

**BEFORE THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>
 <b>Chammas Cutters, Inc.</b>  <b>(Respondent)</b>

PHMSA CASE NUMBER

11-0240-SE-SW

**FINAL ORDER**

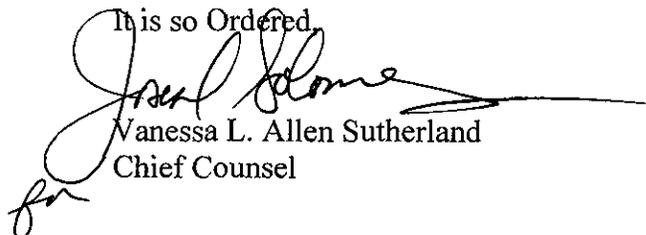
**By this Order, I find that Chammas Cutters, Inc. (Respondent) committed two (2) violations of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), 49 CFR Parts 171-180, and I assess Respondent a \$12,000 civil penalty.**

On March 22, 2013, the Office of Chief Counsel issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Respondent proposing a \$12,000 civil penalty for two (2) violations of the HMR. On March 27, 2013, Respondent submitted a payment in the amount of \$12,000. By paying the full amount of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice, Respondent admitted the violations as alleged in the Notice (49 CFR § 107.315). Therefore, I find Respondent committed the violations as set forth in the Notice.

These violations shall constitute a prior violation under 49 U.S.C. § 5123 in the event Respondent commits any future violation of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq., or the HMR.

By paying the proposed civil penalty, Respondent waived all rights to further respond to the Notice and to appeal this Order. Accordingly, PHMSA accepts Respondent's March 27, 2013 payment in full satisfaction of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice and PHMSA shall close this case with prejudice.

Dated: 4/8/2013

It is so Ordered,  
  
Vanessa L. Allen Sutherland  
Chief Counsel

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013 the undersigned served in the following manner the designated copies of this Order to each party listed below:

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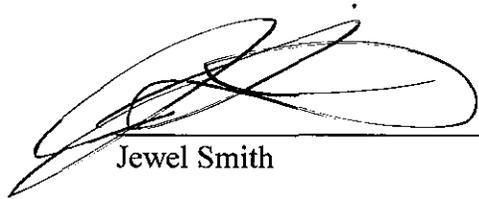
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