



Issue Date: 19 July 2006

CASE NO. 2006-SDW-00001

In the Matter of:

Jeff Craig,

Complainant,

vs.

City of Torrington, WY,

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This matter arises under the employee protection provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C.A. § 300j-9(i) (West 2003) and the Secretary of Labor's implementing regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 24 (2005). The Complainant, Mr. Craig, and the Respondent, the City of Torrington, WY, are represented by counsel. They sought the assistance of a settlement judge under the program described at 29 C.F.R. § 18.9(e) (2005). The Settlement Agreement they negotiated, reduced to writing and filed here is before me for approval under 42 U.S.C.A. § 300j-9(i)(2)(B)(i); 29 C.F.R. § 18.9(e)(11) and 29 C.F.R. § 24. The Assistant Secretary for OSHA has neither participated as a party, attended the settlement negotiations, nor signed the settlement papers.

I find the settlement terms fair, reasonable and in the public interest. The terms of the settlement supercede the Findings and Order to Abate the Regional Administrator for OSHA entered on December 7, 2005, that was the subject of objections filed by the Respondent.

The Settlement Agreement between Complainant and Respondent is **APPROVED** and the parties shall carry out its terms. The matter is **DISMISSED**.

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William Dorsey
Administrative Law Judge