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June 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Larry Mayes, President
& Registered Agent
Mayes Powder Coating LLC
49 N Railroad Street
Whiteland, IN 46184
Larrymayes2@gmail.com

Re: Notice of Violation and Proposed Agreed Order
Mayes Powder Coating LLC
Plant ID No. 081-00107
Whiteland, Johnson County
Case No. 2024-29988-A

Qualified offer of settlement: inadmissible pursuant to Rule 408 of the Ind. Rules of Evidence. IDEM asserts that any offer to compromise a claim or any acceptance of such offer does not bind or obligate the parties of this enforcement action in the absence of a final order of the agency.

Dear Mr. Mayes:

This is to advise that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (“IDEM”) has conducted an investigation of Mayes Powder Coating LLC located at 49 N Railroad Street in Whiteland, Johnson County. As a result of information obtained during that investigation, IDEM has made a preliminary determination that a violation of an environmental rule exists. Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, enclosed please find a Notice of Violation that sets forth the alleged violations, and a proposed Agreed Order which constitutes a qualified offer of settlement.

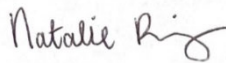
You may request a settlement conference to discuss the allegations and the actions necessary to correct and resolve the violations, which may include injunctive relief and the establishment of a compliance schedule. Payment of a civil penalty will also be discussed. The civil penalty amount noted in the proposed Agreed Order contains a preliminary penalty figure for settlement discussion purposes only and is based on penalty calculations associated with the alleged violations set forth in the Notice of Violation. A portion of the civil penalty may be offset by performing an approved Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). Typical SEPs have included pollution prevention, pollution control, and environmental restoration projects. A copy of IDEM’s SEP policy may be obtained from this office or at IDEM’s website at www.IN.gov/idem.



The individual signing the enclosed Agreed Order should be the President of the company or other authorized signatory. The timely entry into an Agreed Order, which saves you and IDEM time and resources, may lead to a reduction in the civil penalty.

IDEM is not required to extend the offer of entry into an Agreed Order for more than sixty days. You may enter into an Agreed Order without admitting that the violation occurred. If an Agreed Order is not entered into, IDEM may proceed to issue a unilateral notice and order requiring compliance with the environmental rule, including payment of a civil penalty. Please contact me at 317-752-7860 or nsruiz@idem.in.gov if you have any questions or if you wish to request a settlement conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Ruiz".

Natalie Ruiz
Case Manager
Enforcement Section
Office of Air Quality

Enclosures:

cc: James Hobson, Manager, mayespowdercoating@gmail.com
Natalie Ruiz, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, OAQ
Vaughn Ison, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, OAQ
<http://www.IN.gov/idem>



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Via Electronic Mail:

To: Mayes Powder Coating LLC
Attn: Larry Mayes, President
& Registered Agent
49 N Railroad Street
Whiteland, IN 46184
Larrymayes2@gmail.com

Case No. 2024-29988-A

Pursuant to Indiana Code (“IC”) 13-30-3-3, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (“IDEM”) issues this Notice of Violation. Based on an investigation including a record review conducted by an IDEM representative, IDEM has reason to believe Mayes Powder Coating LLC (“Respondent”) violated environmental rules. The violation is based on the following:

1. Respondent is Mayes Powder Coating LLC, which owns and operates the stationary sandblasting and powder coating facility with Plant ID No. 081-00107, located at 49 N Railroad Street, in Whiteland, Johnson County, Indiana (“Site”).
2. Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-5.1-3, prior to commencing construction of emission units which have potential emissions of twenty-five (25) tons or more per year of any of the regulated pollutants specified in 326 IAC 2-5.1-3(a)(1)(E)(i) through 326 IAC 2-5.1-3(a)(1)(E)(viii), the source shall apply for and obtain a construction permit.

Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-7-2(a), any major source is required to obtain a permit prior to the operation of equipment that produces regulated emissions.

Respondent failed to submit a permit application prior to the construction and operation of any units capable of producing regulated emissions, in violation of 326 IAC 2-5.1-3 and 326 IAC 2-7-2(a).

Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, the Commissioner herein provides notice that the violation may exist and offers an opportunity to enter into an Agreed Order providing for the action required to correct the violation and, as necessary and appropriate, for the payment of a civil penalty. The Commissioner is not required to extend this offer for more than sixty (60) days.

Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, an alleged violator may enter into an Agreed Order without admitting the violation occurred. IDEM encourages settlement by Agreed Order, thereby resulting in quicker correction of the environmental violation and avoidance of extensive litigation. Timely settlement by Agreed Order may result in a reduced civil penalty. Also, settlement discussions will allow Respondent the opportunity to present any mitigating factors that may be relevant to the violation.

If an Agreed Order is not entered into within sixty (60) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation, the Commissioner may issue a Notice and Order under IC 13-30-3-4 containing the actions that must be taken to correct the violation and requiring the payment of an appropriate civil penalty. Pursuant to IC 13-30-4-1, the Commissioner may assess penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation.

Please contact Natalie Ruiz at 317-752-7860 or nsruiz@idem.in.gov within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this Notice to discuss resolution of this matter.

For the Commissioner:



Date: 6-24-24

Janusz Johnson, Chief
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
Office of Air Quality

cc: James Hobson, Manager, mayespowdercoating@gmail.com
Johnson County Health Department
Natalie Ruiz, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality
Vaughn Ison, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality
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STATE OF INDIANA) SS: BEFORE THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
)
COUNTY OF MARION) ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT)
OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT,)
)
) Complainant,)
)
) v.) Case No. 2024-29988-A
)
MAYES POWDER COATING LLC,)
)
) Respondent.)

AGREED ORDER

Complainant and Respondent desire to settle and compromise this action without hearing or adjudication of any issue of fact or law, and consent to the entry of the following Findings of Fact and Order. Pursuant to Indiana Code (“IC”) 13-30-3-3, entry into the terms of this Agreed Order does not constitute an admission of any violation contained herein. Respondent’s entry into this Agreed Order shall not constitute a waiver of any defense, legal or equitable, which Respondent may have in any future administrative or judicial proceeding, except a proceeding to enforce this order.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Complainant is the Commissioner (“Complainant”) of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (“IDEM”), a department of the State of Indiana created by IC 13-13-1-1.
2. Respondent is Mayes Powder Coating LLC (“Respondent”), which owns and operates the stationary sandblasting and powder coating facility with Plant ID No. 081-00107, located at 49 N Railroad Street, in Whiteland, Johnson County, Indiana (“Site”).
3. IDEM has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.
4. Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, IDEM issued a Notice of Violation (“NOV”) via Electronic Mail to:



Larry Mayes, President
& Registered Agent
Mayes Powder Coating LLC
49 N Railroad Street
Whiteland, IN 46184
Larrymayes2@gmail.com

5. During an investigation including a record review conducted by a representative of IDEM, the following violations were found:

- a. Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-5.1-3, prior to commencing construction of emission units which have potential emissions of twenty-five (25) tons or more per year of any of the regulated pollutants specified in 326 IAC 2-5.1-3(a)(1)(E)(i) through 326 IAC 2-5.1-3(a)(1)(E)(viii), the source shall apply for and obtain a construction permit.

Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-7-2, any major source is required to obtain a permit prior to the operation of equipment that produces regulated emissions.

Respondent failed to submit a permit application prior to the construction and operation of emission units capable of producing regulated emissions, in violation of 326 IAC 2-5.1-3 and 326 IAC 2-7-2.

6. Respondent submitted a permit application on July 24, 2023, and was issued Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit No. 081-46854-00107 on November 16, 2023.

7. Orders of the Commissioner are subject to administrative review by the Office of Environmental Adjudication under IC 4-21.5; however, in recognition of the settlement reached, Respondent acknowledges notice of this right and waives any right to administrative and judicial review of this Agreed Order.

II. ORDER

1. This Agreed Order shall be effective (“Effective Date”) when it is approved by Complainant or Complainant’s delegate, and has been received by Respondent. This Agreed Order shall have no force or effect until the Effective Date.

2. Respondent shall comply with the environmental rules listed in the findings of fact above.

3. All submittals required by this Agreed Order, unless IDEM notifies the Respondent otherwise in writing, shall be sent to:

Natalie Ruiz, Enforcement Case Manager
Office of Air Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
nsruiz@idem.in.gov

4. Pursuant to IC 13-30-4-1, Respondent is assessed and agrees to pay a civil penalty of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,250.00). Said penalty amount shall be due and payable to the Environmental Management Special Fund within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date; the thirtieth day being the "Due Date."
5. Respondent agrees to pay avoided annual FESOP fees in the amount of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$11,399.00). Avoided FESOP fees are assessed for the period of January 2019 to December 2023, during which Respondent was operating without the required FESOP permit. Said penalty amount shall be due and payable to the Title V Investments Fund within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date.
6. Civil penalties are payable by check to the "Environmental Management Special Fund." Checks shall include the Case Number of this action and shall be mailed to:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Accounts Receivable
IGCN, Room 1340
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

7. Avoided FESOP fees are payable by check to the "Title V Investments Fund." A cover letter shall accompany the check specifying that the FESOP fees shall be deposited into the Title V Investments Fund. The check and cover letter shall include the Case Number of this action and shall be mailed to:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Accounts Receivable
IGCN, Room 1340
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

8. In the event that the monies due to IDEM pursuant to this Agreed Order are not paid on or before their Due Date, Respondent shall pay interest on the unpaid balance at the rate established by IC 24-4.6-1. The interest shall be computed as having accrued from the Due Date until the date that Respondent pays any unpaid balance. Such interest shall be payable to the Environmental Management Special Fund, and shall be payable to IDEM in the manner specified in Paragraph 6, above.

9. Signatories to this Agreed Order certify that they are fully authorized to execute this Agreed Order and legally bind the party they represent.
10. This Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and all successors and assigns. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order, if in force, to any subsequent owners, successors, or assigns before ownership rights are transferred.
11. No change in ownership, corporate, or partnership status of Respondent shall in any way alter the Respondent's status or responsibilities under this Agreed Order.
12. Respondent shall ensure that all contractors, firms, and other persons performing work under this Agreed Order comply with the terms of this Agreed Order.
13. In the event that any terms of this Agreed Order are found to be invalid, the remaining terms shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreed Order did not contain the invalid terms.
14. This Agreed Order is not and shall not be interpreted to be a permit or a modification of an existing permit. This Agreed Order, and IDEM's review or approval of any submittal made by Respondent pursuant to this Agreed Order, shall not in any way relieve Respondent of the obligation to comply with the requirements of any applicable permits or any applicable Federal or State laws or regulations.
15. Complainant does not, by its approval of this Agreed Order, warrant or aver in any manner that Respondent's compliance with any aspect of this Agreed Order will result in compliance with the provisions of any permit, order, or any applicable Federal or State law or regulation. Additionally, IDEM or anyone acting on its behalf shall not be held liable for any costs or penalties Respondent may incur as a result of Respondent's efforts to comply with this Agreed Order.
16. Nothing in this Agreed Order shall prevent or limit IDEM's rights to obtain penalties or injunctive relief under any applicable Federal or State law or regulation, except that IDEM may not, and hereby waives its right to, seek additional civil penalties for the violations specified in the NOV.
17. Nothing in this Agreed Order shall prevent IDEM or anyone acting on its behalf from communicating with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") or any other agency or entity about any matters relating to this enforcement action. IDEM or anyone acting on its behalf shall not be held liable for any costs or penalties Respondent may incur as a result of such communications with the U.S. EPA or any other agency or entity.
18. This Agreed Order shall remain in effect until Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of this Agreed Order and IDEM has issued a Resolution of Case letter to Respondent.

TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATION:
Department of Environmental
Management

By: David P. McIver

David P. McIver
Section Chief
Enforcement Section
Office of Air Quality

Date: June 17, 2024

RESPONDENT:
Mayes Powder Coating LLC

By: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT:

By: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 20____.

For the Commissioner:

Matthew Stuckey
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Air Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental
Management

From: [Microsoft Outlook](#)
To: larrymayes2@gmail.com; mayespowdercoating@gmail.com
Subject: Relayed: Mayes Powder Coating LLC (#29988-A) Notice of Violation & Proposed Agreed Order
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:20:40 AM
Attachments: [Mayes Powder Coating LLC \(#29988-A\) Notice of Violation Proposed Agreed Order.msg](#)

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