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**STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION - ORDER BY CONSENT  
ISSUED TO  
HONEYWELL RESINS & CHEMICALS LLC  
FOR  
HONEYWELL RESINS & CHEMICALS LLC, HOPEWELL SITE  
VPDES Permit No. VA0005291**

## **SECTION A: Purpose**

This is a Consent Order issued under the authority of Va. Code § 62.1-44.15, between the State Water Control Board and Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC regarding the Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC, Hopewell Site for the purpose of resolving certain violations of the State Water Control Law and the applicable permit and regulation.

## **SECTION B: Definitions**

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms have the meaning assigned to them below:

1. "305(b) report" means the report required by Section 305(b) of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code § 1315(b)), and Va. Code § 62.1-44.19:5 for providing Congress and the public an accurate and comprehensive assessment of the quality of State surface waters.
2. "Board" means the State Water Control Board, a permanent citizens' board of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as described in Va. Code §§ 10.1-1184 and 62.1-44.7.
3. "Department" or "DEQ" means the Department of Environmental Quality, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as described in Va. Code § 10.1-1183.
4. "Director" means the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, as described in Va. Code § 10.1-1185.

5. "Discharge" means discharge of a pollutant. 9 VAC 25-31-10.
6. "Discharge of a pollutant" when used with reference to the requirements of the VPDES permit program means:
  - (a) Any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to surface waters from any point source; or
  - (b) Any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to the waters of the contiguous zone or the ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft which is being used as a means of transportation.
7. "DMR" means Discharge Monitoring Report.
8. "Effluent" means wastewater – treated or untreated – that flows out of a treatment plant, sewer, or industrial outfall.
9. "Facility" means Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC's Hopewell Plant located at 905 E. Randolph Road, Hopewell, Virginia that discharges effluent from Honeywell's business operations. The Facility has multiple outfalls including Outfall 001, Outfall 002 and Outfall 003. Outfall 001 at the Facility discharges mostly non-treated water, mainly composed of non-contact cooling water into Gravelly Run. Outfall 002 at the Facility discharges non-treated water, composed of mostly non-contact cooling water into Gravelly Run UT. Outfall 003 at the Facility discharges mostly non-treated water, the majority of which is non-contact cooling water into Poythress Run. Discharges from these outfalls are permitted under VPDES Permit No. VA0005291.
10. "Honeywell" means Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC, a limited liability company authorized to do business in Virginia and its members, affiliates, partners, and subsidiaries. Honeywell is a "person" within the meaning of Va. Code § 62.1-44.3.
11. "Notice of Violation" or "NOV" means a type of Notice of Alleged Violation under Va. Code § 62.1-44.15.
12. "O&M" means operations and maintenance.
13. "Order" means this document, also known as a "Consent Order" or "Order by Consent," a type of Special Order under the State Water Control Law.
14. "Permit" means VPDES Permit No. VA0005291, which was reissued under the State Water Control Law and the Regulation to Honeywell on September 30, 2008 and expires on September 29, 2013.
15. "Pollutant" means dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials,

radioactive materials (except those regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 USC § 2011 *et seq.*)), heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt and industrial, municipal, and agricultural waste discharged into water... 9 VAC 25-31-10.

16. "Pollution" means such alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of any state waters as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters (a) harmful or detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety, or welfare or to the health of animals, fish, or aquatic life; (b) unsuitable with reasonable treatment for use as present or possible future sources of public water supply; or (c) unsuitable for recreational, commercial, industrial, agricultural, or other reasonable uses, provided that (i) an alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological property of state waters or a discharge or deposit of sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes to state waters by any owner which by itself is not sufficient to cause pollution but which, in combination with such alteration of or discharge or deposit to state waters by other owners, is sufficient to cause pollution; (ii) the discharge of untreated sewage by any owner into state waters; and (iii) contributing to the contravention of standards of water quality duly established by the Board, are "pollution." Va. Code § 62.1-44.3.
17. "PRO" means the Piedmont Regional Office of DEQ, located in Glenn Allen, Virginia.
18. "Regulation" means the VPDES Permit Regulation, 9 VAC 25-31-10 *et seq.*
19. "State Water Control Law" means Chapter 3.1 (§ 62.1-44.2 *et seq.*) of Title 62.1 of the Va. Code.
20. "State waters" means all water, on the surface and under the ground, wholly or partially within or bordering the Commonwealth or within its jurisdiction, including wetlands. Va. Code § 62.1-44.3.
21. "Va. Code" means the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
22. "VAC" means the Virginia Administrative Code.
23. "VPDES" means Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.
24. "Warning Letter" or "WL" means a type of Notice of Alleged Violation under Va. Code § 62.1-44.15.

### **SECTION C: Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

1. Honeywell owns and operates the Facility. The Facility has multiple outfalls including Outfall 001, Outfall 002 and Outfall 003. Outfall 001 at the Facility discharges mostly non treated water, mainly composed of non-contact cooling water into Gravelly Run. Outfall 002 at the Facility discharges non treated water, composed of mostly non-contact

cooling water into Gravelly Run UT. Outfall 003 at the Facility discharges mostly non treated water, the majority of which is non-contact cooling water into Poythress Run. VPDES Permit No. VA 0005291 allows Honeywell to discharge via Outfalls 001, 002 and 003, in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit.

2. Gravelly Run, Gravelly Run UT, and Poythress Run, and the James River are the receiving bodies (James River Basin (Lower James River Subbasin)). During the 2010 305(b)/303(d) Water Quality Assessment, the receiving bodies were assessed as Category 2B waters. The Aquatic Life Use is considered fully supporting and the Fish Consumption Use is considered fully supporting with observed effects due to the VDH fish consumption advisory for kepone.

Honeywell was included in the Bacterial TMDL for the James River and Tributaries – Hopewell to Westover, which was approved by the EPA on July 10, 2008, and by the SWCB on April 28, 2009. The Facility received an E. coli wasteload allocation, however this was determined to be an error and the TMDL was subsequently modified on July 7, 2009 and the wasteload allocation was removed.

The Facility was also addressed in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, which was approved by the EPA on December 29, 2010. Honeywell is considered a significant discharger and was included in the aggregated wasteload allocations of total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and total suspended solids for significant wastewater dischargers in the lower tidal freshwater James River estuary.

The streams are considered Tier 1 waters and are not proposed for designation as Tier 3 waters.

3. On December 2, 2010, Honeywell verbally reported that on December 1-2, 2010 there was a caprolactam leak, which caused a net Total Organic Carbon (“TOC”) exceedance at Outfall 002. The caprolactam was reported to have leaked from a flange on a temporary storage tank. A composite sample for Outfall 002 taken on December 1, 2010 showed that Honeywell had exceeded discharge limitations for net TOC level. Honeywell personnel checked Gravelly Run, and found no visible signs of environmental damage.
4. On December 3, 2010, Honeywell reported that a composite sample for Outfall 002 taken on December 2, 2010 showed normal TOC levels. Honeywell stated that after visiting Gravelly Run on December 3, 2010, no environmental impact was observed.
5. On December 6, 2010, Honeywell submitted a five day written report confirming the information given to DEQ on December 2, 2010 and December 3, 2010. Honeywell indicated that it believed the exceedances for TOC were the result of a release of caprolactam solution to Outfall 002. Honeywell reiterated that no environmental impacts were observed at Gravelly Run.

6. In submitting its DMRs, as required by the Permit, Honeywell indicated that it exceeded discharge limitations contained in Part I.A of the Permit, at Outfall 002, for net TOC, during the month of December, 2010. Honeywell indicated that it believed the exceedances were from the release of caprolactam solution into Outfall 002.
7. On March 29, 2011, Honeywell reported that on that same day, Honeywell had a violation of the pH limits contained in Part I.A of the Permit at Outfall 001.
8. On April 1, 2011, Honeywell submitted a five day written report confirming the information given to DEQ on March 29, 2011. Honeywell indicated that it believed the Permit limits were violated due to maintenance which required the shutdown of the River Water Pump House ("RWPH"). The shutdown of the RWPH reduced flow and stream flow in Gravelly Run was significantly reduced. Honeywell had not identified the cause of the pH violations.
9. In submitting its DMRs, as required by the Permit, Honeywell indicated that it violated Permit limits contained in Part I.A of the Permit, for pH, at Outfall 001, during the month of March 2011, including a pH below 4. Honeywell indicated the same reason for the permit limit violations as stated in their five day written report.
10. On May 5, 2011, PRO issued NOV No. W2011-05-P-0004 to Honeywell for the December and March Permit limit violations, and caprolactam release.
11. On June 28, 2011, Department staff met with representatives of Honeywell to discuss the violations, including Honeywell's written responses.
12. On June 30, 2011, Honeywell reported that on that June 29, 2011, a major river water leak led to a shutdown of the RWPH, which caused violations of the pH limits, contained in Part I.A of the Permit at Outfall 001 and Outfall 002. Honeywell personnel checked Gravelly Run and Poythress Run and found no signs of environmental damage.
13. On July 1, 2011, Honeywell submitted a five day written report confirming the information given to DEQ on June 30, 2011. Honeywell again indicated a major river water leak led to a shutdown of the RWPH, which caused violations of the pH limits. Honeywell reported one pH violation on June 29, 2011 at Outfall 001, one pH violation on June 29, 2011 at Outfall 002 and one pH violation on June 30, 2011 at Outfall 002. Honeywell indicated it had identified the source of the pH violation for Outfall 002, but that the source of the pH violation for Outfall 001 had not been identified, and was continuing its investigation. Honeywell reiterated that there were no environmental impacts at Gravelly Run and Poythress Run.
14. In submitting its DMRs, as required by the Permit, Honeywell indicated that it violated permit limits contained in Part I.A of the Permit, for pH, at Outfall 001 and Outfall 002 during the month of June 2011. The DMR indicated the pH violations at Outfall 001 and 002 were for pH below 4. Honeywell indicated the same reason for the permit limit violations as stated in their five day written report.

15. On August 4, 2011, in response to Honeywell's submitted June 2011, DMRs, DEQ staff requested more detailed results regarding the pH readings at Outfall 002 for June 29, 2011 and June 30, 2011.
16. On August 5, 2011, Honeywell submitted to DEQ staff a Process Historian Database ("PHD") Trend Plot which indicated that the pH was below 4 for both permit violations at Outfall 002 on June 29, 2011 and June 30, 2011.
17. On August 5, 2011, Honeywell informed DEQ staff that the source of the pH violation for Outfall 002 in June 2011 was a leak from an acid cooler which had been addressed.
18. On August 9, 2011, PRO issued NOV No. W2011-08-P-0005 to Honeywell for the June 2011 Permit limit violations.
19. Va. Code § 62.1-44.5 states that: "[E]xcept in compliance with a certificate issued by the Board, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge into state waters sewage, industrial wastes, other wastes, or any noxious or deleterious substances."
20. The Regulation, at 9 VAC 25-31-50, also states that except in compliance with a VPDES permit, or another permit issued by the Board, it is unlawful to discharge into state waters sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes.
21. Va. Code § 62.1-44.15(5a) states that a VPDES permit is a "certificate" under the statute.
22. The Department has issued no water permits or certificates to Honeywell for discharges from the Facility other than VPDES Permit No. VA0005291.
23. Gravelly Run, Gravelly Run UT, and Poythress Run, and the James River are surface waters located wholly within the Commonwealth and are "state waters" under State Water Control Law.
24. Based on the documentation submitted by Honeywell the Board concludes that Honeywell has violated the Permit and Va. Code § 62.1-44.5 and 9 VAC 25-31-50 by discharging wastes from the Facility while concurrently failing to comply with the conditions of the Permit, as described in paragraphs C(3) through C(17), above.
25. In order for Honeywell to return to compliance, DEQ staff and representatives of Honeywell have agreed to the Schedule of Compliance, which is incorporated as Appendix A of this Order.

#### **SECTION D: Agreement and Order**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority granted it in Va. Code §§ 62.1-44.15, the Board orders Honeywell and Honeywell agrees to:

1. Perform the actions described in Appendix A of this Order; and
2. Pay a civil charge of \$13,870 within 30 days of the effective date of the Order in settlement of the violations cited in this Order.

Payment shall be made by check, certified check, money order or cashier's check payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia," and delivered to:

Receipts Control  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Post Office Box 1104  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

3. Honeywell shall include its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) with the civil charge payment and shall indicate that the payment is being made in accordance with the requirements of this Order for deposit into the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund (VEERF).

#### **SECTION E: Administrative Provisions**

1. The Board may modify, rewrite, or amend this Order with the consent of Honeywell for good cause shown by Honeywell or on its own motion pursuant to the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*, after notice and opportunity to be heard.
2. This Order addresses and resolves only those violations specifically identified in Section C of this Order. This Order shall not preclude the Board or the Director from taking any action authorized by law, including but not limited to: (1) taking any action authorized by law regarding any additional, subsequent, or subsequently discovered violations; (2) seeking subsequent remediation of the facility; or (3) taking subsequent action to enforce the Order.
3. For purposes of this Order and subsequent actions with respect to this Order only, Honeywell admits the jurisdictional allegations, findings of fact, and conclusions of law contained herein.
4. Honeywell consents to venue in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond for any civil action taken to enforce the terms of this Order.
5. Honeywell declares it has received fair and due process under the Administrative Process Act and the State Water Control Law and it waives the right to any hearing or other administrative proceeding authorized or required by law or regulation, and to any judicial review of any issue of fact or law contained herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the right to any administrative proceeding for, or to judicial review of, any action taken by the Board to modify, rewrite, amend, or enforce this Order.

6. Failure by Honeywell to comply with any of the terms of this Order shall constitute a violation of an order of the Board. Nothing herein shall waive the initiation of appropriate enforcement actions or the issuance of additional orders as appropriate by the Board or the Director as a result of such violations. Nothing herein shall affect appropriate enforcement actions by any other federal, state, or local regulatory authority.
7. If any provision of this Order is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Order shall remain in full force and effect.
8. Honeywell shall be responsible for failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Order unless compliance is made impossible by earthquake, flood, other acts of God, war, strike, or such other unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. Honeywell shall demonstrate that such circumstances were beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. Honeywell shall notify the DEQ Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days when circumstances are anticipated to occur, are occurring, or have occurred that may delay compliance or cause noncompliance with any requirement of the Order. Such notice shall set forth:
  - a. the reasons for the delay or noncompliance;
  - b. the projected duration of any such delay or noncompliance;
  - c. the measures taken and to be taken to prevent or minimize such delay or noncompliance; and
  - d. the timetable by which such measures will be implemented and the date full compliance will be achieved.

Failure to so notify the Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days, of learning of any condition above, which the parties intend to assert will result in the impossibility of compliance, shall constitute a waiver of any claim to inability to comply with a requirement of this Order.

9. This Order is binding on the parties hereto and any successors in interest, designees and assigns, jointly and severally.
10. This Order shall become effective upon execution by both the Director or his designee and Honeywell. Nevertheless, Honeywell agrees to be bound by any compliance date which precedes the effective date of this Order.
11. This Order shall continue in effect until:
  - a. The Director or his designee terminates the Order after Honeywell has completed all of the requirements of the Order;

- b. Honeywell petitions the Director or his designee to terminate the Order after it has completed all of the requirements of the Order and the Director or his designee approves the termination of the Order; or
- c. The Director or Board terminates the Order in his or its sole discretion upon 30 days' written notice to Honeywell.

Termination of this Order, or any obligation imposed in this Order, shall not operate to relieve Honeywell from its obligation to comply with any statute, regulation, permit condition, other order, certificate, certification, standard, or requirement otherwise applicable.

- 12. Any plans, reports, schedules or specifications attached hereto or submitted by Honeywell and approved by the Department pursuant to this Order are incorporated into this Order. Any non-compliance with such approved documents shall be considered a violation of this Order.
- 13. The undersigned representative of Honeywell certifies that he or she is a responsible official or officer authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Order and to execute and legally bind Honeywell to this document. Any documents to be submitted pursuant to this Order shall also be submitted by a responsible official or officer of Honeywell.
- 14. This Order constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning settlement of the violations identified in Section C of this Order, and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms or conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this Order.
- 15. By its signature below, Honeywell voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Order.

And it is so ORDERED this 17th day of APRIL, 2011.

  
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Michael P. Murphy, Regional Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

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Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Order.

Date: 2/3/12 By: Kevin Keller, SITE MANAGER  
(Person) (Title)  
Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC

Commonwealth of Virginia  
City/County of Hopewell

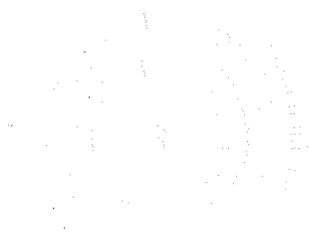
The foregoing document was signed and acknowledged before me this 3rd day of February, 2012, by Kevin Keller, who is Site Manager of Honeywell Resins & Chemicals LLC, on behalf of the corporation.

Mary J. Elliot  
Notary Public

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Registration No.

My commission expires: 31 December 2015

Notary seal:



## **APPENDIX A SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE**

Honeywell agrees to the following:

1. Within 60 days of the effective date of this Order, Honeywell shall submit to DEQ for review and approval a corrective action plan (“CAP”) and schedule to identify and repair the cause of the pH violations at Outfall 001. Once approved by DEQ the CAP will be implemented. Such CAP and schedule shall contain a completion date no later than 12 months from the date the CAP is submitted to DEQ. If, after six months from the submittal of the CAP to DEQ, Honeywell believes additional time is reasonably necessary to complete the CAP, Honeywell may request additional time to complete the CAP, and if DEQ approves such request, the approval shall be incorporated into this order pursuant to paragraph E (12).

### **DEQ Contact**

Unless otherwise specified in this Order, Honeywell shall submit all requirements of Appendix A of this Order to:

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