

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

WEYERHAEUSER NR COMPANY

AI # 3443, 4294, 26547 AND 19875

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

\* Settlement Tracking No.

\* SA-AE-15-0079

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\* Enforcement Tracking No.

\* AE-CN-07-0105

\* AE-CN-07-0105A

\* AE-CN-10-01202

\* AE-PP-10-01382

\* AE-PP-11-01080

SETTLEMENT

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Weyerhaeuser NR Company (“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 currently owns and/or operates facilities located in Sabine, Livingston, Lincoln, and Winn Parishes, and formerly owned and/or operated a facility in Natchitoches Parish (“the Facilities”).

II

On October 31, 2007, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. **AE-CN-07-0105** (Exhibit A).

On February 8, 2008, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. **AE-CN-07-0105A** (Exhibit B).

On November 5, 2010, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. **AE-CN-10-01202** (Exhibit C).

On December 21, 2011, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. **AE-PP-10-01382** (Exhibit D).

On October 22, 2012, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. **AE-PP-11-01080** (Exhibit E).

### III

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

### IV

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 THIRTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$33,454.00), of which Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 72/100 Dollars (\$3,454.72) Dollars represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of all allegations set forth in Section II above and all claims set forth in this agreement. 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).

### V

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

## VI

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.

## VII

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

## VIII

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.

## IX

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in Sabine, Natchitoches, Winn, Lincoln, and Livingston Parishes, 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.

X

Payment is to be made within ten (10) 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).

XI

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

XII

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.

WEYERHAEUSER NR COMPANY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed)

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(stamped or printed)


**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
Chuck Carr Brown, Ph.D., Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lourdes Iturralde, Assistant Secretary  
Office of Environmental Compliance

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(stamped or printed)

Approved:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lourdes Iturralde, Assistant Secretary