana Proteins, Inc., a former meat rendering plant located in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (“the Facility”).

The Department conducted compliance inspections of the Facility on October 19, 2016 and January 12, 2017, and a file review on March 22, 2017 to determine compliance with state air quality regulations and Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01.

Respondent ceased the meat rendering processes at the Facility in 2017, and at Respondent’s request, the subject air permit for the facility was rescinded by DEQ effective December 20, 2017.

II.

On June 21, 2017, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. AE-CN-16-01219 (Exhibit 1).

On August 17, 2018, the Department issued to Respondent an Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. AE-CN-16-01219A (Exhibit 2). The difference between the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty and Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty is the deletion of certain alleged violations.

Portions of the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty and Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty allege violations for circumstances that predate Respondent's purchase of the Facility, but for which the Department alleges Respondent remains accountable.

III.

In response to the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Respondent made a timely request for a hearing.

In response to the Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Respondent also made a timely amended request for a hearing.

IV.

Respondent denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures and/or penalties.

V.

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 TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$2,216.10), of which Seven Hundred Sixteen and 10/100 Dollars (\$716.10) represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of the claims set forth in this agreement and the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty and Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty. 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).

VI.

Respondent further agrees that the Department may consider the inspection report(s), permit record(s), the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice 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.

VII.

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.

VIII.

This settlement is being made in the interest of settling the state's alleged 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.

IX.

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.

X.

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in Caddo 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.

XI.

Payment is to be made within thirty (30) days from notice of the Secretary's signature. 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).

XII.

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

XIII.

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.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

VALLEY PROTEINS, INC.

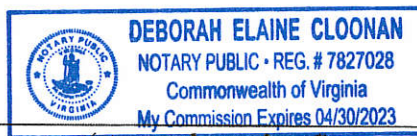
BY: *Michael A. Smith*
(Signature)

Michael A. Smith
(Printed)

TITLE: Vice President

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 22nd day of January, 20 21, at Winchester, VA.

Deborah E. Cloonan
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 7827028)



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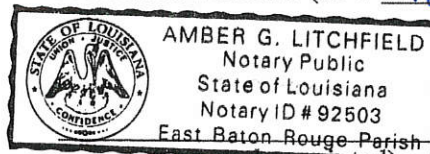
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Chuck Carr Brown, Ph.D., Secretary

BY: *[Signature]*
Lourdes Iturralde, Assistant Secretary
Office of Environmental Compliance

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 25th day of March, 20 21, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 92503)



(stamped or printed)

Approved: *[Signature]*
Lourdes Iturralde, Assistant Secretary

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



CHUCK CARR BROWN, Ph.D.
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

June 21, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL (7016 0910 0000 2672 6630)
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

VALLEY PROTEINS, INC.
c/o Corporation Service Company
Agent for Service of Process
501 Louisiana Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**RE: CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER
& NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY
ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. AE-CN-16-01219
AGENCY INTEREST NO. 17581**

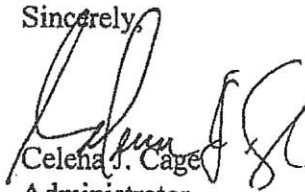
Dear Sir(s):

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 **VALLEY PROTEINS, INC. (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 Richard LeBlanc at (225) 219-3165 or richard.leblanc@la.gov.

Sincerely,


Celeha J. Cage
Administrator
Enforcement Division

CJC/RDL/rdl
Alt ID No. 0500-00116
Attachment



c: Valley Proteins
P.O. Box 3588
Winchester, VA 22604

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

IN THE MATTER OF

**VALLEY PROTEINS, INC.
CADDO PARISH
ALT ID NO. 0500-00116**

**PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT,
La. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.**

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ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO.

AE-CN-16-01219

AGENCY INTEREST NO.

17581

**CONSOLIDATED
COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY**

The following **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY** is issued to **VALLEY PROTEINS, INC. (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), 30:2050.2 and 30:2050.3(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

The Respondent owns and/or operates a meat rendering plant located at 509 Fortson Street in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. The Respondent was transferred ownership of the facility and permit responsibility on October 17, 2016. The facility currently operates under Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 issued on March 17, 2008, and administratively amended on October 10, 2011.

II.

On or about October 19, 2016, and January 12, 2017, the Department conducted compliance inspections at the facility based on citizens' complaints to determine compliance with the Air Quality Regulations. Additionally, the Department conducted a file review for the facility on or about March 22, 2017.

While the Department's investigation is not yet complete, the following violations were discovered during the course of the inspections and file review:

- A. The October 19, 2016 inspection revealed that the Respondent failed to unload loaded raw material trailers (LRMTs) into the raw material bin as soon as possible, but not more than sixteen (16) hours for red meat, fat and bone according to Section 2.1 of the Raw Material Handling and Diversion Plan (RMHDP). Specifically, according to the facility manager four (4) trailers were taken to the landfill on October 17, 2016, for exceeding the permitted sixteen-hour holding times. According to the drivers' logs, three (3) of the trailers arrived at the facility on October 14, 2016, and one (1) arrived on October 16, 2016. Each failure is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 27, LAC 33:III.501.C.4 and La. R.S. 30:2057(A)(2).
- B. The January 12, 2017 inspection revealed that the Respondent failed to immediately record the time of arrival of the LRMT at the front gate as well as the type and quantity of raw material on the Raw Material Handling Report according to Section 2.0 of the RMHDP. Specifically, Raw Material Handling Reports for January 9, 2017, and January 11, 2017, were incomplete and "Time In" sections were not completed. Additionally, the trailer scale report for January 11, 2017, revealed three (3) trailers that were missing from the Raw Material Handling Report. Each failure is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 27, LAC 33:III.501.C.4 and La. R.S. 30:2057(A)(2).
- C. The January 12, 2017 inspection revealed that the Respondent failed to conduct olfactory observation monitoring two (2) times per week according to the Olfactory Observation Patrol Log in the Air Pollution Control Equipment Operating and Training Procedures Plan (APCP). Specifically, the Respondent conducted one (1) olfactory observation during the weeks of December 25, 2016, and January 1, 2017. Each monitoring failure is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 26, LAC 33:III.501.C.4 and La. R.S. 30:2057(A)(2).
- D. The January 12, 2017 inspection revealed that the Respondent failed to record preventative maintenance on the Preventative Maintenance Log according to Section 1.0 of the Malfunction Abatement Plan (MAP). Specifically, there were no Preventative Maintenance Logs for the Packed Bed Scrubber from the October 17, 2016 ownership change until the inspection. Each recordkeeping failure is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 24, LAC 33:III.501.C.4 and La. R.S. 30:2057(A)(2).

- E. The January 12, 2017 inspection revealed that the Respondent failed to inform all employees of the existence and requirements of the odor control program according to Section 6.0 of the APCP. Specifically, training records were not available for all employees and the Respondent could provide no evidence that such training occurred. Each training failure is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 26, LAC 33:III.501.C.4 and La. R.S. 30:2057(A)(2). A representative of the Respondent stated that all employees were to be trained by January 20, 2017.
- F. The January 12, 2017 inspection revealed that the Respondent failed to submit any revisions to the RMHDP and APCP to the Department within thirty (30) days of the change and receive approval from the Department before making the revisions effective according to Section 1.0 of the RMHDP and Section 1.0 of the APCP, respectively. Specifically, the Respondent altered and combined forms required by the permit. Each procedural failure regarding the revision of the RMHDP is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 27. Each procedural failure regarding the revision of the APCP is a violation of Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01 Specific Requirement 26. Each failure is also a violation of LAC 33:III.501.C.4 and La. R.S. 30:2057(A)(2).

COMPLIANCE ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent is **hereby ordered**:

I.

To take, immediately upon receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**, any and all steps necessary to meet and maintain compliance with the Air Quality Regulations and Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01, including, but not limited to, timely unloading of LRMTs according to the permit, proper recordkeeping on Raw Material Handling Reports according to the permit, conducting bi-weekly olfactory observation monitoring according to the permit, and maintaining preventative maintenance records according to the permit.

II.

To submit to the Enforcement Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**, documentation that all employees have been trained regarding the existence and requirements of the odor control program according to Section 6.0 of the APCP.

III.

To submit to the Air Permits Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**, request to include all revisions made to all plans included as part of Minor

Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01, if the Respondent elects to maintain use of the altered forms mentioned above in Findings of Fact subparagraph II.F. And, to submit to the Enforcement Division a copy of the cover page of such request as in Minor Source Air Permit No. 0500-00116-01.

IV.

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 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
Attn: Richard LeBlanc
Re: Enforcement Tracking No. AE-CN-16-01219
Agency Interest No. 17581

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**.

II.

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. AE-CN-16-01219
Agency Interest No. 17581

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

I.

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 Richard LeBlanc at (225) 219-3165 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:I.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.

V.

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

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 21st day of June, 2017.



Lourdes Iturralde
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: Richard LeBlanc

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL-QUALITY
 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
 POST OFFICE BOX 4312
 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-4312

CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER &
 NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY
 REQUEST TO CLOSE



Enforcement Tracking No.	AE-CN-16-01219	Contact Name	Richard LeBlanc
Agency Interest (AI) No.	17581	Contact Phone No.	225-219-3165
Alternate ID No.	0500-00116		
Respondent:	Valley Proteins, Inc.	Facility Name:	Valley Proteins, Inc.
	c/o Corporation Service Company Agent for Service of Process	Physical Location:	509 Fortson St.
	501 Louisiana Ave.	City, State, Zip:	Shreveport, LA 71107
	Baton Rouge, LA 70802	Parish:	Caddo Parish

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE	Date Completed	Copy Attached?
A written report was submitted in accordance with Paragraph II of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.		
All necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 30 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraphs III of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.		
All necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 45 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraph(s) ? of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.	N/A	N/A
All necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 90 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraph(s) ? of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.	N/A	N/A
All items in the "Findings of Fact" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER were addressed and the facility is being operated to meet and maintain the requirements of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER. Final compliance was achieved as of:		

SETTLEMENT OFFER (OPTIONAL)

(check the applicable option)

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Respondent is not interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department with the understanding that the Department has the right to assess civil penalties based on LAC 33:I.Subpart1.Chapter7.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (AE-CN-16-01219), the Respondent is interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department and would like to set up a meeting to discuss settlement procedures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (AE-CN-16-01219), the Respondent is interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department and offers to pay \$_____ which shall include LDEQ enforcement costs and any monetary benefit of non-compliance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monetary component = \$_____ • Beneficial Environmental Project (BEP) component (optional)= \$_____ • DO NOT SUBMIT PAYMENT OF THE OFFER WITH THIS FORM- the Department will review the settlement offer and notify the Respondent as to whether the offer is or is not accepted.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Respondent has reviewed the violations noted in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (AE-CN-16-01219) and has attached a justification of its offer and a description of any BEPs if included in settlement offer.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify, under provisions in Louisiana and United States law that provide criminal penalties for false statements, that based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information attached and the compliance statement above, are true, accurate, and complete. I also certify that I do not owe outstanding fees or penalties to the Department for this facility or any other facility I own or operate. I further certify that I am either the Respondent or an authorized representative of the Respondent.

Respondent's Signature	Respondent's Printed Name	Respondent's Title
Respondent's Physical Address	Respondent's Phone #	Date

MAIL COMPLETED DOCUMENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Compliance
Enforcement Division
P.O. Box 4312
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Attn: Richard LeBlanc

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



CHUCK CARR BROWN, Ph.D.
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

August 17, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL (7017 0530 0000 5978 4994)
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

VALLEY PROTEINS, INC.
c/o Corporation Service Company
Agent for Service of Process
501 Louisiana Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**RE: AMENDED COMPLIANCE ORDER &
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Dear Sir(s):

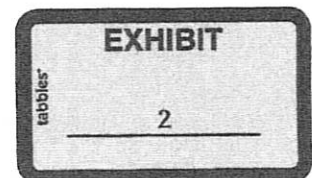
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Any questions concerning this action should be directed to Christopher Clement at (225) 219-3748 or Christopher.Clement@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Celena J. Cage
Administrator
Enforcement Division

CJC/CGC/cgc
Alt ID No. 0500-00116
Attachment



c: Valley Proteins, Inc.
P.O. Box 3588
Winchester, VA 22604

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

IN THE MATTER OF

VALLEY PROTEINS, INC.
CADDO PARISH
ALT ID NO. 0500-00116

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AMENDED COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) hereby amends the **COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. AE-CN-16-01219** issued to **VALLEY PROTEINS, INC. (RESPONDENT)** on June 21, 2017 in the above-captioned matter as follows:

I.

The Department hereby removes paragraph II.A of the Findings of Fact section of the **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. AE-CN-16-01219**.

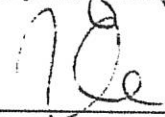
II.

The Department incorporates all of the remainder of the original **COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. AE-CN-16-01219** and **AGENCY INTEREST NO. 17581** as if reiterated herein.

III.

This AMENDED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is effective upon receipt.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 17th day of August, 2018.



Lourdes Iturralde
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
Post Office Box 4312
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4312
Attention: Christopher Clement