

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER** Page 1 of 2  
**DOCKET NO.:** 2009-0539-PST-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101497071 **CASE NO.:** 37474  
**RESPONDENT NAME:** CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery

<b>ORDER TYPE:</b>		
<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	
<b>CASE TYPE:</b>		
<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><b>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED:</b> Clara's Store &amp; Bakery, 719 Highway 71 West, Smithville, Bastrop County</p> <p><b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> Convenience store and bakery with retail sales of gasoline</p> <p><b>SMALL BUSINESS:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:</b> There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p><b>INTERESTED PARTIES:</b> No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS RECEIVED:</b> The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on August 31, 2009. No comments were received.</p> <p><b>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:</b>  TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None  TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Elvia Maske, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-0789; Ms. Cari-Michel La Caille, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1387  Respondent: Ms. Georgina Chronis, President, CLARA, INC., 719 Highway 71 West, Smithville, Texas 78957  Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

**VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:**

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p><b>Type of Investigation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine  <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up  <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p><b>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case:</b> None</p> <p><b>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:</b> January 22, 2009</p> <p><b>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case:</b> March 20, 2009 (NOE)</p> <p><b>Background Facts:</b> This was a routine investigation.</p> <p><b>WASTE</b></p> <p>1) Failure to monitor underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases at a frequency of at least once per month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].</p> <p>2) Failure to ensure that a legible tag, label, or marking with tank number is permanently applied upon or affixed to either the top of the fill tube or to a nonremovable point in the immediate area of the fill tube for each regulated UST according to the UST registration and self-certification form [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(C)].</p> <p>3) Failure to comply with vapor control requirements for emission limitation anywhere in the liquid transfer or vapor balance system. Specifically, the cap for tank no. 1 vapor port was missing [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.222(3) and TEX. HEALTH &amp; SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p> <p>4) Failure to ensure that each vapor balance system vent line is equipped with a pressure-vacuum relief valve set to open at a pressure of no more than eight ounces per square inch [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.222(6) and TEX. HEALTH &amp; SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$4,275</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$855  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement  <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p><b>SEP Conditional Offset:</b> \$0</p> <p><b>Total Paid (Due) to General Revenue:</b> \$154 (remaining \$3,266 due in 23 monthly payments of \$142 each)</p> <p><b>Site Compliance History Classification</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Person Compliance History Classification</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Major Source:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Applicable Penalty Policy:</b> September 2002</p>	<p><b>Corrective Actions Taken:</b></p> <p>The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Station:</p> <p>a. Implemented a release detection method for all USTs on January 28, 2009;</p> <p>b. Properly labeled the USTs according to the UST registration and self-certification form on February 10, 2009;</p> <p>c. Installed a cap on the tank no. 1 vapor port on February 10, 2009; and</p> <p>d. Installed pressure-vacuum relief valves on the vapor balance system vent lines on February 10, 2009.</p>

Additional ID No(s): 71980



## Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	Assigned	23-Mar-2009			
	PCW	15-Apr-2009	Screening	9-Apr-2009	EPA Due

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>			
Respondent	CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101497071		
Facility/Site Region	11-Austin	Major/Minor Source	Minor

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
Enf./Case ID No.	37474	No. of Violations	3
Docket No.	2009-0539-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Elvia Maske
		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**

**ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1**

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

**Compliance History**  Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes

**Culpability**   Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

**Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** **Subtotal 5**

**Economic Benefit**  Enhancement\* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts    
 Approx. Cost of Compliance  \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

**SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** **Final Subtotal**

**OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE**  **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

**Final Penalty Amount**

**STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT** **Final Assessed Penalty**

**DEFERRAL**  Reduction **Adjustment**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

**PAYABLE PENALTY**

Screening Date 9-Apr-2009

Docket No. 2009-0539-PST-E

PCW

Respondent CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 37474

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101497071

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Elvia Maske

### 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)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	1	20%
	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%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
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)

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement recommended for one prior 1660 order.

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

<b>Screening Date</b> 9-Apr-2009	<b>Docket No.</b> 2009-0539-PST-E	<b>PCW</b>	
<b>Respondent</b> CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery		<i>Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)</i>	
<b>Case ID No.</b> 37474		<i>PCW Revision October 30, 2008</i>	
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b> RN101497071			
<b>Media [Statute]</b> Petroleum Storage Tank			
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b> Elvia Maske			
<b>Violation Number</b>	1		
<b>Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)		
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failed to monitor USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once per month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).		
	<b>Base Penalty</b>	\$10,000	
<b>&gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix</b>			
OR	<b>Harm</b>		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
	Actual	Potential	Percent
	x		25%
<b>&gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix</b>			
	Falsification	Major	Moderate
	Minor		Percent
			0%
<b>Matrix Notes</b>	Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.		
	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$7,500	
		\$2,500	
<b>Violation Events</b>			
	Number of Violation Events	1	Number of violation days
		6	
<i>mark only one with an x</i>	daily		<b>Violation Base Penalty</b>
	weekly		
	monthly	x	
	quarterly		
	semiannual		
	annual		
	single event		
	<b>Violation Base Penalty</b>		\$2,500
One monthly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the January 22, 2009 investigation to the January 28, 2009 compliance date.			
<b>Good Faith Efforts to Comply</b>			\$625
	25.0% Reduction		
	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer	
Extraordinary			
Ordinary	x		
N/A		(mark with x)	
<b>Notes</b>	The Respondent achieved compliance on January 28, 2009.		
	<b>Violation Subtotal</b>	\$1,875	
<b>Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation</b>		<b>Statutory Limit Test</b>	
Estimated EB Amount	\$1	Violation Final Penalty Total	\$2,375
		<b>This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)</b>	\$2,375

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery  
**Case ID No.** 37474  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101497071  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 1

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
<b>Delayed Costs</b>							
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)	\$1,500	22-Jan-2009	28-Jan-2009	0.02	\$1	n/a	\$1

**Notes for DELAYED costs**  
 Estimated cost of monitoring all USTs for releases. Date required is the investigation date and final date is the compliance date.

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
<b>ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)</b>							
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 \$1,500 TOTAL \$1

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<b>Case ID No.</b> 37474	<small>PCW Revision October 30, 2008</small>			
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b> RN101497071				
<b>Media [Statute]</b> Petroleum Storage Tank				
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b> Elvia Maske				
<b>Violation Number</b>	2			
<b>Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(5)(C)			
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failed to ensure that a legible tag, label, or marking with tank number is permanently applied upon or affixed to either the top of the fill tube or to a nonremovable point in the immediate area of the fill tube for each regulated UST according to the UST registration and self-certification form.			
<b>Base Penalty</b>		\$10,000		
<b>&gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix</b>				
<b>Harm</b>				
<b>Release</b>	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Percent</b>			0%	
<b>&gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix</b>				
<b>Falsification</b>				
Major			Moderate	Minor
<input type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Percent</b>			10%	
<b>Matrix Notes</b>	100% of the rule requirement was not met.			
<b>Adjustment</b>			\$9,000	
			\$1,000	
<b>Violation Events</b>				
<b>Number of Violation Events</b>		1	<b>Number of violation days</b>	
		19		
<small>mark only one with an x</small>	daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Violation Base Penalty</b>	
	weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	semiannual	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	annual	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	single event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Violation Base Penalty</b>			\$1,000	
One single event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the January 22, 2009 investigation.				
<b>Good Faith Efforts to Comply</b>		25.0% Reduction	\$250	
		<small>Before NOV    NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer</small>		
Extraordinary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ordinary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
N/A	<small>(mark with x)</small>			
<b>Notes</b>	The Respondent achieved compliance on February 10, 2009.			
<b>Violation Subtotal</b>			\$750	
<b>Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation</b>		<b>Statutory Limit Test</b>		
<b>Estimated EB Amount</b>		\$0	<b>Violation Final Penalty Total</b>	
			\$950	
<b>This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)</b>			\$950	

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery  
**Case ID No.** 37474  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101497071  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 2

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							
<b>Delayed Costs</b>							
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)	\$100	22-Jan-2009	10-Feb-2009	0.05	\$0	n/a	\$0

**Notes for DELAYED costs**  
 Estimated cost to permanently label USTs. Date required is the investigation date and final date is the compliance date.

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
<b>ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)</b>							
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** **TOTAL**  
\$100 \$0

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<b>Respondent</b> CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery	<small>Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)</small>			
<b>Case ID No.</b> 37474	<small>PCW Revision October 30, 2008</small>			
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b> RN101497071				
<b>Media [Statute]</b> Petroleum Storage Tank				
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b> Elvia Maske				
<b>Violation Number</b>	3			
<b>Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 115.222(3) and (6) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)			
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failed to comply with vapor control requirements for emission limitation anywhere in the liquid transfer or vapor balance system. Specifically, the cap for tank no. 1 vapor port was missing. Also, failed to ensure that each vapor balance system vent line is equipped with a pressure-vacuum relief valve set to open at a pressure of no more than eight ounces per square inch.			
<b>Base Penalty</b>		\$10,000		
<b>&gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix</b>				
OR	<b>Harm</b>			
	<b>Release</b>	Major	Moderate	Minor
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Potential	<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>
		<b>Percent</b>	10%	
<b>&gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix</b>				
	<b>Falsification</b>	Major	Moderate	Minor
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
		<b>Percent</b>	0%	
<b>Matrix Notes</b>	Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.			
		<b>Adjustment</b>	\$9,000	
		\$1,000		
<b>Violation Events</b>				
<b>Number of Violation Events</b>		1	<b>Number of violation days</b>	
		19		
<small>mark only one with an x</small>	daily	<input type="text"/>		
	weekly	<input type="text"/>		
	monthly	<input type="text"/>		
	quarterly	x		
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>		
	annual	<input type="text"/>		
	single event	<input type="text"/>		
		<b>Violation Base Penalty</b>	\$1,000	
One quarterly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the January 22, 2009 investigation to the February 10, 2009 compliance date.				
<b>Good Faith Efforts to Comply</b>		25.0% Reduction	\$250	
		<small>Before NOV</small>	<small>NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer</small>	
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>			
Ordinary	x			
N/A	<input type="text"/>	<small>(mark with x)</small>		
<b>Notes</b>	The Respondent achieved compliance on February 10, 2009.			
		<b>Violation Subtotal</b>	\$750	
<b>Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation</b>		<b>Statutory Limit Test</b>		
<b>Estimated EB Amount</b>		\$1	<b>Violation Final Penalty Total</b>	
		\$950		
		<b>This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)</b>		
		\$950		

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery  
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**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101497071  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 3

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
<b>Delayed Costs</b>							
Equipment	\$300	22-Jan-2009	10-Feb-2009	0.05	\$0	\$1	\$1
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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

**Notes for DELAYED costs**  
 Estimated cost to properly install pressure-vacuum valves and replace the missing cap. Date required is the investigation date and final date is the 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 TOTAL

\$300		\$1
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# Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600784516 CLARA, INC. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 22.50  
Regulated Entity: RN101497071 Clara's Store & Bakery Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 22.50  
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 71980  
REGISTRATION  
Location: 719 HWY 71 W, SMITHVILLE, TX, 78957  
TCEQ Region: REGION 11 - AUSTIN  
Date Compliance History Prepared: March 30, 2009  
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement  
Compliance Period: March 30, 2004 to March 30, 2009  
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History  
Name: Elvia Maske Phone: (512) 239 - 0789

## Site Compliance History Components

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/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2008 Repeat Violator: NO

## Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.

Effective Date: 05/28/2006 ADMINORDER 2004-1603-PST-E  
Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 37, SubChapter I 37.815(a)  
30 TAC Chapter 37, SubChapter I 37.815(b)  
Description: A mechanism was received, but it did not provide coverage on the file review date.

- 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.)

1 10/01/2004 (290435)  
2 03/19/2009 (724926)

- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

N/A

- 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  
CLARA, INC. DBA CLARA'S  
STORE & BAKERY  
RN101497071

§ BEFORE THE  
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§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
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§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER  
DOCKET NO. 2009-0539-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 CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 382 and 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 and operates a convenience store and bakery with retail sales of gasoline at 719 Highway 71 West in Smithville, Bastrop County, Texas (the "Station").
2. The Respondent's two underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission. The Station consists of one or more sources as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.003(12).
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 March 25, 2009.
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 Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$4,275) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$154) of the administrative penalty and Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$855) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

The remaining amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$3,266) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 23 monthly payments of One Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$142) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of the Respondent to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

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 recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Station:
  - a. Implemented a release detection method for all USTs on January 28, 2009;
  - b. Properly labeled the USTs according to the UST registration and self-certification form on February 10, 2009;
  - c. Installed a cap on the tank no. 1 vapor port on February 10, 2009; and
  - d. Installed pressure-vacuum relief valves on the vapor balance system vent lines on February 10, 2009.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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 and operator of the Station, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to monitor USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once per month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 22, 2009.
2. Failed to ensure that a legible tag, label, or marking with tank number is permanently applied upon or affixed to either the top of the fill tube or to a nonremovable point in the immediate area of the fill tube for each regulated UST according to the UST registration and self-certification form, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(C), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 22, 2009.
3. Failed to comply with vapor control requirements for emission limitation anywhere in the liquid transfer or vapor balance system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.222(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 22, 2009. Specifically, the cap for tank no. 1 vapor port was missing.
4. Failed to ensure that each vapor balance system vent line is equipped with a pressure-vacuum relief valve set to open at a pressure of no more than eight ounces per square inch, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.222(6) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b); as documented during an investigation conducted on January 22, 2009.

## 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: CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery, Docket No. 2009-0539-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. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Station operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. This Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes under this Agreed Order.
7. 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

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For the Commission

John Szdlar  
For the Executive Director

8/6/2009  
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.

Georgina Chronis  
Signature

6-4-09  
Date

GEORGINA CHRONIS  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
CLARA, INC. dba Clara's Store & Bakery

Comp President  
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.

