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STANDBY TRUST AGREEMENT

Trust Agreement, the "Agreement," entered into as of Click here to enter a date. by and between INSERT Name of Owner or Operator a Choose an item., Choose an item., the "Grantor," and INSERT Name of Corporate Trustee, Choose an item. (if a bank, select the next item in drop-down list to leave blank), the "Trustee."

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, "EPA," an agency of the United States Government, has established certain regulations applicable to the Grantor, requiring that an owner or operator of a hazardous waste management facility or group of facilities must demonstrate financial responsibility for bodily injury and property damage to third parties caused by sudden accidental and/or non-sudden accidental occurrences arising from operations of the facility or group of facilities.

WHEREAS, the Grantor has elected to establish a standby trust into which the proceeds from a letter of credit may be deposited to assume all or part of such financial responsibility for the facilities identified herein.

WHEREAS, the Grantor, acting through its duly authorized officers, has selected the Trustee to be the trustee under this agreement, and the trustee is willing to act as trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor and the Trustee agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions

As used in this Agreement:

a. The term *Grantor* means the owner or operator who enters into this Agreement and any successors or assigns of the Grantor.

b. The term *Trustee* means the trustee who enters into this Agreement and any successor Trustee.

Section 2. Identification of Facilities

This agreement pertains to the facilities identified on attached Schedule A [on Schedule A, for each facility list the EPA identification number, name, and address of the facility(ies) and the amount of liability coverage, or portions thereof, if more than one instrument affords combined coverage as demonstrated by this Agreement].

Section 3. Establishment of Fund

The Grantor and the Trustee hereby establish a standby trust fund, hereafter the "Fund," for the benefit of any and all third parties injured or damaged by Choose an item. accidental occurrences arising from operation of the facility(ies) covered by this guarantee, in the amounts of INSERT the amount (up to $1 million) per occurrence and INSERT the amount (up to $2 million) annual aggregate for sudden accidental occurrences, and INSERT the amount (up to $3 million) per occurrence and INSERT the amount (up to $6 million) annual aggregate for non-sudden occurrences, except that the Fund is not established for the benefit of third parties for the following:

a. Bodily injury or property damage for which INSERT Name of the Grantor is obligated to pay damages by reason of the assumption of liability in a contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that INSERT Name of the Grantor would be obligated to pay in the absence of the contract or agreement.

b. Any obligation of INSERT Name of the Grantor under a workers' compensation, disability benefits, or unemployment compensation law or any similar law.

c. Bodily injury to:

i. an employee of INSERT Name of the Grantor arising from, and in the course of, employment by INSERT Name of the Grantor; or

ii. the spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister of that employee as a consequence of, or arising from, and in the course of employment by INSERT Name of the Grantor. This exclusion applies:

(a). whether INSERT Name of the Grantor may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity, and

(b). to any obligation to share damages with or repay another person who must pay damages because of the injury to persons identified in Clauses i and ii above.

d. Bodily injury or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use, or entrustment to others of any aircraft, motor vehicle, or watercraft.

e. Property damage to:

i. any property owned, rented, or occupied by INSERT Name of the Grantor;

ii. premises that are sold, given away, or abandoned by INSERT Name of the Grantor if the property damage arises out of any part of those premises;

iii. property loaned by INSERT Name of the Grantor;

iv. personal property in the care, custody, or control of INSERT Name of the Grantor;

v. that particular part of real property on which INSERT Name of the Grantor or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on behalf of INSERT Name of the Grantor are performing operations, if the property damage arises out of these operations.

In the event of combination with another mechanism for liability coverage, the fund shall be considered Choose an item. coverage.

The Fund is established initially as consisting of the proceeds of the letter of credit deposited into the Fund. Such proceeds and any other property subsequently transferred to the Trustee is referred to as the Fund, together with all earnings and profits thereon, less any payments or distributions made by the Trustee pursuant to this Agreement. The Fund shall be held by the Trustee, IN TRUST, as hereinafter provided. The Trustee shall not be responsible nor shall it undertake any responsibility for the amount or adequacy of, nor any duty to collect from the Grantor, any payments necessary to discharge any liabilities of the Grantor established by EPA.

Section 4. Payment for Bodily Injury or Property Damage

The Trustee shall satisfy a third-party liability claim by drawing on the letter of credit described in Schedule B and by making payments from the Fund only upon receipt of one of the following documents:

a. Certification from the Grantor and the third-party claimant(s) that the liability claim should be paid. The certification must be worded as follows, except that instructions in brackets are to be replaced with the relevant information and the brackets deleted.

CERTIFICATION OF VALID CLAIM

The undersigned, as parties INSERT Name of the Grantor and INSERT Name and Address of Third-party Claimant(s), hereby certify that the claim of bodily injury and/or property damage caused by a Choose an item. accidental occurrence arising from operating INSERT Name of the Grantor’s hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility should be paid in the amount of $INSERT Amount.

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Grantor

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Claimant(s)

b. A valid final court order establishing a judgement against the Grantor for bodily injury or property damage caused by sudden or non-sudden accidental occurrences arising from the operation of the Grantor's facility or group of facilities.

Section 5. Payments Comprising the Fund

Payments made to the Trustee for the Fund shall consist of the proceeds from the letter of credit drawn upon by the Trustee in accordance with the requirements of LAC 33:V.3719.K and Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 6. Trustee Management

The Trustee shall invest and reinvest the principal and income, in accordance with general investment policies and guidelines which the Grantor may communicate in writing to the Trustee from time to time, subject, however, to the provisions of this Section. In investing, reinvesting, exchanging, selling, and managing the Fund, the Trustee shall discharge his duties with respect to the trust fund solely in the interest of the beneficiary and with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of prudence, acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims, except that:

a. securities or other obligations of the Grantor, or any other owner or operator of the facilities, or any of their affiliates as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a), shall not be acquired or held, unless they are securities or other obligations of the federal or a state government;

b. the Trustee is authorized to invest the Fund in time or demand deposits of the Trustee, to the extent insured by an agency of the federal or a state government; and

c. the Trustee is authorized to hold cash awaiting investment or distribution uninvested for a reasonable time and without liability for payment of interest thereon.

Section 7. Commingling and Investment

The Trustee is expressly authorized in its discretion:

a. to transfer from time to time any or all of the assets of the Fund to any common, commingled, or collective trust fund created by the Trustee in which the Fund is eligible to participate, subject to all of the provisions thereof, to be commingled with the assets of other trusts participating therein; and

b. to purchase shares in any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq., including one which may be created, managed, underwritten, or to which investment advice is rendered or the shares of which are sold by the Trustee. The Trustee may vote such shares in its discretion.

Section 8. Express Powers of Trustee

Without in any way limiting the powers and discretions conferred upon the Trustee by the other provisions of this Agreement or by law, and Trustee is expressly authorized and empowered:

a. to sell, exchange, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any property held by it, by public or private sale. No person dealing with the Trustee shall be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or to inquire into the validity or expediency or any such sale or other disposition;

b. to make, execute, acknowledge, and deliver any and all documents of transfer and conveyance and any and all other instruments that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers herein granted;

c. to register any securities held in the Fund in its own name or in the name of a nominee and to hold any security in bearer form or in book entry, or to combine certificates representing such securities with certificates of the same issue held by the Trustee in other fiduciary capacities, or to deposit or arrange for the deposit of such securities in a qualified central depositary even though, when so deposited, such securities may be merged and held in bulk in the name of the nominee of such depositary with other securities deposited herein by another person, or to deposit or arrange for the deposit of any securities issued by the United States government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, with a Federal Reserve Bank, but the books and records of the Trustee shall at all times show that all such securities are part of the Fund;

d. to deposit any cash in the Fund in interest-bearing accounts maintained or savings certificates issued by the Trustee, in its separate corporate capacity, or in any other banking institution affiliated with the Trustee, to the extent insured by an agency of the federal or state government;

e. to compromise or otherwise adjust all claims in favor of or against the Fund.

Section 9. Taxes and Expenses

All taxes of any kind that may be assessed or levied against or in respect of the Fund and all brokerage commissions incurred by the Fund shall be paid from the Fund. All other expenses incurred by the Trustee in connection with the administration of this Trust, including fees for legal services rendered to the Trustee, the compensation of the Trustee to the extent not paid directly by the Grantor, and all other proper charges and disbursements to the Trustee shall be paid from the Fund.

Section 10. Advice of Counsel

The Trustee may from time to time consult with counsel, who may be counsel to the Grantor, with respect to any question arising as to the construction of this Agreement or any action to be taken hereunder. The Trustee shall be fully protected, to the extent permitted by law, in acting upon the advice of counsel.

Section 11. Trustee Compensation

The Trustee shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for its services as agreed upon in writing from time to time with the Grantor.

Section 12. Successor Trustee

The Trustee may resign or the Grantor may replace the Trustee, but such resignation or replacement shall not be effective until the Grantor has appointed a successor trustee and this successor accepts the appointment. The successor trustee shall have the same powers and duties as those conferred upon the Trustee hereunder. Upon the successor trustee's acceptance of the appointment, the Trustee shall assign, transfer, and pay over to the successor trustee the funds and properties then constituting the Fund. If for any reason the Grantor cannot or does not act in the event of the resignation of the Trustee, the Trustee may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor trustee or for instructions. The successor trustee shall specify the date on which it assumes administration of the trust in a writing sent to the Grantor, the administrative authority, and the present Trustee by certified mail 10 days before such change becomes effective. Any expenses incurred by the Trustee as a result of any of the acts contemplated by this Section shall be paid as provided in Section 9.

Section 13. Instructions to the Trustee

All orders, requests, certifications of valid claims, and instructions to the Trustee shall be in writing, signed by such persons as are designated in the attached Exhibit A or such other designees as the Grantor may designate by amendments to Exhibit A. The Trustee shall be fully protected in acting without inquiry in accordance with the Grantor's orders, requests, and instructions. The Trustee shall have the right to assume, in the absence of written notice to the contrary, that no event constituting a change or a termination of the authority of any person to act on behalf of the Grantor or the administrative authority hereunder has occurred. The Trustee shall have no duty to act in the absence of such orders, requests, and instructions from the Grantor and/or the administrative authority, except as provided for herein.

Section 14. Amendment of Agreement

This Agreement may be amended by an instrument in writing executed by the Grantor, the Trustee, and the administrative authority if the grantor ceases to exist.

Section 15. Irrevocability and Termination

Subject to the right of the parties to amend this Agreement as provided in Section 14, this Trust shall be irrevocable and shall continue until terminated at the written agreement of the Grantor, the Trustee, and the administrative authority, or by the Trustee and the administrative authority, if the Grantor ceases to exist. Upon termination of the Trust, all remaining trust property, less final trust administration expenses, shall be paid to the grantor.

The administrative authority will agree to termination of the Trust when the owner or operator substitutes alternative financial assurances as specified in LAC 33:V.Chapter 37 or 44.

Section 16. Immunity and Indemnification

The Trustee shall not incur personal liability of any nature in connection with any act or omission, made in good faith, in the administration of this Trust, or in carrying out any directions by the Grantor and the administrative authority issued in accordance with this Agreement. The Trustee shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Grantor or from the Trust Fund, or both, from and against any personal liability to which the Trustee may be subjected by reason of any act or conduct in its official capacity, including all expenses reasonably incurred in its defense in the event the Grantor fails to provide such defense.

Section 17. Choice of Law

This Agreement shall be administered, construed, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Section 18. Interpretation

As used in this Agreement, words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular. The descriptive headings for each section of this Agreement shall not affect the interpretation of the legal efficacy of this Agreement.

In Witness Whereof the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers duly authorized and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested as of the date first above written. The parties below certify that the wording of this Agreement is identical to the wording specified in LAC 33:V.3719.N as such regulations were constituted on the date first above written.

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Signature of Grantor

INSERT Title of Person Signing

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Signature of Trustee

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Certification of Acknowledgement

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On this Click here to enter a date., before me personally came Choose an item. to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that she/he resides at INSERT Address, that she/he is INSERT Title of INSERT Name of Corporation, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that she/he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to such instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that she/he signed her/his name thereto by like order.

Witness:

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