



**Issue Date: 15 August 2013**

**Case Nos.: 2009-CER-00002  
2009-CER-00001  
2011-SWD-00001**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**KELLY COURTRIGHT  
and THOMAS SWEENEY,  
Complainants**

**v.**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,  
Respondent**

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND  
COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

This proceeding arises under the employee protection provisions of the Clean Air Act<sup>1</sup>, the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act<sup>2</sup>, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act<sup>3</sup>, the Safe Drinking Water Act<sup>4</sup>, the Solid Waste Disposal Act<sup>5</sup>, the, and the applicable regulations.<sup>6</sup>

On 5 Aug 13, the parties submitted a Stipulation and Compromise for Settlement. The parties request that the settlement agreement be treated as confidential financial information pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 70.26.

I have read the Stipulation and Compromise for Settlement signed by the parties and find that the settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable. I approve the settlement agreement as set forth and find that dismissal, with prejudice, is appropriate. After review, it is determined that the Agreement is fair and reasonable on its face and effectuates the purposes and policies of the Act.

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<sup>1</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 7622

<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 9610

<sup>3</sup> 33 U.S.C. § 1367

<sup>4</sup> 42. U.S.C. § 300j-9

<sup>5</sup> 42.U.S.C. § 6971

<sup>6</sup> 29 C.F.R. Part 24

**ACCORDINGLY**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The “Stipulation and Compromise for Settlement” is **APPROVED**.
2. The complaint is **DISMISSED** with prejudice; and the “Stipulation and Compromise for Settlement” shall be treated as confidential financial information pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 70.26 and handled as set forth in the regulations.

**ORDERED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013 at Covington, Louisiana.

**PATRICK M. ROSENOW**  
**Administrative Law Judge**