AGENDA ITEM: 15-06

### REQUEST FOR REMISSION OF CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT

DWR Case Number: <u>LV-2014-0147</u> Region: <u>Raleigh</u> County: <u>Chatham</u>

Assessed Entity: Piedmont Health Services, Inc., dba Moncure Community Health Center

#### CASE BACKGROUND AND ASSESSMENT

December 5, 2014 Raleigh Regional Office (RRO) submitted to the Permittee a *Notice of* 

Violation -Assessment of Civil Penalties for effluent limit violations of NPDES permit NC0030384 occurring during **April 2014**. Civil penalties

for the above case number totaled **\$522.48** (\$450.00 plus \$72.48 investigative costs) for:

- one (1) violation of the Permit Daily Maximum for BOD,
- one (1) violation of the Permit Daily Maximum for FECAL COLIFORM, and
- one (1) violation of the Permit Monthly Average for FLOW

December 11, 2014 The green card received by NPDES indicated delivery of the assessment

document.

### REMISSION REQUEST

December 30, 2014 NPDES received a *Request for Remission* signed by Randall Jarrell,

Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) dated December 30, 2014. This included a *Justification for Remission Request*' and a *Waiver of Right to an Administrative Hearing and Stipulation of Facts*. [see permittee's comments dated December 30, 2014 (4 pages)]

January 21, 2015 DWR acknowledged the remission request.

May 12, 2015 Jeff Poupart (Section Chief, Water Quality Permitting) considered the

Permittee's request/supporting documents, and granted 20%

remission (excluding costs) as: \$450 - \$90 = \$360 + \$72.48 in costs

= \$432.48 total due

May 26, 2015 Green card returned to NPDES indicated delivery of the remission

decision document.

#### ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

The Permittee received Notices of Violations (NOVs) for effluent limit violations occurring in 2011 and 2012 (8 of 12 months). The permittee was assessed a civil penalty in 2013 for effluent limit violations.

### REQUEST FOR ORAL PRESENTATION

The Permittee has made no request for an oral presentation before the *Environmental Management Commission's Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions*.

### **DWR RECOMMENDATION**

The Division of Water Resources opposes any further remission or mitigation of the penalty.



### North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Pat McCrory Governor

John E. Skvarla, III Secretary

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December 05, 2014

Patrick Florence Piedmont Health Services Inc 299 Lloyd St Carrboro, NC 27510 RECEIVED/DENR/DWR
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Water Quality Permitting Section

SUBJECT:

Notice of Violation and Assessment of Civil Penalty

for Violations of North Carolina General Statute (G.S.) 143-215.1(a)(6)

and NPDES Permit No. NC0030384

Piedmont Health Services Inc Moncure Community Health Center

Case No. LV-2014-0147

Chatham County

#### Dear Permittee:

This letter transmits a Notice of Violation and assessment of civil penalty in the amount of \$522.48 (\$450.00 civil penalty + \$72.48 enforcement costs) against Piedmont Health Services Inc.

This assessment is based upon the following facts: a review has been conducted of the discharge monitoring report (DMR) submitted by Piedmont Health Services Inc for the month of April 2014. This review has shown the subject facility to be in violation of the discharge limitations and/or monitoring requirements found in NPDES Permit No. NC0030384. The violations, which occurred in April 2014, are summarized in Attachment A to this letter.

Based upon the above facts, I conclude as a matter of law that Piedmont Health Services Inc violated the terms, conditions or requirements of NPDES Permit No. NC0030384 and G.S. 143-215.1(a)(6) in the manner and extent shown in Attachment A. In accordance with the maximums established by G.S. 143-215.6A(a)(2), a civil penalty may be assessed against any person who violates the terms, conditions or requirements of a permit required by G.S. 143-215.1(a).

Based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and in accordance with authority provided by the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Director of the Division of Water Resources, I, DannySmith, Regional Supervisor, Raleigh Regional Office hereby make the following civil penalty assessment against Piedmont Health Services Inc:

1628 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1628
Phone: 919-791-4200 \ Internet: www.ncdenr.gov < http://www.ncdenr.gov >
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<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>1</u> of the <u>1</u> violations of 143-215.1(a)(6) and NPDES Permit No.NC0030384, by discharging waste water into the waters of the State in violation of the Permit Daily Maximum for <u>BOD</u> - <u>Conc</u> .
<u>\$100.00</u>	1 of the 1 violations of 143-215.1(a)(6) and NPDES Permit No.NC0030384, by discharging waste water into the waters of the State in violation of the Permit Daily Maximum for <b>FEC COLI</b> .
<u>\$250.00</u>	$\underline{1}$ of the $\underline{1}$ violations of 143-215.1(a)(6) and NPDES Permit No.NC0030384, by discharging waste water into the waters of the State in violation of the Permit Monthly Average for $\underline{FLOW}$ .
<u>\$450.00</u>	TOTAL CIVIL PENALTY
<u>\$72.48</u>	Enforcement Costs

\$522.48 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Pursuant to G.S. 143-215.6A(c), in determining the amount of the penalty I have taken into account the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the factors set forth at G.S. 143B-282.1(b), which are:

- (1) The degree and extent of harm to the natural resources of the State, to the public health, or to private property resulting from the violation;
- (2) The duration and gravity of the violation;
- (3) The effect on ground or surface water quantity or quality or on air quality;
- (4) The cost of rectifying the damage;
- (5) The amount of money saved by noncompliance;
- (6) Whether the violation was committed willfully or intentionally;
- (7) The prior record of the violator in complying or failing to comply with programs over which the Environmental Management Commission has regulatory authority; and
- (8) The cost to the State of the enforcement procedures.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, you must do one of the following:

- (1) Submit payment of the penalty, OR
- (2) Submit a written request for remission, OR
- (3) Submit a written request for an administrative hearing

#### Option 1: Submit payment of the penalty:

Payment should be made directly to the order of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (do not include waiver form). Payment of the penalty will not foreclose further enforcement action for any continuing or new violation(s). Please submit payment to the attention of:

NPDES Compliance/Enforcement Unit Division of Water Resources 1617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

# Option 2: Submit a written request for remission or mitigation including a detailed justification for such request:

Please be aware that a request for remission is limited to consideration of the five factors listed below as they may relate to the reasonableness of the amount of the civil penalty assessed. Requesting remission is not the proper procedure for contesting whether the violation(s) occurred or the accuracy of any of the factual statements contained in the civil penalty assessment document. Because a remission request forecloses the option of an administrative hearing, such a request must be accompanied by a waiver of your right to an administrative hearing and a stipulation and agreement that no factual or legal issues are in dispute. Please prepare a detailed statement that establishes why you believe the civil penalty should be remitted, and submit it to the Division of Water Resources at the address listed below. In determining whether a remission request will be approved, the following factors shall be considered:

- (1) whether one or more of the civil penalty assessment factors in NCGS 143B-282.1(b) was wrongfully applied to the detriment of the petitioner;
- (2) whether the violator promptly abated continuing environmental damage resulting from the violation;
- (3) whether the violation was inadvertent or a result of an accident;
- (4) whether the violator had been assessed civil penalties for any previous violations; or
- (5) whether payment of the civil penalty will prevent payment for the remaining necessary remedial actions.

Please note that all evidence presented in support of your request for remission must be submitted in writing. The Director of the Division of the Division of Water Resources will review your evidence and inform you of his decision in the matter of your remission request. The response will provide details regarding the case status, directions for payment, and provision for further appeal of the penalty to the Environmental Management Commission's Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions (Committee). Please be advised that the Committee cannot consider information that was not part of the original remission request considered by the Director. Therefore, it is very important that you prepare a complete and thorough statement in support of your request for remission.

In order to request remission, you must complete and submit the enclosed "Request for Remission of Civil Penalties, Waiver of Right to an Administrative Hearing, and Stipulation of Facts" form within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice. The Division of Water Resources also requests that you complete and submit the enclosed "Justification for Remission Request."

Both forms should be submitted to the following address:

NPDES Compliance/Enforcement Unit Division of Water Resources 1617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

### Option 3: File a petition for an administrative hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings:

If you wish to contest any statement in the attached assessment document you must file a petition for an administrative hearing. You may obtain the petition form from the Office of Administrative Hearings. You must file the petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice. A petition is considered filed when it is received in the Office of Administrative Hearings during normal office hours. The Office of Administrative Hearings accepts filings Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except for official state holidays. The petition may be filed by facsimile (fax) or electronic mail by an attached file (with restrictions) - provided the signed original, one (1) copy and a filing fee (if a filing fee is required by NCGS \$150B-23.2) is received in the Office of Administrative Hearings within seven (7) business days following the faxed or electronic transmission. You should contact the Office of Administrative Hearings with all questions regarding the filing fee and/or the details of the filing process.

The mailing address and telephone and fax numbers for the Office of Administrative Hearings are as follows:

Office of Administrative Hearings 6714 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-6714 Tel: (919) 733-2698

Fax: (919) 733-3478

One (1) copy of the petition must also be served on DENR as follows:

Mr. John Evans, General Counsel
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
1601 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1601

Please indicate the case number (as found on page one of this letter) on the petition.

Failure to exercise one of the options above within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, as evidenced by an internal date/time received stamp (not a postmark), will result in this matter being referred to the Attorney General's Office for collection of the penalty through a civil action. Please be advised that additional penalties may be assessed for violations that occur after the review period of this assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheng Zhang with the Division of Water Resources staff of the Raleigh Regional Office at (919) 791-4200 or via email at cheng.zhang@ncdenr.gov.

for Thomas A. Reeder, Director

Division of Water Resources, NCDENR

By DannySmith, Regional Supervisor Water Quality Regional Operations Section Raleigh Regional Office

Division of Water Resources, NCDENR

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Cc: WQS Raleigh Regional Office - Enforcement File

NPDES Compliance/Enforcement Unit - Enforcement File

Central Files, Water Quality Section

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### JUSTIFICATION FOR REMISSION REQUEST

Case Number: LV-2014-0147 County: Chatham

Assessed Party: Piedmont Health Services Inc

Permit No.: NC0030384 Amount Assessed: \$522.48

Please use this form when requesting remission of this civil penalty. You must also complete the "Request For Remission, Waiver of Right to an Administrative Hearing, and Stipulation of Facts" form to request remission of this civil penalty. You should attach any documents that you believe support your request and are necessary for the Director to consider in evaluating your request for remission. Please be aware that a request for remission is limited to consideration of the five factors listed below as they may relate to the reasonableness of the amount of the civil penalty assessed. Requesting remission is not the proper procedure for contesting whether the violation(s) occurred or the accuracy of any of the factual statements contained in the civil penalty assessment document. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143B-282.1(c), remission of a civil penalty may be granted only when one or more of the following five factors apply. Please check each factor that you believe applies to your case and provide a detailed explanation, including copies of supporting documents, as to why the factor applies (attach additional pages as needed).

	(a) one or more of the civil penalty assessment factors in N.C.G.S. 143B-282.1(b) were wrongfully applied to the detriment of the petitioner (the assessment factors are listed in the civil penalty assessment document);
	(b) the violator promptly abated continuing environmental damage resulting from the violation (i.e., explain the steps that you took to correct the violation and prevent future occurrences);
<del>-</del>	(c) the violation was inadvertent or a result of an accident (i.e., explain why the violation was unavoidable or something you could not prevent or prepare for);
	(d) the violator had not been assessed civil penalties for any previous violations;
	(e) payment of the civil penalty will prevent payment for the remaining necessary remedial actions (i.e., explain

how payment of the civil penalty will prevent you from performing the activities necessary to achieve

#### **EXPLANATION:**

compliance).

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSMENT WAIVER OF RIGHT TO AN OF CIVIL PENALTIES AGAINST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AND STIPULATION OF FACTS **Piedmont Health Services Inc Moncure Community Health Center** PERMIT NO. NC0030384 CASE NO. <u>LV-2014-0147</u> Having been assessed civil penalties totaling \$522.48 for violation(s) as set forth in the assessment document of the Division of Water Resources dated December 05, 2014, the undersigned, desiring to seek remission of the civil penalty, does hereby waive the right to an administrative hearing in the above-stated matter and does stipulate that the facts are as alleged in the assessment document. The undersigned further understands that all evidence presented in support of remission of this civil penalty must be submitted to the Director of the Division of Water Resources within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of assessment. No new evidence in support of a remission request will be allowed after (30) days from the receipt of the notice of assessment. This the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 **SIGNATURE ADDRESS**

**TELEPHONE** 

### ATTACHMENT A

### Piedmont Health Services Inc

CASE NUMBER:

LV-2014-0147

PERMIT: NC0030384

FACILITY: Moncure Community Health Center

COUNTY:

Chatham

REGION: Raleigh

### **Limit Violations**

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Parameter Code assistance may obtained by calling the Point Source Compliance/Enforcement Unit at (919) 733-5083 or by visiting the Water Quality Section's web site at <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/nc.nc.us/wqs">https://doi.org/10.2016/nc.us/wqs</a> and linking to the Unit's information pages.

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Use only units designated in the reporting facility's permit for reporting data.

00929 Total Sodium

00530 Total Suspended 00927 Total Magnesium 01045 Iron

00545 Settleable Matter 00940 Total Chloride

Residue

<sup>\*</sup> ORC must visit facility and document visitation of facility as required per 15A NCAC 8G .0204.

<sup>\*\*</sup> If signed by other than the permittee, delegation of signatory authority must be on file with the state per 15A NCAC 2B .0506 (b) (2) (D). Page 11 of 24

# Compliance History Jan2011- Mar2015

NC0030384 -

Compliance/Hennessy REQUEST FOR REMISSION

# WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

P.O. Box 578 Pittsboro, N.C. 27312

(919) 210-2500

Biowater@aol.com

December 30, 2014

Danny Smith
Surface Water Protection Supervisor
Raleigh Regional Office
3800 Barrett Drive
Raleigh, N.C. 27609

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Water Quality Permitting Section

Dear Mr. Smith,

As per our conversation on 11-5-14 this letter requests reconsideration to rescind the following civil penalties for Piedmont Health Services, NPDES Permit No. NC0030384.

Case No. LV-2014-0146	\$672.48
LV-2014-0147	\$522.48
LV-2014-0148	\$322.48
LV-2014-0149	<i>\$422.48</i>
	\$1,939.92

During the past two years there have been four general managers which created gaps where NOV's etc. was not forwarded for appropriate action. Since our meeting on 11-5-14, PHS has hired an area director as another layer of management to prevent such issues.

Attached are equipment quotes that have been approved by PHS to repair the treatment system components totaling \$3521.55. Replacement of the faulty toilets amounts to \$2375.00. The toilets have already been replaced and the attached quotes for \$3521.55 to repair the treatment system has been approved and ordered. Parts from AQWA has already arrived as of 12/18/14. When the new Plc Logic arrives the parts will be scheduled for installation. Total monies already spent comes to \$5896.55.

It should be noted that PHS is a non-profit organization. We request that the civil penalties be waived to allow the monies to be applied to the repairs on the system.

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It is important to Wastewater Management and Piedmont Health Services to keep a clean environmental record. We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Randall Jarrell, ORC

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R.L. Haire Electric & Controls LLC

### R.L. Haire Electric & Controls LLC

Quote 120114

### Moncure WWTP Controls Upgrade

I am pleased to provide the following quote. This quote is good for 30 days unless otherwise noted. Thank you for the opportunity to quote. All warranty based upon 1 year of commissioning.

The Plc logic will be based on user adjustable set-points for batching logic. Once PO is issued a Sequence of operations will be developed and once approved by both parties system would be built.

- 1. Provide New Plc with 6 DI and 4DO.
- 2. Provide New Hmi for Data Changing and Status.
- 3. Provide all new Plc Programming and Hmi Logic.
- 4. Provide all labor for changeover.
- 5. Provide Plc documentation and wiring schematic for above.

### Total Cost for above: \$1,550.00

I would also suggest moving plc controls to the building outside and the additional cost to run conduit to building would be the following:

### Total Cost for new conduit: \$870.00

Regards: Randy Haire R.L. Haire Electric & Controls LLC December 1st, 2014

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2604 Willis Court Wilson, NC 27896

Quote

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Date	Quote No.
02/12/2014	140212-2
	Exp. Date

Address
 Randall Jarrell

Service	Activity		71
PG-25-CM	Geoflow Pressure Gauge - Back Mount - Replacement	Quantity	Rate
PG-LEAD	• 18" gauge hose wiht 1/4" FPT, self clamping air chuck		52.00
AP4E-1.5F	• 1.5" screen filter, Plastic body, MIPT. Un to 45 gpm		27.00
APSCR 1.5/2F	• Replacement screen for 1.5" or 2" filter, 7" long x 3" diameter	· 1	339.00
FM-DDS-150	1.5" Digital Flow Meter with Local Display, 10-100GPM	;	189.55
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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSMENT ) WAIVER OF RIGHT TO AN OF CIVIL PENALTIES AGAINST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AND STIPULATION OF FACTS Piedmont Health Services Inc Moncure Community Health Center PERMIT NO. NC0030384 CASE NO. <u>LV-2014-0147</u> Having been assessed civil penalties totaling \$522.48 for violation(s) as set forth in the assessment document of the Division of Water Resources dated December 05, 2014, the undersigned, desiring to seek remission of the civil penalty, does hereby waive the right to an administrative hearing in the above-stated matter and does stipulate that the facts are as alleged in the assessment document. The undersigned further understands that all evidence presented in support of remission of this civil penalty must be submitted to the Director of the Division of Water Resources within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice of assessment. No new evidence in support of a remission request will be allowed after (30) days from the receipt of the notice of assessment. This the \_\_\_\_ 3 th \_\_\_ day of \_\_Necember \_\_\_\_, 20 14 ADDRESS 299 Lloyd Street Carsboro, NC 27510

TELEPHONE 919-428-8764 Patrick Florence 919-210-2500 Randall Jarrell

### JUSTIFICATION FOR REMISSION REQUEST

**Case Number: LV-2014-0147** 

Assessed Party: Piedmont Health Services Inc

Permit No.: NC0030384

County: Chatham

Amount Assessed: \$522.48

Please use this form when requesting remission of this civil penalty. You must also complete the "Request For Remission, Waiver of Right to an Administrative Hearing, and Stipulation of Facts" form to request remission of this civil penalty. You should attach any documents that you believe support your request and are necessary for the Director to consider in evaluating your request for remission. Please be aware that a request for remission is limited to consideration of the five factors listed below as they may relate to the reasonableness of the amount of the civil penalty assessed. Requesting remission is not the proper procedure for contesting whether the violation(s) occurred or the accuracy of any of the factual statements contained in the civil penalty assessment document. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143B-282.1(c), remission of a civil penalty may be granted only when one or more of the following five factors apply. Please check each factor that you believe applies to your case and provide a detailed explanation, including copies of supporting documents, as to why the factor applies (attach additional pages as needed).

- (a) one or more of the civil penalty assessment factors in N.C.G.S. 143B-282.1(b) were wrongfully applied to the detriment of the petitioner (the assessment factors are listed in the civil penalty assessment document);
- \_\_\_\_ (b) the violator promptly abated continuing environmental damage resulting from the violation (i.e., explain the steps that you took to correct the violation and prevent future occurrences);
- (c) the violation was inadvertent or a result of an accident (i.e., explain why the violation was unavoidable or something you could not prevent or prepare for);
- (d) the violator had not been assessed civil penalties for any previous violations;
- (e) payment of the civil penalty will prevent payment for the remaining necessary remedial actions (i.e., explain how payment of the civil penalty will prevent you from performing the activities necessary to achieve compliance).

#### **EXPLANATION:**



### North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Pat McCrory Governor

Donald R. van der Vaart Secretary

January 21, 2015

Randal Jarrell, Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)

Wastewater Management, L.L.C.

P.O. Box 578

Pittsboro, North Carolina 27609 23 3

Subject:

Acknowledging Your Request to Remit

Civil Penalties for Case Numbers: LV-2014-0146, LV-2014-0147, LV-2014-0148 and LV-2014-0149

For Piedmont Health Services, Inc. WWTP

Under NPDES Permit NC0030384

Chatham County

Dear Mr. Jarrell:

The Division of Water Resources (the Division) hereby acknowledges receipt of your written request to remit civil penalties levied in the subject cases in the amounts of \$672.48, \$522.48, and \$322.48 totaling \$1,939.92. While your time-sensitive requests were submitted to the wrong address (Raleigh Regional Office), the Central Office has officially accepted them as received during the required time period.

We also note your attached *Justification for Remission Request* and your *Waver of Rights to an Administrative Hearing and Stipulation of Facts*, one for each violation, signed by you on December 14, 2014. Please be reminded that any future request for remission must be submitted to the Central Office, 1617 Mail Service Center, attention NPDES Compliance and Enforcement - not the Raleigh Regional Office - within the statue-specified time frame of 30 days [§GS.143.215.6A].

The Division will consider your request, and the Director will notify you when he has reached a decision. This evaluation is in progress. If you have questions, please email me [joe.corporon@ncdenr.gov] or call my direct line (919-807-6394).

Joe R. Corporon, L.G.

Expedited/Permitting and Compliance Unit

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NPDES Enforcement File LV-2014-0146, -0147 & -0148, and -0149 [DWR cover letter only] Raleigh Regional Office, Attn. Danny Smith/ Cheng Zhang [DWR cover letter only]

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Central Files [DWR cover letter + 12-page attachment]

1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617 Location: 512 N. Salisbury St. Raleigh, North Carolina 27604 Phone: 919-807-6300\ Fax: 919-807-6492/Customer Service: 1-877-623-6748 Internet:: <a href="https://www.ncwater.org">www.ncwater.org</a>



# North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Water Resources

Pat McCrory Governor

Donald R. Van der Vaart Secretary

May 8, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL 7003 0500 0002 6819 3392 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Patrick Florence Piedmont Health Services, LLC Moncure Community Health Center 299 Loyd street Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

Subject:

Request to Remit Civil Penalties - Partial Remission

Case Numbers: LV-2014-0146, -0147, -0148, -0149

for Piedmont Health Services WWTP

NPDES Permit NC0030384 Chatham County

Dear Permittee:

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-215.6A(f), the Director of the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (the Division) considered the information you submitted in support of your request for remission, and has remitted \$330.00 of the \$1,939.72 civil-penalty assessment. The revised civil penalty therefore totals \$1,609.92 including \$289.92 in investigative costs. A copy of the decision is attached.

Therefore, your outstanding balance \$1,609.92 is due and payable. At this stage of the remission process, you may avail yourself of one of the following two options:

### 1) You may pay this balance.

If you decide to pay the penalty, please make your check payable to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Send the payment, within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving this letter, to the attention of:

Attn: Wren Thedford NC DENR/DWR/Point Source Branch NPDES Unit 1617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

#### <u>OR</u>

2) You may request the Environmental Management Commission's (EMC's) Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions (the Committee) to make the final decision on your remission request considering your additional oral input, as warranted.

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If payment is not received within 30 calendar days from your receipt of this letter, your current request for remission and this letter of denial will be delivered to the Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions for final agency decision.

If you or your representative would like to speak before the Committee, you must complete and return the attached *Request for Oral Presentation Form* within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving this letter. Send completed form(s) to:

Wren Thedford NC DENR/DWR/Point Source Branch NPDES/Compliance and Expedited Permitting Unit 1617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

If you make such a request, the EMC Chairman will review the supporting documents and your request for an oral presentation. If, in his/her judgment, the Chairman determines that there is compelling reason to require a presentation, you will be notified as to when and where you should appear. If your presentation is not required, the final decision will be based upon the written record.

Please be advised that the EMC's Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions will make its remission decision based on the **original** assessment amount. Therefore, the EMC may choose to uphold the original penalty and offer no remission, they may agree with the DWQ Director's remission recommendation detailed above, or the penalty amount may be further remitted.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Joe R. Corporon via email at joe.corporon@ncdenr.gov or call 919-807-6394.

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S. Jay Zimmerman, Director

Attachments: Director's Decision; Request for Oral Presentation form

hc: Central Files

RRO, Attn: Danny Smith, Supervisor SWPS

NPDES Enforcement File

### DWR SIGNATURE PAGE

## SUMMARY OF REMISSION FACTORS FOR ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

# ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENAL THES AS A DIST.  DWR Case Numbers LV-2014-0146, -0147, -0148, -0149
OF CIVIL PENALTIES AGAINST:  Piedmont Health Services, LLC  REQUEST FOR ORAL PRESENTATION
OF CIVIL PENALTIES AGAINST:  Piedmont Health Services, LLC  Moncure Community Health Center WWTP  NPDES Permit NC0030384
I hereby request to make an oral presentation before the Environmental Management Commission's Committee On Civil Penalty Remissions in the matter of the case noted above. In making this request, I assert that I understand all of the following statements:
• This request will be reviewed by the Chairman of the Environmental Management Commission and may be either granted or denied.
<ul> <li>Making a presentation will require the presence of myself and/or my representative during a Committee meeting held in Raleigh North Carolina.</li> </ul>
• My presentation will be limited to discussion of issues and information submitted in my original remission request, and because no factual issues are in dispute, my presentation will be limited to five (5) minutes in length.
The North Carolina State Bar's Authorized Practice of Law Committee has ruled that the appearance in a representative capacity at quasi-judicial hearings or proceedings is limited to lawyers who are active members of the bar. Proceedings before the Committee on Remissions are quasi-judicial. You should consider how you intend to present your case to the Committee in light of the State Bar's opinion and whether anyone will be speaking in a representative capacity for you or a business or governmental entity. If you or your representative would like to speak before the Committee, you must complete and return this form within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.
Depending on your status as an individual, corporation, partnership or municipality, the State Bar's Opinion affects how you may proceed with your oral presentation. See <a href="https://www.ncbar.com/ethics">www.ncbar.com/ethics</a> , Authorized Practice Advisory Opinion 2006-1 and 2007 Formal Ethics Opinion 3.
<ul> <li>If you are <u>an individual or business owner</u> and are granted an opportunity to make an oral presentation before the Committee, then you do not need legal representation before the Committee; however, if you intend on having another individual speak on your behalf regarding the factual situations, such as an expert, engineer or consultant, then you must also be present at the meeting in order to avoid violating the State Bar's Opinion on the unauthorized practice of law.</li> </ul>
• If you are <u>a corporation, partnership or municipality</u> and are granted an opportunity to make an oral presentation before the Committee, then your representative must consider the recent State Bar's Opinion and could be considered practicing law without a license if he or she is not a licensed attorney. Presentation of facts by non-lawyers is permissible.
If you choose to request an oral presentation, please make sure that signatures on the previously submitted Remission Request form and this Oral Presentation Request form are: 1) for individuals and business owners, your own signature and 2) for corporations, partnerships and municipalities, signed by individuals who would not violate the State Bar's Opinion on the unauthorized practice of law.
Also, be advised that the Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions may choose not to proceed with hearing your case if the Committee is informed that a potential violation of the statute concerning the authorized practice of law has occurred.
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SIGNATURE
TITLE (President, Owner, etc.)

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