

BEFORE THE  
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

DARIGOLD, INC. – SEATTLE FACILITY

Seattle, Washington

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. CWA-10-2024-0170

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**Proceedings Under Section 309(g) of the Clean  
Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)**I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

1.1. This Consent Agreement is entered into under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g).

1.2. Pursuant to CWA Section 309(g)(1)(A), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1)(A), EPA is authorized to assess a civil penalty against any person that has violated CWA Section 301, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and/or any permit condition or limitation in a permit issued under CWA Section 402, 33 U.S.C. § 1342.

1.1. CWA Section 309(g)(2)(B), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(B), authorizes the administrative assessment of Class II civil penalties in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum penalty of \$125,000. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19, the administrative assessment of Class II civil penalties may not exceed \$26,685 per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum penalty of \$333,552. *See also* 88 Fed. Reg. 89309 (December 27, 2023) (2024 Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule).

1.2. Pursuant to CWA Section 309(g)(1)(A) and (g)(2)(B), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(1)(A) and (g)(2)(B), and in accordance with Section 22.18 of the “Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties,” 40 C.F.R. Part 22, EPA issues,

and the Darigold, Inc. Seattle Facility (Respondent) agrees to issuance of, the Final Order attached to this Consent Agreement.

## **II. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

2.1. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b), execution of this Consent Agreement commences this proceeding, which will conclude when the Final Order becomes effective.

2.2. The Administrator has delegated the authority to sign consent agreements between EPA and the party against whom a penalty is proposed to be assessed pursuant to CWA Section 309(g), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), to the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 10, who has redelegated this authority to the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, EPA Region 10 (Complainant).

2.3. Part III of this Consent Agreement contains a concise statement of the factual and legal basis for the alleged violations of the CWA, together with the specific provisions of the CWA and implementing regulations that Respondent is alleged to have violated.

## **III. ALLEGATIONS**

### **Statutory and Regulatory Framework**

3.1. As provided in CWA Section 101(a), 33 U.S.C. § 1251(a), the objective of the CWA is “to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters.”

3.2. CWA Section 301(a), 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), prohibits the discharge of pollutants by any person from any point source into waters of the United States except, *inter alia*, as authorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued pursuant to CWA Section 402, 33 U.S.C. § 1342.

3.3. CWA Section 502(12), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(12), defines “discharge of a pollutant” to include “any addition of any pollutant to navigable waters from any point source.”

3.4. CWA Section 502(6), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(6), defines a “pollutant” to include, *inter alia*, “solid waste,” sewage,” “garbage,” “chemical wastes,” and industrial waste discharged into water.

3.5. CWA Section 502(5), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5), defines “person” to include “an individual, corporation, partnership, [or] association . . . .”

3.6. CWA Section 502(14), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(14), defines “point source” to mean, *inter alia*, “any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, [or] container . . . from which pollutants are or may be discharged.”

3.7. CWA Section 502(7) defines “navigable waters” as “waters of the United States, including the territorial seas.” 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7).

3.8. Section 402(a)(1) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(a)(1), provides that EPA may issue NPDES permits that authorize the discharge of any pollutant to navigable waters, but only in compliance with Section 301 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and such terms and conditions as EPA determines necessary to carry out the provisions of the CWA.

3.9. Section 402(p)(2)(B), 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p)(2)(B), requires an NPDES permit for any discharge of stormwater “associated with industrial activity.”

3.10. “Stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity” is defined to include the discharge from any conveyance that is used for collecting and conveying stormwater that is directly related to manufacturing, processing, or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant, including the discharge from facilities classified under Standard Industrial Classification (“SIC”) codes 2023 (Dry, Condensed, and Evaporated Products) and 2026 (Fluid Milk). 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(14).

3.11. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.28, EPA may issue individual permits for a facility or general permits covering one or more categories of stormwater discharges.

3.12. The State of Washington, through the Washington Department of Ecology (“Ecology”), is authorized pursuant to CWA Section 402(b), 33 U.S.C. § 1342(b), to administer the NPDES permitting program for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity.

3.13. On December 3, 2014, Ecology issued the 2015 Industrial Stormwater General Permit (“2015 ISGP”). The 2015 ISGP went into effect on January 2, 2015, and expired December 31, 2019. Ecology issued the 2020 Industrial Stormwater General Permit (“2020 ISGP”) on November 20, 2019. The 2020 ISGP went into effect on January 1, 2020, and expires December 31, 2024. The 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP authorize(d) facilities conducting industrial activities to discharge stormwater and conditionally approved non-stormwater consistent with the terms and conditions of the permit.

3.14. 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.21(a), 122.26(c), 122.28, and 123.25 require that any person who discharges or who proposes to discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity must apply for an individual permit or seek coverage under a promulgated stormwater general permit.

3.15. Pursuant to Section 402(i) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(i), if a state NPDES program is approved pursuant to Section 402(b) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342(b), the Administrator of the EPA retains the authority to take enforcement action under Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319.

### **General Allegations**

3.16. Respondent is a corporation and therefore a “person” under CWA Section 502(5), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5).

3.17. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent owned and operated the Darigold, Inc. Facility located at 4085 Rainier Ave S, in Seattle, Washington (“Seattle Facility” or “Facility”).

3.18. At all times relevant to this action, the Facility processes fluid milk, an industrial activity categorized under SIC code 2026 (Fluid Milk).

3.19. At all times relevant to this action, the Facility was authorized to discharge stormwater associated with the industrial activity described above subject to the terms and conditions of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP under Permit Number WAR000500.

3.20. The Facility's stormwater discharges contain "pollutants" within the meaning of Section 502(6) and (12) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(6) and (12).

3.21. The Facility discharged stormwater through one identified stormwater outfall into the City of Seattle's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("City of Seattle MS4").

3.22. The Facility's stormwater outfall is a "point source" as defined by CWA Section 502(14), 33 U.S.C. § 1362(14).

3.23. The City of Seattle MS4 discharges into Lake Washington. Lake Washington is a "navigable water" under Section 502(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7).

3.24. Respondent discharged pollutants from a point source into waters of the United States within the meaning of Section 502(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7).

#### **Alleged Violations**

3.25. The United States, on behalf of Complainant, entered into a tolling agreement with Respondent to facilitate settlement negotiations without altering the claims and defenses available to any party. Pursuant to the tolling agreement, the period commencing on September 28, 2023, and ending on October 15, 2024, shall not be included in computing the running of any statute of limitations potentially applicable.

3.26. As described below, based on the EPA inspectors' observations and a review of Respondent's records, EPA alleges that between September 28, 2018, and January 18, 2022, Respondent violated certain terms and conditions of the 2015 ISGP, the 2020 ISGP, and Section 301 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311.

Inadequate SWPPP Development and Implementation

3.27. Condition S3.A.1 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that all permittees must develop and implement a Stormwater Prevention Pollution Plan (SWPPP).

3.28. Condition S3.B of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the SWPPP must contain a site map, a detailed assessment of the facility, a detailed description of the Best Management Practices (BMPs), a spill prevention and emergency cleanup plan, and a sampling plan.

3.29. Condition S3.B.1 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP identifies elements the SWPPP site map must contain.

3.30. EPA alleges that Respondent violated Condition S3.B.1 of the 2015 ISGP by including an illegible site map that failed to include all required elements in its SWPPP dated October 2018, which was still in effect at the time of a January 18, 2022 inspection conducted by EPA.

3.31. Condition S3.B.4.a of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must describe in its SWPPP each BMP selected to eliminate or reduce the potential to contaminate stormwater and prevent violations of water quality standards. Condition S3.B.4.a of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP further provides that the SWPPP must explain in detail how and where the selected BMPs will be implemented.

3.32. Condition S3.B.4.b.i.7) of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the SWPPP must include measures to identify and eliminate the discharge of process wastewater, domestic wastewater, noncontact cooling water, and other illicit discharges, to stormwater sewers and surface waters.

3.33. Condition S3.B.4.b.i.7) of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee can find BMPs to identify and eliminate illicit discharges in Volume IV of Ecology's SWMM for Western Washington.

3.34. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S3.B.4.a and S3.B.4.b.i.7) of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP by failing to include in its SWPPP any measures to identify illicit discharges and no specific measures to eliminate them once identified noting only that it would take appropriate action.

3.35. Condition S3.B.4.b.i.7) of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP further provides that water from washing vehicles or equipment, buildings, pavement, steam cleaning and/or pressure washing is considered process wastewater and that the permittee must not allow this process wastewater to comeingle with stormwater or enter storm-drains; and must collect in a tank for off-site disposal, or discharge it to a sanitary sewer, with written approval from the local sewage authority.

3.36. EPA alleges Respondent violated Condition S3.B.4.b.i.7) of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP by failing to implement operational source controls necessary to prevent this process wastewater from comingling with stormwater or entering storm-drains despite routine observation of soap suds in the influent from the lift station pump from at least October 2018 through January 2019.

3.37. Condition S3.B.5.g of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the SWPPP sampling plan must identify parameters for analysis, holding times and preservatives, laboratory quantitation levels, and analytical methods.

3.38. Condition S4.A of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee shall conduct sampling of stormwater in accordance with the permit and the facility's SWPPP.

3.39. Condition S5.A of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must sample their stormwater discharges as specified in Condition S4 and as specified in Table 2 of the permit.

3.40. Table 2 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP requires that facilities to sample for Turbidity, pH, Copper, Total, and Zinc, Total, using specified analytical methods at minimum sampling frequencies.

3.41. Condition S5.B of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP identifies additional sampling requirements for specific industrial groups. Specifically, Condition S5.B.1 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that all permittees identified by an industrial activity in Table 3 shall sample stormwater discharges as specified in Condition S4 and in Table 3 of the permit.

3.42. Table 3 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP requires industries identified as Food and Kindred Products (SIC 20xx in the 2015 ISGP and NAICS codes 311xxx-312xxx in the 2020 ISGP) to sample for BOD<sub>5</sub>, Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen, as N, and Phosphorus, Total, using specified analytical methods at minimum sampling frequencies.

3.43. The Seattle Facility is subject to the additional sampling requirements in Condition S5.B, at Table 3, for Food and Kindred Products.

3.44. Condition S4.C of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must ensure that analytical methods used to meet the sampling requirements in the permit conform to the latest revision of the Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants contained in 40 CFR Part 136, unless specified otherwise in the permit.

3.45. Table 3, footnote a, of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provide that the permittee may use an alternate method from 40 CFR Part 136 if the alternate method is sufficient to produce measurable results in the sample, and that if the permittee uses an alternate method, it must report the test method and quantitation level (QL) on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).

3.46. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S3.B.5 and S4.C of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP by failing to specify in its SWPPP sampling plan the proper preservation temperatures identified at 40 C.F.R. §136.3(e), at Table II.



3.47. Condition S4.B.3 of the 2015 ISGP and Condition S4.B.4 of the 2020 ISGP requires sample documentation for each stormwater sample taken and Condition S9 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP requires the sampling data be reported on the DMR quarterly.

3.48. Tables 2 and 3 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP require a minimum sampling frequency of once per quarter for Turbidity, pH, Copper, Total, and Zinc, Total, BOD<sub>5</sub>, Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen, as N, and Phosphorus, Total.

3.49. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S4.A, S4.B, S4.C, S5.B, and/or S9 of the 2015 ISGP by failing to sample or adequately document sampling for pH during the quarter documented on the DMR submitted on May 8, 2019.

3.50. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S4.A, S4.B, S4.C, S5.B, and/or S9 of the 2020 ISGP by failing to sample or adequately document sampling for multiple parameters, multiple samples, including Turbidity, Copper, Zinc, BOD<sub>5</sub> and Total Phosphorus during the quarter documented on the DMR submitted on January 19, 2021.

3.51. 40 C.F.R. § 136.3(e), at Table II, specifies a maximum holding time for Turbidity samples of 48 hours.

3.52. EPA alleges that Respondent violated Conditions S4.A, S4.C, and S5.B of the 2015 ISGP by exceeding the maximum holding time for Turbidity samples on at least October 5, 2018.

3.53. 40 C.F.R. § 136.3(e), at Table II, specifies a sample preservation requirement of Cool, ≤6 °C for Turbidity, BOD<sub>5</sub>, Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen, as N, and Phosphorus, Total.

3.54. EPA alleges that Respondent violated Conditions S4.A, S4.C, and S5.B of the 2015 ISGP by failing to meet the ≤6 °C preservation requirement for Turbidity, BOD<sub>5</sub>, Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen, as N, and Phosphorus, Total, on at least May 16, 2019.

3.55. Respondent analyzed Phosphorus, Total, using analytical method SM 4500, which is not an approved analytical method for Phosphorus, Total, under 40 CFR Part 136, on at least

the following occasions: October 5, 2018, January 23, 2019, May 16, 2019, July 10, 2019, and October 8, 2019.

3.56. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S4.A, S4.C, and S5.B of the 2015 ISGP by analyzing Phosphorus, Total, using an unapproved analytical method during each of the above referenced sampling events, failing to report the use of an alternative analytical method and the QL on the DMRs associated with the sampling events.

3.57. Respondent analyzed Nitrite + Nitrate Nitrogen, as N, using an alternative method from 40 CFR Part 136, on at least the following occasions: October 5, 2018, January 23, 2019, May 16, 2019, July 10, 2019, October 8, 2019, and June 27, 2020.

3.58. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S4.A, S4.C, and S5.B of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP by analyzing Nitrite + Nitrate Nitrogen, as N, using an unapproved analytical method during each of the above referenced sampling events, failing to report the use of an alternative analytical method and the QL on the DMRs associated with the sampling events, and for the sampling events that took place under the 2020 ISGP, failing to upload the QA/QC documentation from the lab on the QL development.

Failure to Conduct and/or Adequately Document Inspections

3.59. Condition S7.A.1 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must conduct and document visual inspections of the site each month.

3.60. Condition S7.C.1 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must record the results of each inspection in an inspection report or checklist and keep the records on-site as part of the SWPPP.

3.61. Condition S7.C.1.a of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP further provides that each inspection report must include the time and date of the inspection.

3.62. EPA alleges that Respondent violated Conditions S7.A.1 and/or S7.C.1 of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP by failing to conduct and/or document visual inspections in

September 2018, from May 2019 through December 2019, and from February 2020 through June 2020.

3.63. EPA alleges Respondent violated Condition S7.C.1.a of the 2015 ISGP and the 2020 ISGP by failing to include the time of the inspection on the inspection reports for February 2019 through April 2019, and January 2020.

#### Failure to Retain Records On-site

3.64. Condition S9.D.1.j. of the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must retain copies of all reports required by the permit onsite for a minimum of five years.

3.65. Condition S9.D.3 of the 2020 ISGP provides that the permittee must make all documents and records required by the permit immediately available upon request.

3.66. EPA alleges Respondent violated Conditions S.9.D.1.j and S9.D.3 of the 2020 ISGP by failing to produce all documents requested by the EPA inspector during the January 18, 2022, inspection, including a copy of the DMR from the third quarter of 2021.

#### **IV. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT**

4.1. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations contained in this Consent Agreement.

4.2. Respondent neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained in this Consent Agreement.

4.3. As required by CWA Section 309(g)(3), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(3), EPA has taken into account “the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation, or violations, and, with respect to the violator, ability to pay, any prior history of such violations, the degree of culpability, economic benefit or savings (if any) resulting from the violation, and such other matters as justice may require.” After considering all of these factors as they apply to this case, EPA has determined that an appropriate penalty to settle this action is \$99,000 (“Assessed Penalty”).

4.4. Respondent consents to the assessment of the civil penalty set forth in Paragraph 4.3 and agrees to pay the total civil penalty within 30 days after the date the Final Order ratifying this Agreement is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk (“Filing Date”).

4.5. Respondent shall pay the Assessed Penalty and any interest, fees, and other charges due using any method, or combination of appropriate methods, as provided on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/financial/makepayment>. For additional instructions see: <https://www.epa.gov/financial/additional-instructions-making-payments-epa>.

Respondent must note on the check the title and docket number of this action.

4.6. When making a payment, Respondent shall:

4.6.1. Identify every payment with Respondent’s name and the docket number of this Agreement, CWA-10-2024-0170,

4.6.2. Concurrently with any payment or within 24 hours of any payment, Respondent shall serve proof of such payment to the following person(s):

Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
R10\_RHC@epa.gov

Stacey Kim, Compliance Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
Kim.Stacey@epa.gov

and

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Cincinnati Finance Center  
Via electronic mail to:  
CINWD\_AcctsReceivable@epa.gov

“Proof of payment” means, as applicable, a copy of the check, confirmation of credit card or debit card payment, or confirmation of wire or automated clearinghouse transfer, and any other

information required to demonstrate that payment has been made according to EPA requirements, in the amount due, and identified with the appropriate docket number and Respondent's name.

4.7. Interest, Charges, and Penalties on Late Payments. Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9), 31 U.S.C. § 3717, 31 C.F.R. § 901.9, and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11, if Respondent fails to timely pay any portion of the Assessed Penalty, interest, or other charges and penalties per this Agreement, the entire unpaid balance of the Assessed Penalty and all accrued interest shall become immediately due and owing, and EPA is authorized to recover the following amounts.

4.7.1. Interest. Interest begins to accrue from the Filing Date. If the Assessed Penalty is paid in full within thirty (30) days, interest accrued is waived. If the Assessed Penalty is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, interest will continue to accrue until the unpaid portion of the Assessed Penalty as well as any interest, penalties, and other charges are paid in full. Interest will be assessed at prevailing rates, per 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9). The rate of interest is the IRS large corporate underpayment rate.

4.7.2. Handling Charges. The United States' enforcement expenses including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs of collection proceedings.

4.7.3. Late Payment Penalty. A twenty percent (20%) quarterly non-payment penalty.

4.8. Late Penalty Actions. In addition to the amounts described in the prior Paragraph, if Respondent fails to timely pay any portion of the Assessed Penalty, interest, or other charges and penalties per this Consent Agreement, EPA may take additional actions. Such actions EPA may take include, but are not limited to, the following.

4.8.1. Refer the debt to a credit reporting agency or a collection agency, per 40 C.F.R. §§ 13.13 and 13.14.

4.8.2. Collect the debt by administrative offset (i.e., the withholding of money payable by the United States government to, or held by the United States government for, a person to satisfy the debt the person owes the United States government), which includes, but is not limited to, referral to the Internal Revenue Service for offset against income tax refunds, per 40 C.F.R. Part 13, Subparts C and H.

4.8.3. Suspend or revoke Respondent's licenses or other privileges, or suspend or disqualify Respondent from doing business with EPA or engaging in programs EPA sponsors or funds, per 40 C.F.R. § 13.17.

4.8.4. Request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the appropriate district court to recover the full remaining balance of the Assessed Penalty, in addition to interest and the amounts described above, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(9). In any such action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the Assessed Penalty shall not be subject to review.

4.9. Allocation of Payments. Pursuant to 31 C.F.R. § 901.9(f) and 40 C.F.R. § 13.11(d), a partial payment of debt will be applied first to outstanding handling charges, second to late penalty charges, third to accrued interest, and last to the principal that is the outstanding Assessed Penalty amount.

4.10. Tax Treatment of Penalties. Penalties, interest, and other charges paid pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deductible for purposes of federal taxes.

4.11. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6050X and 26 C.F.R. § 1.6050X-1, EPA is required to send to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") annually, a completed IRS Form 1098-F ("Fines, Penalties, and Other Amounts") with respect to any court order or settlement agreement (including administrative settlements), that require a payor to pay an aggregate amount that EPA reasonably believes will be equal to, or in excess of, \$50,000 for the payor's violation of any law or the investigation or inquiry into the payor's potential violation of any law, including amounts

paid for “restitution or remediation of property” or to come “into compliance with the law.” EPA is further required to furnish a written statement, which provides the same information provided to the IRS, to each payor (i.e., a copy of IRS Form 1098-F). Failure to comply with providing IRS Form W-9 or Tax Identification Number (“TIN”), as described below, may subject Respondent to a penalty, per 26 U.S.C. § 6723, 26 U.S.C. § 6724(d)(3), and 26 C.F.R. § 301.6723-1. In order to provide EPA with sufficient information to enable it to fulfill these obligations, EPA herein requires, and Respondent herein agrees, that:

4.11.1. Respondent shall complete an IRS Form W-9 (“Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification”), which is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

4.11.2. Respondent shall therein certify that its completed IRS Form W-9 includes Respondent’s correct TIN or that Respondent has applied and is waiting for issuance of a TIN;

4.11.3. Respondent shall email its completed Form W-9 to EPA’s Cincinnati Finance Center at [henderson.jessica@epa.gov](mailto:henderson.jessica@epa.gov) within 30 days after the Final Order ratifying this Agreement is filed, and EPA recommends encrypting IRS Form W-9 email correspondence; and

4.11.4. In the event that Respondent has certified in its completed IRS Form W-9 that it does not yet have a TIN but has applied for a TIN, Respondent shall provide EPA’s Cincinnati Finance Center with Respondent’s TIN, via email, within five (5) days of Respondent’s receipt of a TIN issued by the IRS.

4.12. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind Respondent to this document.

4.13. Except as described in Subparagraph 4.7.2, above, each party shall bear its own fees and costs in bringing or defending this action.

4.14. For the purposes of this proceeding, Respondent expressly waives any affirmative defenses and the right to contest the allegations contained in the Consent Agreement and to appeal the Final Order.

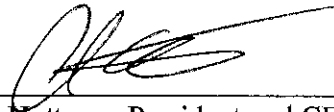
4.15. The provisions of this Consent Agreement and the Final Order shall bind Respondent and its agents, servants, employees, successors, and assigns.

4.16. The above provisions are STIPULATED AND AGREED upon by Respondent and EPA Region 10.

DATED:

07-17-2024

FOR RESPONDENT:



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Allan Huttema, President and CEO  
Darigold, Inc.

FOR COMPLAINANT:

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Edward J. Kowalski  
Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division  
EPA Region 10



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1. The Administrator has delegated the authority to issue this Final Order to the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, who has in turn delegated this authority to the Regional Judicial Officer in EPA Region 10.

2. The terms of the foregoing Consent Agreement are ratified and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. Respondent is ordered to comply with the terms of settlement.

3. The Consent Agreement and this Final Order constitute a settlement by EPA of all claims for civil penalties pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the violations alleged in Part III of the Consent Agreement. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(a), nothing in this Final Order shall affect the right of EPA or the United States to pursue appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violations of law. This Final Order does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise affect Respondent’s obligations to comply with all applicable provisions of the CWA and regulations promulgated or permits issued thereunder.

4. This Final Order shall become effective upon filing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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RICHARD MEDNICK  
Regional Judicial Officer  
EPA Region 10

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER, In the Matter of: Darigold, Inc. – Seattle Facility, Docket No.: CWA-10-2024-0170**, was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk; and that a true and correct copy was served on the date specified below to the following addresses via electronic mail:

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