**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
LAND PROTECTION BRANCH**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**SURETY PAYMENT BOND**

**LIABILITY COVERAGE**

Surety Bond No**. [enter number]**

Parties, **[insert name and address of owner or operator]**, Principal, incorporated in **[insert State of incorporation]** of **[insert city and State of principal place of business]** and **[insert name and address of surety company(ies)],** Surety Company(ies), of **[insert surety(ies) place of business]**.

EPA Identification Number, name, and address for each facility guaranteed by this bond:

| Name | EPA ID Number | Address |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **[Name 1]** | **[ID No 1]** | **[Address 1]** |
| **[Name 2]** | **[ID No 2]** | **[Address 2]** |
| **[Name 3]** | **[ID No 3]** | **[Address 3]** |

*[For more facilities, add as an attachment, and reference the attachment herein]*

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Sudden accidental  occurrences | Nonsudden accidental  occurrences |
| Penal Sum Per Occurrence  Annual Aggregate | $ **[insert amount]**  $ **[insert amount]** | $ **[insert amount]**  $ **[insert amount]** |

Purpose: This is an agreement between the Surety(ies) and the Principal under which the Surety(ies), its/theirs successors and assignees, agree to be responsible for the payment of claims against the Principal for bodily injury and/or property damage to third parties caused by **[insert sudden and/or nonsudden]** accidental occurrences arising from operations of the facility or group of facilities in the sums prescribed herein; subject to the governing provisions and the following conditions.

Governing Provisions:

(1) Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, 12-8-60, et seq.

(2) Rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), particularly paragraph 391-3-11-.05.

Conditions:

(1) The Principal is subject to the applicable governing provisions that require the Principal to have and maintain liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage to third parties caused by **[insert sudden and/or nonsudden]** accidental occurrences arising from operations of the facility or group of facilities. Such obligation does not apply to any of the following:

(a) Bodily injury or property damage for which **[insert principal]** 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 principal]** would be obligated to pay in the absence of the contract or agreement.

(b) Any obligation of **[insert principal]** under a workers' compensation, disability benefits, or unemployment compensation law or similar law.

(c) Bodily injury to:

(1) An employee of **[insert principal]** arising from, and in the course of, employment by **[insert principal]**; or

(2) 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 principal]**. This exclusion applies:

(A) Whether **[insert principal]** 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 paragraphs (1) and (2).

(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:

(1) Any property owned, rented, or occupied by **[insert principal]**;

(2) Premises that are sold, given away or abandoned by **[insert principal]** if the property damage arises out of any part of those premises;

(3) Property loaned to **[insert principal]**;

(4) Personal property in the care, custody or control of **[insert principal]**;

(5) That particular part of real property on which **[insert principal]** or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on behalf of **[insert principal]** are performing operations, if the property damage arises out of these operations.

(2) This bond assures that the Principal will satisfy valid third party liability claims, as described in condition 1.

(3) If the Principal fails to satisfy a valid third party liability claim, as described above, the Surety(ies) becomes liable on this bond obligation.

(4) The Surety(ies) shall satisfy a third party liability claim only upon the receipt of one of the following documents:

1. Certification from the Principal 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:

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CERTIFICATION OF VALID CLAIM

The undersigned, as parties **[insert name of Principal]** 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 **[insert sudden or nonsudden]** accidental occurrence arising from operating **[insert name of Principal]** hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility should be paid in the amount of $ **[enter amount].**

[Signature of Principal][Date]

[Name of Principal]

[Notary]

[Signature of Claimant(s)] [Date]

[Name of Claimant(s)]

[Notary]

or (b) A valid final court order establishing a judgment against the Principal for bodily injury or property damage caused by sudden or nonsudden accidental occurrences arising from operation of the Principal's facility or group of facilities.

(5) In the event of combination of this bond with another mechanism for liability coverage, this bond will be considered **[insert primary or excess]** coverage.

(6) The liability of the Surety(ies) shall not be discharged by any payment or succession of payments hereunder, unless and until such payment or payments shall amount in the aggregate to the penal sum of the bond. In no event shall the obligation of the Surety(ies) hereunder exceed the amount of said annual aggregate penal sum, provided that the Surety(ies) furnish(es) notice to the EPD Director forthwith of all claims filed and payments made by the Surety(ies) under this bond.

(7) The Surety(ies) may cancel the bond by sending notice of cancellation by certified mail or overnight courier, return receipt requested, to the Principal and the EPD Director provided, however, that cancellation shall not occur during the 120 days beginning on the date of receipt of the notice of cancellation by the Principal and the EPD Director, as evidenced by the return receipt.

(8) The Principal may terminate this bond by sending written notice to the Surety(ies) and to the EPD Director.

(9) The Surety(ies) hereby waive(s) notification of amendments to applicable laws, statutes, rules and regulations and agree(s) that no such amendment shall in any way alleviate its/their obligation on this bond.

(10) This bond is effective from **[insert date]** (12:01 a.m., standard time, at the address of the Principal as stated herein) and shall continue in force until terminated as described above.

Any notice or other communication required by this bond shall be deemed sufficient if sent by certified mail or overnight courier, return receipt requested, to the appropriate party at the following address:

Surety:

Address:

Principal:

Address:

EPD Director: Georgia EPD Director

Address: Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Environmental Protection Division

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Suite 1054, East Tower

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Attn: Land Protection Branch, Hazardous Waste

It shall be the responsibility of each party to notify the other parties in writing of any change to its address stated above.

In Witness Whereof, the Principal and Surety(ies) have executed this Bond and have affixed their seals on the date set forth above.

The persons whose signatures appear below certify that they are authorized to execute this surety bond on behalf of the Principal and Surety(ies) and that the wording of this surety bond satisfies the requirements of paragraph 391-3-11-.05 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, as such regulations were constituted on the date this bond was executed.

PRINCIPAL

[Signature(s)]

[Type Name(s)]

**[Corporate Seal]**

[Type Title(s)]

**Corporate Seal**

Bond premium: **$ [insert amount]**

CORPORATE SURETY(IES)

*[For every co-surety, provide the following]*

[Name and address]

State of incorporation: **[insert State]**

Liability Limit: **$ [insert amount]**

[Signature(s)]

[Type Name(s)]

**[Corporate Seal]**

[Type Title(s)]

**[Corporate Seal]**

[Agent's Signature]

**Corporate Seal**

*[As applicable, Surety Bond should have attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority of Attorney(ies)-In-Fact.]*