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BEFORE THE

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the matter of:

**Jim Baker
931 Tiffin Avenue
Findlay, Ohio 45840**

**Director's Final Findings and
Orders**

Respondent

PREAMBLE

It is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to Jim Baker (Respondent) pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §§ 6111.03 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and heirs and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in ownership of the Site (as hereinafter defined) shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 6111 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director of Ohio EPA (Director) has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent is the developer of the Baker's Acres residential subdivision (Site), located in the City of Findlay, Hancock County.
2. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-42-02 requires the Director's issuance of a permit to install (PTI) prior to the installation of a new "disposal system," as such term is defined in ORC § 6111.01 (G).

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

By: Michael A. Shopp Date: 11/19/04

3. ORC § 6111.07 (A) prohibits any person from violating, or failing to perform, any duty imposed by ORC §§ 6111.01 to 6111.08, or violating any rule adopted by the Director pursuant to those sections, including OAC Rule 3745-42-02.
4. On April 22, 2004, Ohio EPA received PTI Application 03-16272 and detailed plans from Respondent for the installation of a lift station and on-site sanitary sewers to serve the Site.
5. The on-site sanitary sewers proposed in PTI Application 03-16272 constitute a "disposal system" as defined in ORC § 6111.01 (G).
6. On June 25, 2004, an inspection of the Site was conducted by Ohio EPA. The inspection confirmed that installation of the on-site sanitary sewers at the Site had been initiated prior to approval of the plans and issuance of a PTI by the Director.
7. On July 14, 2004, Ohio EPA sent Respondent a notice of violation letter indicating that Respondent was in violation of ORC Chapter 6111 due to the construction of the on-site sanitary sewers at the Site without a PTI issued by the Director.
8. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with these Orders and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from compliance with these Orders, and its relation to the benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance in accomplishing the purposes of ORC Chapter 6111.

V. ORDERS

1. Respondent shall not install sewerage, or treatment works for sewage disposal or new disposal systems, including, but not limited to, sanitary sewers, at any location in Ohio without first receiving prior approval from the Director as required by law. Respondent may request termination of the Order upon a demonstration to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has maintained compliance with this Order for a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days from the effective date of these Orders. Such a request for termination shall be submitted in accordance with Section VI of these Orders.
2. Respondent shall pay to the Ohio EPA the amount of one thousand eleven dollars (\$1,011.00) in settlement of the Ohio EPA's claim for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to Chapter 6111 of the ORC. Payment shall be made by tendering an official check made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for the full amount within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders to the following address: Ohio EPA, Office of Fiscal Administration, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, together with a letter identifying Respondent and the Site. A photocopy of the check shall be sent to the Ohio EPA Northwest District

Office, Division of Surface Water Enforcement Coordinator at the following address:
P.O. Box 466, Bowling Green, Ohio, 43402.

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation: "I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be submitted by Respondent to Ohio EPA and shall be signed by a responsible official of Respondent. For purposes of these Orders, a responsible official is as defined in OAC Rule 3745-33-03(D)(3) for a sole proprietorship.

VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to the Site.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.

X. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all rights, privileges and causes of action, except as specifically waived in Section XI of these Orders.

XI. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation or liability, and in lieu of further enforcement action by Ohio EPA for only the violations specifically cited in these Orders, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction of Respondent's liability for the violations specifically cited herein.

Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions, and service of these Orders, and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent any have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other party to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In such an event, Respondent shall comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated, or modified.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

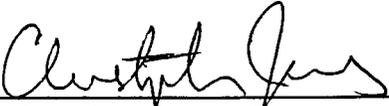
The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

XIII. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative or party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AGREED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

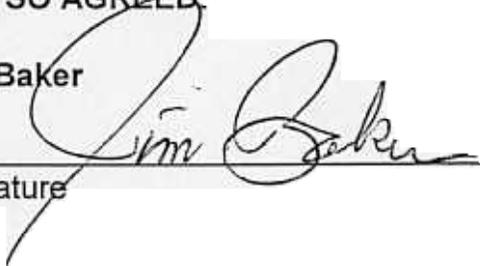


Christopher Jones, Director

11-18-04
Date

IT IS SO AGREED

Jim Baker



Signature

10-26-04
Date