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**CONSENT ORDER
ISSUED UNDER THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT
WEST VIRGINIA CODE, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 18**

TO: Ross & Williamson Inc.
Justin A. Williamson, Owner
P.O. Box 262
Wayne, WV 25570

DATE: August 7, 2025

ORDER NO.: HW-25-003

INTRODUCTION

This Consent Order is issued by the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management (hereinafter “Director”), under the authority of West Virginia Code 22-18-1 et seq. to Ross & Williamson Inc. (hereinafter “Ross & Williamson”).

FINDINGS OF FACT

In support of this Order, the Director hereby finds the following:

1. Ross & Williamson operates a heating and cooling repair business located in Wayne, Wayne County, West Virginia and has been assigned EPA ID No. WVD988799854.
2. On January 29, 2025, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) received a report of large amounts of gasoline in the storm drains in Wayne, WV. The information came to WVDEP via the Spill Hotline. The notification call to the spill line also stated: “Area businesses are being evacuated due to concerns of ignition as well as the odor.”
3. On January 29, 2025, WVDEP personnel conducted an inspection of the facility as a result of the above mentioned spill notification. During the inspection, it was confirmed that an employee of Ross & Williamson had disposed of waste gasoline by dumping it into a storm drain adjacent to the building. The following violations of the following

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sections of Code of Federal Regulations and WV State Code were observed and documented:

- a. 40 CFR 262.11 – Ross & Williamson failed to perform an accurate hazardous waste determination.
- b. West Virginia Code 22-18-8(a) – Ross & Williamson disposed of hazardous waste without a permit.

As a result of the aforementioned violations, Notice of Violation (NOV) No. 2502-749 was issued to Ross & Williamson.

4. On June 3, 2025, WVDEP personnel and representatives of Ross & Williamson met to discuss the terms and conditions of this Order.
5. On June 17, 2025, Ross & Williamson submitted financial documents to WVDEP. The provided information was used to perform an economic analysis which evaluated Ross & Williamson's ability to pay a civil administrative penalty.

ORDER FOR COMPLIANCE

Now, therefore, in accordance with West Virginia State Code 22-18-1 et seq., it is hereby agreed between the parties, and ORDERED by the Director:

1. Ross & Williamson shall immediately take all measures to initiate compliance with all pertinent laws and rules.
2. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, Ross & Williamson shall submit for approval a proposed plan of corrective action and schedule, outlining action items and completion dates for how and when Ross & Williamson will achieve compliance with all pertinent laws and rules. The plan of corrective action shall make reference to EPA ID No. WVD988799854 and Order No. HW-25-003. The plan of corrective action shall be submitted to:

**Chief Inspector
Environmental Enforcement – Mail Code #031328
WVDEP
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304**

Upon approval, the plan of corrective action and schedule shall be incorporated into and become part of this Order, as if fully set forth herein. Failure to submit an approvable plan of corrective action and schedule or failure to adhere to the approved schedule is a violation of this Order.

3. Because of Ross & Williamson's Code of Federal Regulations and West Virginia Code violations, Ross & Williamson shall be assessed a civil administrative penalty of twenty thousand five hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$20,578) to be paid to the West Virginia

Department of Environmental Protection for deposit in the Hazardous Waste Management Fund within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order. Payments made pursuant to this paragraph are not tax-deductible for purposes of State or federal law. **Payment shall include a reference to the Order No. and shall be mailed to:**

**Chief Inspector
Environmental Enforcement – Mail Code #031328
WVDEP
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304**

OTHER PROVISIONS

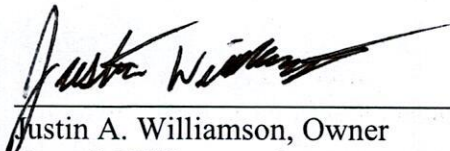
1. Ross & Williamson hereby waives its right to appeal this Order under the provisions of West Virginia State Code 22-18-20. Under this Order, Ross & Williamson agrees to take all actions required by the terms and conditions of this Order and consents to and will not contest the Director's jurisdiction regarding this Order. However, Ross & Williamson does not admit to any factual and legal determinations made by the Director and reserves all rights and defenses available regarding liability or responsibility in any proceedings regarding Ross & Williamson other than proceedings, administrative or civil, to enforce this Order.
2. The Director reserves the right to take further action if compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order does not adequately address the violations noted herein and reserves all rights and defenses which he may have pursuant to any legal authority, as well as the right to raise, as a basis for supporting such legal authority or defenses, facts other than those contained in the Findings of Fact.
3. If any event occurs which causes delay in the achievement of the requirements of this Order, Ross & Williamson shall have the burden of proving that the delay was caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control which could not have been overcome by due diligence (i.e., force majeure). Force majeure shall not include delays caused or contributed to by the lack of sufficient funding. Within three (3) working days after Ross & Williamson becomes aware of such a delay, notification shall be provided to the Director/Chief Inspector and Ross & Williamson shall, within ten (10) working days of initial notification, submit a detailed written explanation of the anticipated length and cause of the delay, the measures taken and/or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay, and a timetable by which Ross & Williamson intends to implement these measures. If the Director agrees that the delay has been or will be caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of Ross & Williamson (i.e., force majeure), the time for performance hereunder shall be extended for a period of time equal to the delay resulting from such circumstances. A force majeure amendment granted by the Director shall be considered a binding extension of this Order and of the requirements herein. The determination of the Director shall be final and not subject to appeal.
4. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order shall not in any way be construed as relieving Ross & Williamson of the obligation to comply with any applicable law,

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permit, other order, or any other requirement otherwise applicable. Violations of the terms and conditions of this Order may subject Ross & Williamson to additional penalties and injunctive relief in accordance with the applicable law.

5. The provisions of this Order are severable and should a court or board of competent jurisdiction declare any provisions to be invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
6. This Order is binding on Ross & Williamson, its successors and assigns.
7. This Order shall terminate upon Ross & Williamson's notification of full compliance with the "Order for Compliance" and verification of this notification by WVDEP.


Justin A. Williamson, Owner
Ross & Williamson Inc.

8-20-25
Date

Public Notice begin:

Date

Public Notice end:

Date

Jeremy W. Bandy, Director
Division of Water and Waste Management

Date



January 29, 2025 - Storm drain behind Ross & Williamson where the gasoline was dumped.



January 30, 2025 - Sheen of gasoline on the water discharging from stormwater outlet into Twelvepole Creek.



January 30, 2025 - BBU Services of WV flushing and pumping out storm drain by Walgreens.



January 30, 2025 - BBU Services of WV flushing and pumping out storm drain behind Ross & Williamson.



January 30, 2025 - BBU Services of WV flushing out storm drain beside the WVDOH garage.

Hazardous Waste Base Penalty Calculation

(pursuant to 33CSR27-6.1)

Responsible Party:

Ross & Williamson Inc.

EPA ID Number:

WVD988799854

Generator Classification:

Non-handler

Enter FOF# and rate each finding as to Potential and Extent.

1)	Potential for Harm Factor	Factor Range	FOF#											
			3.a.	3.b.										
a)	Harm to RCRA Program	1 to 3	3	3										
b)	Probability of Exposure	0 to 3	3	3										
c)	Potential Seriousness of Contamination	1 to 3	2	2										
	Average Potential for Harm Factor		2.7	2.7	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2)	Extent of Deviation Factor	Factor Range												
	Degree of Non-Compliance	1 to 3	3	3										

Potential for Harm Factors

1a. - Harm to the RCRA Program

- All regulatory requirements are fundamental to the continued integrity of the RCRA Program
- Violations that undermine the statutory or regulatory purposes or procedures for implementing the RCRA program may have serious implications and merit substantial penalties. Examples include but are not limited to: failure to notify as a generator, failure to respond to an info request, failure to prepare or maintain a manifest, and operating / disposal without a permit

1b. - Probability of Exposure - factors to be considered include but are not limited to: evidence of a release, evidence of waste mismanagement, and adequacy of provisions for detecting and preventing a release

1c. - Potential Seriousness of Contamination - factors to consider include but are not limited to quantity and toxicity of wastes (potentially) released, likelihood or fact of transport by way of environmental media (e.g. air and groundwater), and existence, size and proximity of receptor populations (e.g. local residents, fish, wildlife) and sensitive environmental media (e.g. surface waters and aquifers.)

Note: Rate as 1 for Minor, 2 for Moderate and 3 for Major. Rate as 0 if it does not apply.

Continue rating Findings of Facts (FOF) here, if necessary. Otherwise, continue on Page 3.

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		Extent of Deviation from Requirement		
		Major	Moderate	Minor
Potential for Harm to Human Health	Major	\$10,000	\$6,000 to \$8,000	\$5,000 to \$6,000
	Moderate	\$5,000	\$3,000 to \$4,000	\$2,000 to \$3,000
	Minor	\$2,000	\$1,000 to \$1,500	Up to \$1,000

FOF #	Potential for Harm	Extent of Deviation	Penalty	Multiple Factor	Base Penalty
3.a.	Major	Major	\$9,340	1	\$9,340
3.b.	Major	Major	\$9,340	1	\$9,340
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	\$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	\$0
0	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	1	\$0
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Total Base Penalty					\$18,680

Penalty Adjustment Factors

(pursuant to 33CSR27-6.2)

Penalty Adjustment Factors

6.2.b.1 - Good faith efforts to comply or lack of good faith - 10% decrease to 10% increase

6.2.b.2 - Degree of Willfulness and / or Negligence - 0% to 30% increase

6.2.b.3 - Cooperation with the Secretary - 0% to 10% decrease

6.2.b.4 - History of Non-Compliance - 0% to 100% increase -
based upon review of last three (3) years - Warning = maximum of 5% each,
N.O.V. = maximum of 10% each, previous Order = maximum of 25% each

6.2.b.5 - Ability to pay a civil administrative penalty - 0% to 100% decrease

6.2.b.6 - Economic Benefit of non-compliance

6.2.b.7 - Staff Investigative Costs

6.2.b.8 - Other relevant factors determined on a case-by-case basis

Base Penalty Adjustments

(pursuant to 33CSR27-6.2)

Penalty Adjustment Factor	% Increase	% Decrease	Adjustments
6.2.b.1 - Good Faith - Increase			\$0
6.2.b.1 - Good Faith - Decrease		10	(\$1,868)
6.2.b.2 - Willfulness and/or negligence	30		\$5,604
6.2.b.3 - Cooperation with the Secretary		10	(\$1,868)
6.2.b.4 - Compliance/noncompliance history			\$0
6.2.b.5 - Ability to Pay an Administrative Penalty			\$0
6.2.b.6 - Economic Benefit (flat monetary increase)	\$0		\$0
6.2.b.7 - Staff Investigative Costs (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.8 - Additional Other Factors - Increase (flat monetary increase)			\$0
6.2.b.8 - Additional Other Factors - Decrease (flat monetary decrease)			\$0
Public Notice Cost (flat monetary increase)	\$30		\$30
Penalty Adjustments			\$1,898
Penalty =			\$20,578

Estimated Economic Benefit Item	Estimated Benefit (\$)
Monitoring & Reporting	
Installation & Maintenance of Pollution Control Equipment	
O&M expenses and cost of equipment/materials needed for compliance	
Permit Application or Modification	
Competitive Advantage	
Estimated Economic Benefit	\$0
Comments: Economic benefit is not warranted.	