

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In the Matter of:

Hartland Fuel Products, L.L.C.,

Respondent.

Administrative Settlement  
Agreement  
AED/MSEB # 8001

This Administrative Settlement Agreement (ASA) is made and entered into by and between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Hartland Fuel Products, L.L.C. (Respondent) having an office at 920 10<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Onalaska, WI 54650.

**Purpose:**

1. The purpose of this ASA is to resolve Respondent's alleged violations of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Renewable Fuel Standards regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 80, Subpart M (RFS2 Regulations).

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority:**

2. Section 211(o) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7545(o), as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492, required EPA to promulgate regulations designed to increase the amount of renewable fuels used in transportation fuel in the United States, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce the nation's reliance on foreign-sourced petroleum.
3. The RFS2 Regulations require renewable fuel producers and importers to generate and assign Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) in proportion to the amount

- and type of renewable fuel that they produce or import. 40 C.F.R. §§ 80.1425, 80.1426.
4. 40 C.F.R. § 80.1406 defines an obligated party as “any refiner that produces gasoline or diesel fuel within the 48 contiguous states or Hawaii, or any importer that imports gasoline or diesel fuel into the 48 contiguous states or Hawaii during a compliance period.”
  5. 40 C.F.R. §§ 80.1427(a) and 80.1430 require each obligated party and each exporter of renewable fuel to demonstrate compliance with its Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) by obtaining and retiring the number of RINs required by the calculation set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 80.1407 or 80.1430.
  6. 40 C.F.R. § 80.1431(a)(1)(vi) provides that a RIN that does not represent renewable fuel as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 80.1401 is invalid, and 40 C.F.R. § 80.1431(a)(1)(ix) provides that a RIN that was improperly generated is invalid.
  7. 40 C.F.R. § 80.1460(c)(1) states that no person shall fail to acquire sufficient RINs, or use invalid RINs, to meet the person’s RVO under 40 C.F.R. § 80.1427.
  8. 40 C.F.R. § 80.1461(a)(1) states that any person who violates a prohibition under 40 C.F.R. § 80.1460(a)–(d) is liable for the violation of that prohibition.
  9. 40 C.F.R. § 80.1463(a) provides that any person who is liable for a violation under 40 C.F.R. § 80.1461 is subject to a civil penalty as specified in sections 205 and 211(d) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7524 and 7545(d), for every day of each such violation.

10. 40 C.F.R. § 80.1463(b) provides that any person who is liable under 40 C.F.R. § 80.1461(a) for a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 80.1460(c) for failure to meet its RVO is subject to a separate violation for each day in the compliance period.
11. Sections 205 and 211(d) of the CAA authorize EPA to assess a civil penalty of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation, plus the economic benefit or savings resulting from each violation. 42 U.S.C. §§ 7524, 7545(d).

**Background:**

12. Respondent used the 125,037 RINs identified in Attachment A (the Subject RINs), which were generated by Green Diesel, LLC, to meet its 2011 RVO.
13. EPA alleges that the Subject RINs are invalid because they do not represent renewable fuel and were improperly generated.
14. Respondent represents that it implemented remedial actions by removing the Subject RINs from its RFS0301: 2011 RFS2 annual compliance report and resubmitted corrected report to EPA, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 80.1431(b).
15. Respondent represents that it believed that the Subject RINs were valid at the time it acquired the Subject RINs and at the time it used the Subject RINs to meet its RVO.
16. EPA and Respondent (the Parties), desiring to settle and resolve this matter, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, which consideration is acknowledged by the Parties to be adequate, agree as set forth herein. By agreeing to the terms of this ASA, Respondent makes no admission of law or fact with respect to any of the allegations set forth in this ASA.

**Violations:**

17. EPA has alleged that Respondent violated section 211(o) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7545(o), and 40 C.F.R. § 80.1460(c)(1) by using the Subject RINs to meet its 2011 RVO.

**Terms of the Agreement and Civil Penalty:**

18. In any enforcement or penalty action arising out of this ASA or the subject matter of this ASA:
- a. The Parties agree that the settlement of this matter is in the public interest and that this ASA is the most appropriate means of resolving the matter; and
  - b. The Parties further agree that jurisdiction to settle this matter exists pursuant to sections 205 and 211 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7524 and 7545, 40 C.F.R. Part 80, and other provisions of law.
19. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$12,504 (EPA Penalty) to the United States of America within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this ASA (penalty due date), but not before the effective date. Late payment of the penalty is subject to interest and fees as specified in 31 U.S.C. § 3717. This penalty amount was calculated based on EPA's Interim Enforcement Response Policy (March 2012). Respondent agrees to pay the EPA Penalty in the manner specified below:
- a. Pay the EPA Penalty using any method, or combination of methods, provided on the following website:  
[http://www.epa.gov/cfo/finservices/payment\\_instructions.htm](http://www.epa.gov/cfo/finservices/payment_instructions.htm);

- b. Identify each and every payment with “AED/MSEB # 8001”; and
- c. Within 24 hours of payment, email proof of payment to Natalie Firestine at firestine.natalie@epa.gov (“proof of payment” means, as applicable, a copy of the check, confirmation of credit card or debit card payment, confirmation of wire or automated clearinghouse transfer, and any other information required to demonstrate that payment has been made according to EPA requirements, in the amount due, and identified with “AED/MSEB # 8001”).

**Stipulated Penalties:**

- 20. Respondent shall pay stipulated penalties of \$1,000 per day for failure to timely pay the penalty, or provide proof thereof, pursuant to Paragraph 19.
- 21. Stipulated penalties under Paragraph 20 of this ASA shall begin to accrue on the day after performance is due and shall continue to accrue until the day compliance is achieved. Stipulated penalties shall be paid in accordance with Paragraph 19 of this ASA.

**General Provisions:**

- 22. This ASA becomes effective upon the date executed by EPA (effective date of the ASA), at which time a copy will be returned to Respondent.
- 23. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ASA, upon Respondent’s failure to perform, or default, or failure to comply with any term of this ASA, EPA may refer this matter to the United States Department of Justice to recover civil penalties pursuant to section 205 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7524, commence an action to enforce this ASA, recover the civil penalty pursuant to section 205 of the

CAA, or pursue any other remedies available to it. Respondent specifically agrees that in the event of such default or failure to comply, EPA may proceed in an action based on the original claim of violations of the CAA and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 80. Respondent expressly waives its right to assert that such action is barred by 28 U.S.C. § 2462, any applicable statute of limitation, or other provisions limiting actions as a result of passage of time. Respondent acknowledges that its tax identification number may be used for collecting or reporting any delinquent monetary obligation arising from this Agreement. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 7701.

24. The Parties represent that the individual or individuals executing this ASA on behalf of Respondent are authorized to do so and that such execution is intended and is sufficient to bind Respondent, its agents, assigns, or successors.
25. Respondent waives its rights, if any, to a hearing, trial or any other proceeding on any issue of fact or law relating to the matters consented to herein.
26. The validity, enforceability, and construction of all matters pertaining to this ASA shall be determined in accordance with applicable federal law.
27. This ASA is contingent upon the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of Respondent's disclosures and representations to EPA in this ASA.

**Effect of ASA:**

28. This ASA resolves the EPA's civil claims for the violations alleged in Paragraph 17. The resolution of claims set forth in this Paragraph shall take effect upon the receipt by the United States of the civil penalty payment required by Paragraph 19. Nothing herein shall limit the right of EPA to proceed against Respondent in

the event of default or noncompliance with this ASA, for violations of section 211 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7545, which are not the subject matter of this ASA, for other violations of law, or with respect to other matters not within the scope of this ASA. This ASA in no way affects or relieves Respondent of responsibility to comply with other state, federal, or local laws or regulations.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES

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The following agree to the terms of this ASA:

**Hartland Fuel Products, L.L.C.**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5/17/13

Typed or Printed Name: Kenneth M. Simpson

Typed or Printed Title: President

Federal Tax Identification Number: 39-1834793



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**United States Environmental Protection Agency**

By: 

Phillip A. Brooks, Director  
Air Enforcement Division  
Office of Civil Enforcement

Date: 6/12/2013

**Attachment A**  
**Administrative Settlement Agreement, AED/MSEB # 8001**

**List of Invalid Renewable Identification Numbers Hartland Fuel Products, L.L.C. Retired  
for Compliance Purposes**

<b>Company: 4674, Green Diesel LLC Facility: 82552, Green Diesel LLC Fuel: 4 Assignment: 2 Equivalence Value: 1.5</b>			
<b>RIN Batch ID</b>	<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>RIN Quantity</b>	<b>RIN Year</b>
6166624	525	5515	2011
5412326	525	10402	2011
6195332	534	933	2011
6195292	534	553	2011
5871115	534	987	2011
6195340	534	1376	2011
6195331	534	9765	2011
6195291	534	9711	2011
6195339	534	9331	2011
6450273	538	41714	2011
6450272	538	8524	2011
6142300	540	26226	2011