

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Environmental Workers of America, Inc.

Petition No. 2000-0406-053-012

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Environmental Workers of America, Inc. of Ludlow, MA (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000105 to practice as an asbestos contractor by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. In or about June 1999, respondent was the licensed asbestos contractor for an asbestos abatement project at Pratt & Whitney, Building "K", 400 Main Street, East Hartford, CT (hereinafter "the property"). Said project involved the removal of asbestos containing pipe insulation at the ceiling level in a contained work area that was approximately fifty square feet.
2. On or about June 11, 1999, respondent, in connection with the asbestos abatement project at the property:
 - a. failed to repeat the sequence of high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtered vacuuming and wet cleaning until no visible residue is observed in the work area in that debris was left on a scissors lift in the work area; and

- b. applied encapsulant to surfaces that had been stripped of asbestos containing pipe insulation before these surfaces were inspected by a licensed asbestos consultant and found to be free of all visible residue.
2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 400a and §§19a-332 and 19a-332a(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, taken in conjunction with §§19a-332a-1, 19a-332a-2, 19a-332a-5(g), 19a-332a-7(c), 20-440-1 and 20-440-6(b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies¹.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department, this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

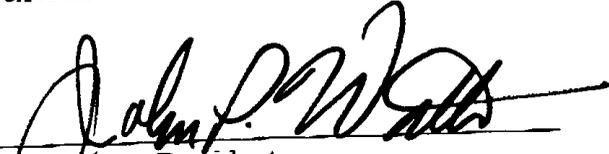
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and Chapter 400a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives its right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 000105 to practice as an asbestos contractor in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.

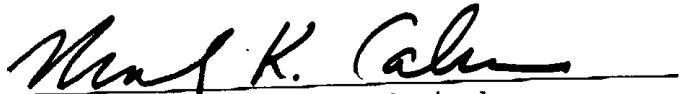
¹ The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies pertaining to licensure and training requirements for persons engaged in asbestos abatement were amended on or about June 4, 1999. Unless otherwise noted, all references contained herein are to those regulations in effect after June 4, 1999.

4. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to its licensure.
5. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
6. This Consent Order is effective on the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
7. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Department in which its compliance with this Consent Order or with Chapters 400a or 368l of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that it may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
9. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
10. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
11. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

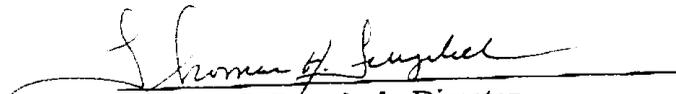
I, John Watts, President of Environmental Workers of America, Inc., have read the above Consent Order, and I represent and warrant that I am fully authorized and empowered to bind said company. I hereby stipulate and agree to bind Environmental Workers of America, Inc. to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.


John Watts, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12-5th day of December 2000.


Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 13th day of December 2000, it is hereby accepted.


Thomas H. Furgalack, Director
Division of Environmental Health

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 13th day of December 2000, it is hereby ordered and accepted.


Elisabeth Borrino, Esq.
Hearing Officer
Public Health Hearing Office