

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
BETTY D. MONTGOMERY
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OHIO,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARCO ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDATION, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO
5:99 CV 1281

JUDGE:

JUDGE DOWD

CONSENT DECREE

Plaintiff, State of Ohio, on relation of Betty D. Montgomery, Attorney General of Ohio, having filed the Complaint in this action against Defendants for reimbursement of response costs incurred by the State pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.* ("CERCLA") and Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 3745.

NOW, THEREFORE, without trial and upon the consent of the parties hereto, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. Whenever the following terms are used in this Consent Decree, the following definitions shall apply:
 - A. **"Consent Decree"** means this Decree.
 - B. **"Defendants"** mean Defendants Atlantic Richfield Company ("Atlantic Richfield"), and ARCO Environmental Remediation, LLC ("ARCO Environmental").
 - C. **"Hazardous substance"** shall have the meaning provided in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14).
 - D. **"National Contingency Plan"** shall be used as that term is used in Section 105 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9605.
 - E. **"Ohio EPA"** means the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and its designated representatives.
 - F. **"Response Costs"** means all direct and indirect costs incurred by the State of Ohio related to the response and remedial actions conducted at the Alsco Anaconda Site by Defendants, other PRPs, U.S. EPA, and Ohio EPA, including, but not limited to, payroll costs, contractor costs, travel costs, oversight costs, laboratory costs, costs of reviewing or developing plans, report or other items, and costs of the Ohio Attorney General's Office in representing Ohio EPA in this action.
 - G. **"Site" or "Alsco Anaconda Site"** shall mean, solely for the purposes of this Consent Decree, the Alsco Anaconda NPL Site in Gnadenhutten, Ohio, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This Site is a "facility" within the meaning of Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9).
 - H. **"State"** means the State of Ohio.
 - I. **"U.S. EPA"** means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

BACKGROUND

2. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA"), pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9605, placed the Alcoa Anaconda Site in June, 1986 on the National Priorities List, which is set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 300, Appendix B.

3. U.S. EPA has performed a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") for the Site in response to a release or a substantial threat of a release of hazardous substances at or from the Site.

4. Upon completing the RI/FS, U.S. EPA selected a remedial action embodied in a Record of Decision ("ROD"), executed on September 8, 1989.

5. After issuing the ROD, U.S. EPA issued, pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606, an administrative order (EPA Docket No. VW89-C-042) and entered into an administrative order by consent (EPA Docket No. VW87-C-002) requiring Atlantic Richfield and ARCO Environmental and certain other PRPs to design the remedy selected in the ROD.

6. Plaintiff State of Ohio ("the State") has incurred costs in addressing releases or the substantial threat of releases of hazardous substances at and from the Site.

7. Defendants Atlantic Richfield and ARCO Environmental have consented to the entry of this Consent Decree without acknowledging liability of any type, and the entry of this Decree shall not represent an admission or adjudication of liability.

8. The Parties agree, and the Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that entry of this Consent Decree is in the public interest and will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the Parties.

JURISDICTION

9. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and over the Parties consenting hereto. The Parties shall not challenge this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree. Defendants each waive service of the complaint and summons in this action. Venue is proper in this Court.

PARTIES BOUND

10. This Consent Decree applies to and is binding upon Defendants, their successors in interest, assigns, receivers, officers, agents, servants, and employees. The undersigned representative of each party to this Consent Decree certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party or parties whom she or he represents to enter into the terms and conditions of the Consent Decree and to execute and legally bind that party to it.

CALCULATION OF TIME

11. Unless otherwise stated in this Consent Decree, where this Decree requires actions to be taken within a specified period of time (e.g. "within thirty (30) days"), this time period shall begin the day after the entry of this Consent Decree. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or State of Ohio or federal holiday, the period shall run until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

REIMBURSEMENT

12. No later than thirty (30) calendar days after entry of this Consent Decree, Defendants shall pay to the State, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in reimbursement for past Response Costs incurred by the State through the date of the entry of this Consent Decree.

13. The payment made pursuant to Paragraph 12 above shall be made in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" and sent to the Fiscal Officer, Ohio EPA, P.O. Box 1049, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, ATTN: Edith Long, or her successor. Defendants shall send a copy of the transmittal letter and copy of the check to: the Fiscal Officer, DERR, Ohio EPA, P.O. Box 1049, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, ATTN: Patricia Campbell or her successor, to the Ohio EPA Site Coordinator, and the Assistant Attorney General representing the State in this case.

COVENANT NOT TO SUE

14. In consideration of the payment made by Defendants pursuant to Paragraph 12 above, the State covenants not to sue Defendants, their successors in interest, assigns, receivers, officers, agents, servants, or employees for any Response Costs related to the Site which were incurred by the State prior to the entry of this Consent Decree.

15. Except as expressly provided in Paragraph 14 above, the State reserves all rights it may have to seek any other relief from Defendants, or any other person or entity, including but not limited to the following:

A. sanctions for violation of this Consent Decree;

- B. if the payment required by Paragraph 12 is not made, cost recovery for past Response Costs;
- C. reimbursement of any future costs; these future costs may include, but are not limited to, oversight costs, the State's 10% matching share of the cost for any U.S. EPA remedial action, the State's costs for operation and maintenance, and the costs of any actions taken by the State to address contamination at the Site;
- D. injunctive relief under state or federal law;
- E. civil and criminal sanctions for violations of law;
- F. liability arising from hazardous substances removed from the Site;
- G. administrative orders; and
- H. judicial relief pursuant to Section 121(e)(2), 121(f), or 310 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9621(e)(2), 9621(f), and 9659, or any other provision of federal or state law in the event the State becomes dissatisfied with the Work.
- I. relief for natural resource damages.

Except as set forth in Paragraph 16, Defendants reserve all defenses they may have to any of the State's claims described in this paragraph.

16. In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the State for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs not paid as required by 12, or other appropriate relief relating to the Site, Defendants shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon the principles of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses based upon any contention that the claims raised by the State in the subsequent proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph affects the enforceability of the covenant not to sue set forth in Paragraph 14.

17. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall constitute or be construed as a release or a covenant not to sue regarding any claim or cause of action against any person, firm, trust, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other entity not a signatory to this Consent Decree for any liability it may have arising out of or relating to the Site, including but not limited to, liability for any Response Costs unreimbursed by this Consent Decree.

CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

18. This Consent Decree provides Defendants with contribution protection as provided in Section 113(f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.

ENTRY OF CONSENT DECREE

19. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 58 and 79, the Clerk of Courts is hereby directed to enter this judgment into the civil docket of the Court.

RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

20. The Court retains jurisdiction over this action for the purpose of enforcing the Consent Decree or providing other appropriate relief in this action.

COSTS

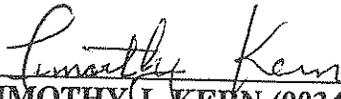
21. Defendants shall pay the costs of this action relating to the filing and administration of the Complaint and Consent Decree up to the amount of \$800.00. The parties reserve their rights regarding any other court costs.

Entered this ____ day of _____, 1999.

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

The parties whose signature appear below and on the attached signature pages hereby consent to the terms of this Consent Decree.

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Atlantic Richfield Company, ^{AND} ARCO Environmental Remediation, LLC, ~~and Howard Industries,~~
~~Inc.~~ hereby consent to the foregoing Consent Decree in State of Ohio v. ARCO Environmental
Remediation, LLC.

Atlantic Richfield Company

By:


Signature of Representative

NEAL S. BRODY
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Senior Counsel
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Date

ARCO Environmental Remediation, LLC

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Signature of Representative

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March 23, 1999
Date