

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2008-0953-PST-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101875342 **CASE NO.:** 36065

RESPONDENT NAME: Nile J. Patterson, Jr.

ORDER TYPE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Property located at 300 United States Highway 287, Claude, Armstrong County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Two inactive underground storage tanks ("USTs")</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on March 16, 2009. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Rajesh Acharya, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-0577; Ms. Cari-Michel La Caille, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1387 Respondent: Mr. Nile J. Patterson, Jr., P.O. Box 259, Claude, Texas 79019 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:		
VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p>Type of Investigation: <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: None</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: May 14, 2008</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: May 21, 2008 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a record review.</p> <p>WASTE</p> <p>Failure to permanently remove from service, no later than 60 days after the prescribed upgrade implementation date, two underground storage tanks ("USTs") for which any applicable component of the system is not brought into timely compliance with the upgrade requirements [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.47(a)(2)].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$5,500</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$1,900 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement (\$1,100) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay (\$800)</p> <p>The Financial Assurance Section of the Commission's Financial Administration Division reviewed financial documentation submitted by the Respondent and determined that the Respondent is unable to pay part of the administrative penalty.</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$0</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$3,600</p> <p>Site Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Person Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, permanently remove the UST system from service; and</p> <p>b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision a.</p>

Additional ID No(s): 54244



Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

PCW Revision June 12, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	6-Jun-2008	Screening	9-Jun-2008	EPA Due	
	PCW	9-Jun-2008				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Nile J. Patterson, Jr.
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101875342
Facility/Site Region	1-Amarillo
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	36065	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2008-0953-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Rajesh Acharya
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 6
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$5,000
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	10.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$500
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Notes: Enhancement for two NOVs for same or similar violations.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$5,004
 Approx. Cost of Compliance: \$10,000
 *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$5,500
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$5,500
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$5,500
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$1,100
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes:

Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$4,400
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Screening Date 9-Jun-2008

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PCW

Respondent Nile J. Patterson, Jr.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 36065

PCW Revision June 12, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101875342

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Rajesh Acharya

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	2	10%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%

Please Enter Yes or No

Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 10%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Average Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance
History
Notes

Enhancement for two NOVs for same or similar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 10%

<p>Screening Date 9-Jun-2008</p> <p>Respondent Nile J. Patterson, Jr.</p> <p>Case ID No. 36065</p> <p>Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101875342</p> <p>Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank</p> <p>Enf. Coordinator Rajesh Acharya</p> <p>Violation Number <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>Rule Cite(s)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;">30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.47(a)(2)</div> <p>Violation Description</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;">Failed to permanently remove from service, no later than 60 days after the prescribed upgrade implementation date, two USTs for which any applicable component of the system is not brought into timely compliance with the upgrade requirements.</div>	<p>Docket No. 2008-0953-PST-E</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PCW</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision June 12, 2008</p>																			
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Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Nile J. Patterson, Jr.
Case ID No. 36065
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101875342
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$10,000	22-Dec-1998	22-Dec-2008	10.01	\$5,004	n/a	\$5,004

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to permanently remove the UST system from service. Date Required is the date when the Respondent was required to upgrade the UST system. Final Date is the estimated compliance date.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$10,000

TOTAL \$5,004

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN601022023 Nile J. Patterson, Jr.	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 3.00
Regulated Entity:	RN101875342 Nile J. Patterson, Jr.	Classification: AVERAGE	Site Rating: 3.00
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	54244
Location:	300 US HIGHWAY 287, CLAUDE, TX, 79019	Rating Date: 9/1/2007	Repeat Violator: NO
TCEQ Region:	REGION 01 - AMARILLO		
Date Compliance History Prepared:	June 17, 2008		
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement		
Compliance Period:	June 17, 2003 to June 17, 2008		

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Rajesh Acharya Phone: (512) 239-0577

Site Compliance History Components

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| 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? | Yes |
| 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance period? | No |
| 3. If Yes, who is the current owner? | N/A |
| 4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)? | N/A |
| 5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur? | N/A |

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
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|---|------------|----------|--|
| 1 | 01/31/2007 | (534855) | |
| 2 | 04/23/2007 | (557377) | |
| 3 | 05/27/2008 | (671133) | |
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
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|--------------|---|----------|--------------------------|
| Date: | 01/31/2007 | (534855) | |
| Self Report? | NO | | Classification: Moderate |
| Citation: | 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.47(a)(2) | | |
| Description: | Failure of the owner to permanently remove from service all UST systems that have not been brought into timely compliance no later than 60 days after the prescribed implementation date. | | |
| Self Report? | NO | | Classification: Moderate |
| Citation: | 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.54(d)(2) | | |
| Description: | Failure of the owner to empty out of service USTs to 1.0 inch or less of residual regulated substance. | | |
| Date: | 04/24/2007 | (557377) | |
| Self Report? | NO | | Classification: Moderate |
| Citation: | 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.47(a)(2) | | |
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- F. Environmental audits.
N/A

- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).
N/A
 - H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.
N/A
 - I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.
N/A
 - J. Early compliance.
N/A
- Sites Outside of Texas
- N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
NILE J. PATTERSON, JR.
RN101875342

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2008-0953-PST-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Nile J. Patterson, Jr. ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns property with two inactive underground storage tanks ("USTs") at 300 United States Highway 287 in Claude, Armstrong County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's two USTs are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about May 26, 2008.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Financial Assurance Section of the Commission's Financial Administration Division

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business and for the protection of the interests of all parties involved. The document also outlines the various methods and techniques used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the records.

The second part of the document provides a detailed description of the various types of records that should be maintained. This includes financial records, such as ledgers, journals, and invoices, as well as non-financial records, such as contracts, correspondence, and legal documents. The document also discusses the importance of regularly reviewing and updating these records to ensure they remain current and accurate.

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the document emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It outlines the various methods and techniques used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the records, and discusses the importance of regularly reviewing and updating these records to ensure they remain current and accurate.

reviewed financial documentation submitted by the Respondent and determined that the Respondent is unable to pay part of the administrative penalty. Therefore, One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900) of the penalty is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

Therefore, the Respondent has paid the remaining amount of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600) of the undeferred administrative penalty.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to permanently remove from service, no later than 60 days after the prescribed upgrade implementation date, two USTs for which any applicable component of the system is not brought into timely compliance with the upgrade requirements, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.47(a)(2), as documented during a record review conducted on May 14, 2008.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Nile J. Patterson, Jr., Docket No. 2008-0953-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, permanently remove the UST system from service, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55; and
 - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, regarding the activities of the [redacted] during the period from [redacted] to [redacted].

The [redacted] was found to have engaged in the following activities:

1. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

The above information was obtained from the records of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, and is being provided to you for your information.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Office of Inspector General at [redacted] or [redacted].

This information is being provided to you for your information and is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, is committed to transparency and accountability in its operations.

Sincerely,
 [redacted]

This document contains information that is exempt from public release under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(C).

[redacted]

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with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager
Amarillo Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3918 Canyon Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79109-4933

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
7. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

John Sadler
For the Executive Director

2/17/2009
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Nile J. Patterson Jr.
Signature

22 Dec. 2008
Date

Nile J. Patterson Jr.
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Nile J. Patterson, Jr.

N/A
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

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