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RE: Gopher State Ethanol (St. Paul, MN) Consent Decree

Dear Mr. Sansonetti and Ms. Hedman:

Enclosed please find a duplicate quarterly report for the second quarter of 2003. This duplicate report bears the original signature of James F. Freeman, III who was unable to sign the report sent on July 30, 2003.

Regards.

Susie Johnson
Safety & Health Director

- cc: Bruce Buckhiet (via US Post)
- Region 5 Compliance Tracker (via US Post)
- Kathleen L. Winters (via US Post)
- Robert Berg (via US Post)
- Carolyn V. Wolski (via US Post)

Gopher State Ethanol
Quarterly Report
For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2003
Civil Action No. 02-3793 DSD/SRN

Below are the second quarter 2003 accomplishments for requirements contained in the revised Consent Decree and Control Technology Plan between Gopher State Ethanol and USEPA/MPCA. Also included are the items scheduled to be completed during the second quarter of 2003.

Feed Dryer Control Equipment

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (April 2003 through June 2003)

- The burner manufacturer and control system representatives were on site May 22, 2003 and on June 26 & 27, 2003.
- Engineering tests were conducted on June 26, 2003.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- A letter invoking the Force Majeure clause in the consent decree was sent on July 10, 2003.
- An update letter outlining actions taken and actions to be taken was sent on July 22, 2003.
- The burner manufacturer and control system representatives will be on site again on August 5 & 6 to install a new combustion air flow sensor and adjust the controls. In-house engineering testing will be conducted during the adjustments.

Fermentation Units

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (April 2003 through June 2003)

- A engineering test of the fermentation scrubber was conducted on June 11, 2003.
- A compliance test of the fermentation scrubber was conducted on

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- A compliance test of the fermentation scrubber was conducted on July 9, 2003. This test was witnessed by Jim Kolar of the MPCA.

Gas Boilers

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (April 2003 through June 2003)

- None scheduled, none performed

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- None scheduled

Fugitive Dust Control PM

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (April 2003 through June 2003)

- None scheduled, none performed

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- None scheduled

NOx Emission Factors

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- Engineering testing was conducted on March 19, 2003
- The burner manufacturer and control system representatives were on site May 22, 2003 and on June 26 & 27, 2003.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- A letter invoking the Force Majeure clause in the consent decree was sent on July 10, 2003.
- An update letter outlining actions taken and actions to be taken was sent on July 22, 2003.
- The burner manufacturer and control system representatives will be on site again on August 5 & 6 to install a new combustion air flow sensor and adjust the controls. In-house engineering testing will be conducted during the adjustments.

Fugitive VOC/NSPS Subpart VV

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (April 2003 through June 2003)

- New LDAR program began in February 2003.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- Adjust monitoring schedule per Subpart VV to reflect outstanding leak percentages.

NSPS Subpart Dc

Boilers EU001 and EU002 were constructed prior to 1989

NSPS Subpart Kb

Ethanol product and Denaturant storage tanks at GSE were constructed in compliance with Subpart Kb

VOC Limit for Cooling Cyclone

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (April 2003 through June 2003)

- Installation was complete and operation began on June 13, 2003

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- VOC testing per the consent decree was performed on July 24 & 25.

Wet Cake Emissions Quantification

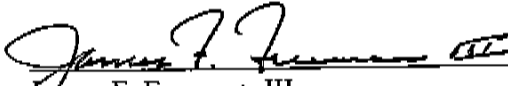
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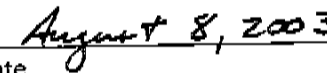
- Engineering test was performed March 31, 2003
- Engineering test was inconclusive (results showed negative emissions)

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (July 2003 through September 2003)

- Exploration of modeling scenarios to quantify emissions, based upon TANKS 4.09b, and EPA-453/R-94-080A Air Emissions Models for Waste and Wastewater.

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James F. Freeman, III
CEO


Date



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April 29, 2003

Robert C. Berg
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Compliance Tracker
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Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Gopher State Ethanol, St. Paul, MN
Quarterly Report for 4Q/02

Dear Mr. Berg and EPA Compliance Tracker:

Enclosed is the quarterly report of Gopher State Ethanol LLC, for the first quarter of 2003. This report is submitted in compliance with paragraph 30 of the revised Consent Decree between the United States of America and Gopher State Ethanol, signed April 21, 2003 by Gopher State Ethanol, but not yet lodged.

Sincerely,


James F. Freeman, III
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

- cc: Leah M.P. Hedman (w/o enclosure)
- Cynthia A. King (w/o enclosure)
- Bruce Buckhiet (w/o enclosure)
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Gopher State Ethanol
Quarterly Report
For the Quarter Ended January 31, 2003
Civil Action No. 02-3793 DSD/SRN

Note: Gopher State Ethanol's Consent Decree was revised during the first quarter of 2003. Though the revised Consent Decree has not yet been lodged or entered, it contains deadlines and obligations that are different from those contained in the original Consent Decree. Therefore, this quarterly report is based on the requirements set forth in the *revised* Consent Decree (signed by Gopher State Ethanol on April 21, 2003).

Below are the first quarter 2003 accomplishments for requirements contained in the revised Consent Decree and Control Technology Plan between Gopher State Ethanol and USEPA/MPCA. Also included are the items scheduled to be completed during the second quarter of 2003.

Feed Dryer Control Equipment

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- The TO started operation on January 10, 2003
- Engineering testing was conducted on March 19, 2003

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- The burner manufacturer and control system subcontractor will on site during the week of May 12, 2003 to adjust controls and settings. In-house engineering testing will be conducted during the adjustments.
- Engineering testing will be conducted in June 2003.
- A compliance test plan will be submitted before June 9, 2003.

Fermentation Units

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- The existing control equipment (CE008) tested greater than 95% control efficiency during the November 2000 compliance test.
- A post scrubber was installed on March 28, 2003.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- Engineering testing of the combination scrubber/post scrubber will be conducted.
- A compliance test plan will be submitted before June 30, 2003.

Gas Boilers

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- None scheduled, none performed

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- None scheduled

Fugitive Dust Control PM

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- None scheduled, none performed

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- None scheduled

NOx Emission Factors

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- Engineering testing was conducted on March 19, 2003

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

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Fugitive VOC/NSPS Subpart VV

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- New LDAR program began in February 2003.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- Adjust monitoring schedule per Subpart VV to reflect outstanding leak percentages.

NSPS Subpart Dc

Boilers EU001 and EU002 were constructed prior to 1989

NSPS Subpart Kb

Ethanol product and Denaturant storage tanks at GSE were constructed in compliance with Subpart Kb

VOC Limit for Cooling Cyclone

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- Paragraph 22 in Consent Decree was altered to incorporate installation of cooling cyclone/DDGS storage baghouse.
- Baghouse was purchased and received.
- Site preparation for installation is in progress.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- Complete installation of cooling cyclone/DDGS storage baghouse
- Engineering testing for VOCs.

Wet Cake Emissions Quantification


Previous Quarter's accomplishments (January 2003 through March 2003)

- Engineering test was performed March 31, 2003
- Engineering test was inconclusive (results showed negative emissions)

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (April 2003 through June 2003)

- Exploration of modeling scenarios to quantify emissions, based upon TANKS 4.09b, and EPA-453/R-94-080A Air Emissions Models for Waste and Wastewater.

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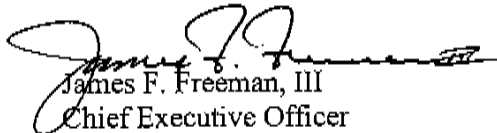
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Air Enforcement Branch, AE-17J
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Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Gopher State Ethanol, St. Paul, MN
Quarterly Report for 4Q/02

Dear Ms. Land and EPA Compliance Tracker:

Enclosed is the quarterly report of Gopher State Ethanol LLC, for the fourth quarter of 2002. This report is submitted in compliance with paragraph 30 of the Consent Decree between the United States of America and Gopher State Ethanol, lodged October 2, 2002.

Sincerely,


James F. Freeman, III
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

- cc: Leah M.P. Hedman (w/o enclosure)
- Cynthia A. King (w/o enclosure)
- Bruce Buckhiet (w/o enclosure)
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**Gopher State Ethanol
Quarterly Report
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2002
Civil Action No. 02-3793 DSD/SRN**

Feed Dryer Control Equipment

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):

- Sections for the new thermal oxidizer began arriving on November 15, 2002.
- The HRSG (heat recovery steam generator) section arrived on November 19, 2002.
- Installation of the HRSG section began on November 25, 2002.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- Installation of the thermal oxidizer continued until the installation of the single loop controller was completed on January 9, 2003.
- The TO started operation on January 10, 2003.
- We expect engineering testing to be completed by March 31, 2003.

Fermentation Units

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):

- The existing control equipment (CE008) tested greater than 95% control efficiency during the November 2000 compliance test.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- A purchase order was sent to ForestAIR, Inc. on January 6, 2003 for a new post-scrubber to decrease VOCs from SV010.
- Installation is expected to be completed within 14 days of delivery of the unit (currently scheduled delivery date – 2/14/03; currently scheduled installation date – 2/28/03).
NOTE: This is a deviation from the original Control Technology Plan, informal request for non-material change made on January 23, 2003.

Fugitive Dust Control

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):

- Wet cake loadout was moved to a paved area by September 30, 2003.
- All traffic areas are paved.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- None scheduled.

Gas Boilers

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):

- Approved AP-42 factors are being used for EU001 and EU002.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- None scheduled.

NOx Emission Factors

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):

- Group NOx limit has been calculated; it is 36.3

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- We expect engineering testing to be completed by March 31, 2003.

Fugitive VOC/NSPS Subpart VV

Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):

- Method 21 monitoring was performed in September 2002.
- Obtained quote for outsourcing VV program.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- Begin new program in February 2003.

VOC Limit for Cooling Cyclone

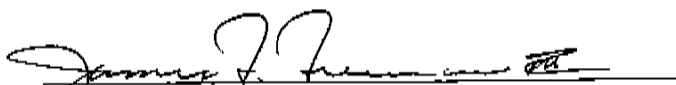
Previous Quarter's accomplishments (October 2002 through December 2002):


- None; the cooling cyclone was not operational during this quarter.

Items to be completed in the upcoming quarter (January 2003 through March 2003):

- We expect engineering testing to be completed by March 31, 2003.

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Date January 20, 2003