## IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ex rel.,	)	Case No. ( <u>TO)-3</u> 69
MICHAEL J. LINDER, Director	)	
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
QUALITY,	)	FILED
Plaintiff,	)	CONSENT DEGREEntice of the Clerk of the District Cour
V.	)	In Gage County, Nebraska
	)	JUL 1 0 2009
RHEN MARSHALL, INC.,	)	JOL 7 6 5000
A Nebraska corporation,	)	Aliane Y. Wells
Defendant.	·	
		CLERKOFTHE DISTRICT COURT DEP <b>UTY</b>

The State of Nebraska, on the relation of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and through its counsel, Attorney General Jon C. Bruning, and Rhen Marshall, Inc. ("the defendant"), through its counsel, Jeffrey B. Hubka, jointly file this consent decree and agree to this Court's entry of the following terms and orders:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter of this action. The complaint filed in this case is a justiciable cause of action against the defendant under the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1501 et seq. (Reissue 2008), and all rules and regulations promulgated under the Act.
- 2. In its complaint, the State alleges that the defendant violated various provisions of Title 128 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, "Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations," by disposing of a hazardous waste without a permit and by failing to make a hazardous waste determination.
- 3. The parties agree that settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that entry of this consent decree is the most appropriate means of resolving their dispute. The parties desire to conclude this case without a trial or adjudication of any



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issues of fact or law. The parties agree that the entry of this consent decree is not an admission by the defendant of any of the issues or violations alleged in the State's complaint. Therefore, and for only the purpose of this consent decree, the parties agree to the entry of this order by the Court.

- 4. This consent decree shall be in full satisfaction of all claims between the parties alleged in the State's complaint. The parties also agree to release any and all claims or actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrences referenced above and in the State's complaint, provided that such claims were known to the State, or were reasonably ascertainable from information in the State's possession, as of the date of the filing of the consent decree.
- 5. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant shall pay a civil penalty, under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1508.02 (Reissue 2008), in the amount of \$3,000 and court costs in the amount of \$79 to the district court for Gage County. This civil penalty shall be handled by the Court as provided in Article VII, Section V, of the Nebraska Constitution.

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A. \$1,000 of the civil penalty, as well as the \$70 in court costs, shall be paid to this Court no more than 30 days from the entry of this consent decree by the Court.

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B. \$2,000 of the civil penalty shall be paid to this Court no more than 180 days from the entry of this consent decree by the Court. However, if the defendant maintains compliance with and does not violate either the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1501 et. seq., or Title 128 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, "Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations", during the 180 days

following the entry of this consent decree, then payment of this \$2,000 of civil penalties will be waived.

- C. To qualify for the waiver of \$2,000 of civil penalties as described in paragraph 5(B), the defendant will file with the Court, and serve on the State, a Request for Waiver within 30 days following the six month anniversary of the approval of this consent decree. The Request for Waiver will show that the defendant has maintained compliance with the statutes and regulatory provisions listed in paragraph 5(B). The State will file a satisfaction of judgment within 10 days of receiving the defendant's Request for Waiver if the defendant has complied with the statutes and regulations listed in paragraph 5(B) during the 180 days following the entry of this consent decree. If the defendant violates any of the statutes or regulatory provisions in paragraph 5(B) during the 180 days following the entry of this consent decree, the State, in its sole discretion, may file an objection to the defendant's Request for Waiver. If the State files an objection to the defendant's Request for Waiver, the determination of this waiver provision will be stayed pending ongoing enforcement proceedings.
- 6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant shall pay, as a supplemental environmental project, the sum of \$1,000 to the Attorney General's Environmental Protection Fund. This payment shall be paid as a lump-sum payment within 30 days of the entry of this consent decree by this Court.
- 7. The undersigned consent without further notice to the form and entry of this consent decree.

Jaly DATED: ₩₩ <u>N</u>, 2009, in Gage County, Nebraska.

BY THE COURT:

**District Judge** 

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