

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ex rel.,)
PATRICK W. RICE, Acting Director,)
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF)
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,)
)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
)
GOTHENBURG FEED PRODUCTS)
COMPANY)
)
Defendant.)

Case No. _____

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Patrick W. Rice, Acting Director of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, who institutes this action through, Jon C. Bruning, Attorney General, on behalf of the State of Nebraska as Plaintiff and alleges as follows:

1. The Plaintiff, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (hereinafter "NDEQ"), is at all times material herein, the agency of the State of Nebraska charged with the duty, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1504 (Reissue 2008) to administer and enforce the Environmental Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1501 *et seq.* (Reissue 2008) and all rules, regulations, orders, and permits issued pursuant to such Act.
2. At all times material herein, the Defendant, Gothenburg Feed Products Company, owned and operated an alfalfa dehydration plant, located in Dawson County, Nebraska.
3. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1508.02 (1) (b) (Reissue 2008) is in effect at all times material herein and states that it is unlawful to violate any regulations promulgated under the Environmental Protection Act. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1505 (Reissue 2008, Cum. Supp. 2012), the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council adopted the *Nebraska Air Quality*



Regulations, promulgated at Title 129 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, which is in effect at all times material herein.

4. Title 129, *Nebraska Air Quality Regulations*, Chapter 20, §§ 005 and 006 provide in pertinent part that:

005 No person shall cause or allow emissions, from any source, which are of an opacity equal to or greater than twenty percent (20%), as evaluated by an EPA-approved method... except as provided for in section 006 of this chapter.

006 Exceptions:

006.02 No person shall cause or allow emissions from any existing alfalfa dehydration plant dryer which are of an opacity equal to or greater than thirty percent (30%).

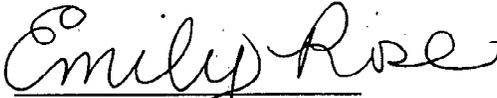
5. On or about February 19, 2014, the Defendant caused or allowed emissions from its alfalfa dehydration plant dryer to exceed the 30 percent opacity standard as evaluated by the EPA-approved Method 9 test.

6. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1508.02 (2) (Reissue 2008), a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) per day per violation is provided in cases of violation of the Environmental Protection Act and any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such Act.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that judgment on its claim be entered herein against the Defendant in the form of a civil penalty as provided under § 81-1508.02 together with the costs of the action.

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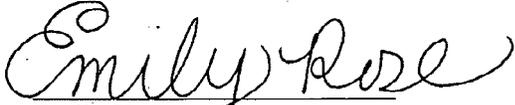
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Complaint has been served on the Defendant by regular United States mail, first class postage prepaid on this 30th day of September, 2014, addressed to the Defendant as follows:

Gothenburg Feed Products
Chris Healey
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