

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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Complainant

vs.

WILLIAM DEMETRIUS OUTTEN

Respondent

**Docket Number: 2023-0441
Enforcement Activity Number: 7802143**

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On January 5, 2024, the Coast Guard submitted a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion) to be approved as a settlement of the case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.¹

I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and find it is fair and reasonable and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.²

WHEREFORE,

¹ Paragraph 2 of the Motion states the Coast Guard filed the Complaint on December 22, 2023. However, the record reveals December 14, 2023, as the actual date on which the Coast Guard filed its Complaint and served Respondent.

² In Paragraph 2.i.ii. of the Settlement Agreement, the subparagraph starting with “TEST 1,” states: “Respondent must provide the results of that test to the SAP [Substance Abuse Professional] who has conducted, or will conduct, the evaluation described in subparagraph [2]a.” I note that Paragraph 2.e. – not Paragraph 2.a. – refers to the SAP evaluation required under the terms and conditions of this agreement. Although reference to Paragraph 2.a. appears to be a clerical error, the context and language in Paragraph 2.i.ii. make clear that hair test results must be submitted to the SAP referenced earlier in the agreement, specifically in Paragraph 2.e. Despite this error, it does not alter my determination that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the relevant regulations.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

Done and dated January 10, 2024
Baltimore, Maryland



**HON. LINEKA N. QUIJANO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**