



EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT OFFER

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This Expedited Settlement Offer (ESO), is entered into by and between the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Richmond American Homes (Operator) pursuant to the Division's authority under the Utah Water Quality Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 19-5-111, 19-5-115, UAC R317-1-8 and R317-8-3.9. The DWQ and Operator are sometimes jointly referred to hereinafter as "the Parties." Director" refers to the Director of DWQ.

1. Operator is a "person" as that term is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 19-1-103(4).
2. Operator is conducting "construction activity" at 498 Worthington Street (the Project).
3. DWQ has issued a Construction Storm Water Program UPDES permit No. UTRC01316 (Permit) to Operator for the Project. The Permit is subject to specific terms, conditions and best management practices as provided for in UAC R317-8-3.9.
4. The attached "Expedited Settlement Offer Deficiencies Form" (ESODF), incorporated herein by reference, includes Findings which specify the conditions in violation of the Permit observed at the PROJECT during an on-site inspection conducted on (date). The ESODF is in lieu of an initial order or notice of violation to facilitate the purposes described hereinafter.
5. The Parties voluntarily enter into this ESO in order to: identify the actions necessary to correct the deficiencies observed at the Project; determine the amount of the civil penalty appropriate for the violation(s) based on the deficiencies alleged; and to conclude this matter without the necessity of further administrative or judicial proceedings. The Parties may agree to settle an action at any time through a Settlement Agreement as provided for in UAC R305-7-320.
6. Operator understands and agrees that a penalty in the amount of \$340 is appropriate based on the application of DWQ's penalty policy contained in UAC R317-1-8 as applied to the violation(s) under the circumstances specified herein. This proposed settlement and penalty is subject to a thirty (30) day notice and comment period as provided for in UAC R305-7-402. The Parties each reserve the right to withdraw from this ESO if comments received during the notice period result in a modification to the terms and conditions.
7. By accepting this ESO, Operator neither admits nor denies the findings, violations or deficiencies specified herein.
8. Operator agrees to the terms, conditions and requirements of this ESO. By signing this ESO, Operator understands, acknowledges and agrees that it waives: (1) the opportunity for an administrative hearing pursuant to UCA 19-1-301; (2) the right to contest the finding(s) in the ESODF and the penalty amount specified herein; and (3) the opportunity for judicial review.



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- 9. Operator certifies that all deficiencies identified herein have been corrected and that the Project is currently in full compliance with the terms and provisions of the Permit. Additionally, operator has attached to this ESO: (1) a written description detailing how the deficiencies were corrected; and (2) representative photographs documenting the current conditions and the associated BMPs implemented at the Project.
- 10. The Parties mutually agree that this ESO is entered in good faith and is an appropriate means to resolve the matters specified herein.
- 11. This ESO will be final after the thirty day notice and comment period on the date the Director signs the ESO, at which time the civil penalty takes effect.
- 12. Operator agrees that within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the signed and final ESO from the Division Operator shall submit a certified or cashier's check written to the Division of Water Quality in the amount specified in paragraph 4, above and hand deliver or send by certified mail to:

Division of Water Quality  
PO Box 144870  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870

- 13. Notwithstanding paragraph 7 above, the violations described herein will constitute part of Operator's compliance history where such history is relevant, including any subsequent violations. Operator understands and agrees that this ESO is not and cannot be raised as a defense to any other action to enforce any federal, state or local law.
- 14. This ESO, when final, is binding upon Operator and any corporate subsidiaries or parents, their officers, directors, employees, successors in interest, and assigns. The undersigned warrants that it is authorized to legally bind their respective principals to this ESO.

ACCEPTED BY OPERATOR:

Name (print) PAUL J. PETERSON

Title (print) DIVISION PRESIDENT

Signature *Paul J. Peterson*

Date 12/14/20

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

*Erica B. Gaddis*

Date 02/18/2021

Erica Brown Gaddis, PhD, Director