

EXHIBIT A

Draft Arp & Hammond/Frontier Stipulation

BEFORE THE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
STATE OF WYOMING

In the Matter of the)
Joint Stipulation for Modification of) Docket No. _____
Administrative Order on Consent)

JOINT STIPULATION

Arp & Hammond Hardware Company, a Wyoming corporation, and its affiliates Old Horse Pasture, Inc., and Lummis Livestock Company, LLC (jointly and severally referred to hereinafter as “Arp & Hammond”) own land that adjoins facilities owned and operated by Frontier Refining Inc. (“Frontier”) and which has been contaminated by pollutants from Frontier’s operations.

Arp & Hammond is an aggrieved party as the result of the contamination of its property by Frontier.

A variety of issues remain unresolved between Arp & Hammond and Frontier with respect to various aspects of the remediation of contamination caused by Frontier to Arp & Hammond property.

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) and Frontier entered into a Final Administrative Order on Consent (“AOC”) in March, 1995, which was equivalent to and intended to run concurrently with the Final Administrative Order on Consent, U.S. EPA Docket No. RCRA 3008(h)-VIII-88-08 (“EPA Order”) that was entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Frontier in September, 1990. The EPA Order was withdrawn on March 19, 1997.

W.S. §35-11-518(b) provides that the DEQ may issue an administrative order which is equivalent to any federal administrative order which has been issued pursuant to subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) prior to the effective date of the authorization of the state hazardous waste program under that subtitle. Wyoming’ program was authorized in 1995. Section XXI (Subsequent Modification) of the AOC provides that the AOC may be amended by mutual written agreement of the DEQ and Frontier. Such amendments shall be incorporated into the AOC.

Accordingly, the DEQ and Frontier have submitted their *Joint Stipulation for Modification of Administrative Order on Consent* dated September 15, 2006, for approval by the Environmental Quality Council of the State of Wyoming (“EQC”), a copy of which is annexed hereto identified as Attachment A and incorporated by this reference as if fully set out herein.

With respect then to the *Joint Stipulation for Modification of Administrative Order on Consent*, Arp & Hammond and Frontier now jointly stipulate as follows:

PRELIMINARY DRAFT
For Discussion Purposes Only

1. Frontier and Arp & Hammond state their support for the referenced *Joint Stipulation for Modification of Order on Consent* and urge that the EQC favorably consider and approve the same.

2. Frontier and Arp & Hammond have had, and continue to have, discussions regarding assessment, characterization, remediation methodology and completion dates for cleanup of the Arp & Hammond property adversely affected by Frontier's operations.

3. In the event that these ongoing discussions are successful, the undersigned parties will promptly advise this body or, in the event the discussions are not successful, a motion asking the EQC to consider such matters as remain unresolved shall be brought before this body seeking its Order with respect to such issues and their incorporation into the AOC.

4. Frontier and Arp & Hammond hereby reserve their rights regarding any and all future matters attendant hereto.

The signatories certify that they are authorized to execute this Joint Stipulation on behalf of their respective parties.

Dated this _____ day of February, 2007.

FRONTIER REFINING INC.

By: _____
Gerald Faudel, Vice President
duly authorized to so sign

ARP & HAMMOND HARDWARE COMPANY
AND ITS AFFILIATES

By: _____
Doran E. Lummis, a corporate officer
duly authorized to so sign

Accepted and approved this _____ day of February, 2007.

WYOMING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

By: _____
_____, Secretary