

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

IN THE MATTER OF
MR. LEE EDWARD TAYLOR
Rt. 1 Box 314J
Hope Hull, AL 36043

ORDER NO. 95-019-SW

FINDINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-16, as amended, and the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 22-27-1 to 22-27-7, as amended, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (hereinafter "the Department") makes the following FINDINGS:

1. Section 22-27-2(6), Code of Alabama 1975 defines an "unauthorized dump" as, among other things, "any solid waste disposal site which does not meet the regulatory provisions of this article."

2. On December 17, 1993 personnel from the Department observed that sheet rock, shingles, insulation, burned trees, and other miscellaneous solid waste had been disposed of on a site located near Milly's Creek and bordering U.S. Highway 80 in Montgomery County, Alabama and operated by Lee Edward Taylor (hereinafter "the Operator"). A Warning Letter citing the violations at the site was issued to the operator on December 28, 1993. To date no response to the Warning Letter has been received.

3. On March 21, 1994 a Notice Violation was sent to the operator. As a result of this Notice, the operator agreed to close the unauthorized dump by removing waste 50 feet from the

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creek, covering the waste with 2 feet of dirt, and then contour and vegetate the area. An inspection on May 30, 1994 revealed that no abatement has been accomplished on this site.

4. Section 22-27-5(c), Code of Alabama 1975 requires all solid waste disposal sites to have a permit from the Department. To date, the Operator still has not applied for nor obtained a permit for the disposal site or properly closed said site in accordance with applicable regulations.

5. Section 22-27-4(b), Code of Alabama 1975 declares unauthorized dumps to be a public nuisance per se, a menace to public health, and a violation of the article.

6. The Operator owns and operates, or has operated, an unpermitted solid waste disposal site located near Milly's Creek and bordering U.S. Highway 80 in Montgomery County, Alabama in violation of ADEM Admin. Code R. 335-13-5-.01.

7. The assessment of civil penalties for violations of the Department's Rules and Regulations, and for violations of any order, permit conditions, license, certification, or variance issued by the Department is authorized by §22-22A-5(18), Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. The statute also authorizes that the penalty amount may range from \$100.00 to \$25,000.00 for each violation, so long as the penalty amount does not exceed \$250,000.00 in any given order. Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation. In addition to the foregoing "Findings of Fact", the Department has considered the factors

detailed in the aforementioned statute in determining the appropriate penalty amount in this particular instance. Those factors are listed as follows:

- (a) The seriousness of the violation, including any irreparable harm to the environment and any threat to the health or safety of the public;
- (b) The standard of care manifested by Lee Edward Taylor;
- (c) The economic benefit which delayed compliance may confer upon Lee Edward Taylor;
- (d) The nature, extent and degree of success of Lee Edward Taylor's efforts to minimize or mitigate the effects of such violation upon the environment;
- (e) Lee Edward Taylor's history of previous violations;
- (f) Lee Edward Taylor's ability to pay the assessed penalty.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing FINDINGS and pursuant to §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-16, 22-22A-5(10), 22-22A-5(18), and 22-27-1 to 22-27-7, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, it is hereby ORDERED:

A. That within 30 days from the receipt of notice of this Order, the Operator will pay to the Department a civil penalty in the amount of \$300.00.

B. That the Operator will upon receipt of notice of this Order immediately and continuing thereafter cease and desist from the unpermitted disposal of solid wastes.

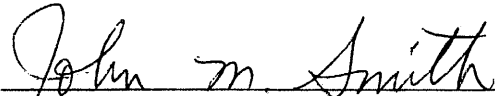
C. That within 30 days from the receipt of notice of this Order, and pursuant to the requirements of ADEM Admin. Code R. 335-13-1-.13, the Operator will submit for the Department's review a plan for closure of the above unpermitted solid waste disposal site.

D. That within 30 days from the completion of the Department's review and acceptance of the plan referenced in paragraph C., above, the Operator will complete implementation of the accepted plan for closure of the above-referenced site.

E. That the issuance of this Order does not preclude the Department from seeking criminal fines or other appropriate sanctions or relief against the Operator for the violations cited herein.

F. That failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall constitute cause for commencement of legal action by the Department against the Operator for recovery of additional civil penalties, criminal fines, or other appropriate sanctions or relief.

ORDERED and ISSUED this 1st day of December, 1994.

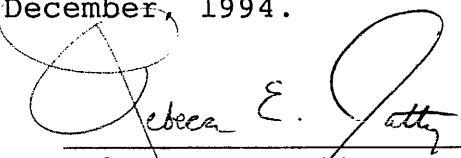

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rebecca E. Patty, hereby certify that I have served Proposed Administrative Order No. 95-019-SW upon Lee Edward Taylor by sending the same postage paid, through the U.S. Mail, as Certified Mail No. Z 073 536 134, with instructions to forward and return receipt requested to:

Mr. Lee Edward Taylor
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DONE this 1st day of December, 1994.



Rebecca E. Patty