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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER
DOCKET NO.: 2010-0996-PST-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101433241 **CASE NO.:** 39886
RESPONDENT NAME: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store

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: E-Z-7 Food Store, 9903 North Houston Rosslyn Road, Houston, Harris County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Convenience store with retail sales of gasoline</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 November 8, 2010. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Andrea Park, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-4575; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495 Respondent: Mr. Rahim S. Bachlani, President, SAMA INC., 9903 North Houston Rosslyn Road, Houston, Texas 77088 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input 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 26, 2010</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: June 6, 2010 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a routine investigation.</p> <p>WASTE</p> <p>1) Failed to maintain the Stage II vapor recovery system in proper operating condition, as specified by the manufacturer and/or any applicable California Air Resources Board ("CARB") Executive Order or third-party certification, and free of defects that would impair the effectiveness of the system. Specifically, the Stage II testing detected vapor leaks in the vacuum monitor and dry break vapor caps. Also, the faceplate was missing from the nozzle on dispenser no.1 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.242(3)(D) and (G), and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p> <p>2) Failed to conduct monthly inspections of the Stage II vapor recovery system [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.244(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p> <p>3) Failed to verify proper operation of the Stage II vapor space manifold and dynamic back pressure at least once every 36 months or upon major system replacement or modification, whichever occurs first. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the triennial testing by the due date of April 9, 2010 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.245(2) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p> <p>4) Failed to maintain Stage II records</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$5,806</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$1,161 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$0</p> <p>Total Paid (Due) to General Revenue: \$165 (remaining \$4,480 due in 35 monthly payments of \$128 each)</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>Corrective Actions Taken:</p> <p>The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Station:</p> <p>a. Began maintaining the Stage II vapor recovery system in proper operating condition on June 30, 2010;</p> <p>b. Began conducting monthly inspections of the Stage II equipment on May 27, 2010;</p> <p>c. Successfully conducted the required triennial testing of the Stage II equipment on June 15, 2010; and</p> <p>d. Began maintaining the CARB Executive Order at the Station on July 13, 2010.</p>

<p>at the Station and make them immediately available for review upon request by agency personnel. Specifically, a copy of the CARB Executive Order was not available for review [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.246(i) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p>		
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Additional ID No(s): PST ID 63071



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	7-Jun-2010	Screening	14-Jun-2010	EPA Due	
	PCW	24-Aug-2010				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	SAMA, INC dba E-Z-7 Food Store		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101433241		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	39886	No. of Violations	4	
Docket No.	2010-0996-PST-E	Order Type	1660	
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No	
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Andrea Park	
		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	\$5,500
ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1		
<small>Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.</small>		
Compliance History	2.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$110
Notes	Enhancement for one prior notice of violation with dissimilar violations.	
Culpability	No 0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4 \$0
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.	
Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments		Subtotal 5 \$700
Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6 \$0
<small>Total EB Amounts</small>	\$914	<small>*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount</small>
<small>Approx. Cost of Compliance</small>	\$3,639	
SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$4,910
OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	18.2% Adjustment	\$896
<small>Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.</small>		
Notes	Enhancement for the avoided cost of compliance associated with violation nos. 2 and 3.	
	Final Penalty Amount	\$5,806
STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$5,806
DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction Adjustment	-\$1,161
<small>Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)</small>		
Notes	Deferral offered for expedited settlement.	
PAYABLE PENALTY		\$4,645

Screening Date 14-Jun-2010

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PCW

Respondent SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 39886

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101433241

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Andrea Park

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	1	2%
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 judgments 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) 2%

>> 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 one prior notice of violation with dissimilar violations.

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

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Case ID No. 39886 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101433241
Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank
Enf. Coordinator Andrea Park

Violation Number 1
Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 115.242(3)(D) and (G), and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)
Violation Description Failed to maintain the Stage II vapor recovery system in proper operating condition, as specified by the manufacturer and/or any applicable California Air Resources Board Executive Order ("CARB") or third-party certification, and free of defects that would impair the effectiveness of the system. Specifically, the Stage II testing detected vapor leaks in the vacuum monitor and dry break vapor cap. Also, the faceplate was missing from the nozzle on dispenser no. 1.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual			X	10%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 19 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	X
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One quarterly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the May 26, 2010 investigation to the June 14, 2010 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 10.0% Reduction \$100

	Before NOV	NOV to ED/PRP/Settlement
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		X
N/A		(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent came into compliance on June 30, 2010, after the notice of enforcement dated June 8, 2010.

Violation Subtotal \$900

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation **Statutory Limit Test**

Estimated EB Amount \$15 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$1,088

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,088

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store
Case ID No.: 39888
Req. Ent. Reference No.: RN101433241
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
No commas or \$							

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Equipment	\$2,289	26-May-2010	30-Jun-2010	0.10	\$1	\$15	\$15
Buildings	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land	\$0			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System	\$0			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling	\$0			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal	\$0			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs	\$0			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$0			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost for repairing vapor leaks per receipt submitted, including replacing the spill buckets, vapor caps, and faceplate. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the compliance date.

Avoided Costs

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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Disposal	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$0			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$2,289

TOTAL

\$15

Screening Date: 14-Jun-2010 **Docket No.:** 2010-0996-PST-E **PCW**
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Case ID No.: 39886 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*
Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101433241
Media [Statute]: Petroleum Storage Tank
Enf. Coordinator: Andrea Park

Violation Number: 2
Rule Cite(s): 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 115.244(3) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)
Violation Description: Failed to conduct monthly inspections of the Stage II vapor recovery system.
Base Penalty: \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				10%
Potential		X		

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0%

Matrix Notes: 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.

Adjustment: \$9,000
Subtotal: \$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events: 1 **Number of violation days:** 1
mark only one with an x
 daily:
 weekly:
 monthly:
 quarterly:
 semiannual:
 annual:
 single event:
Violation Base Penalty: \$1,000
 One quarterly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the May 26, 2010 investigation to the May 27, 2010 compliance date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 25.0% Reduction \$250

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRF/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary	X	
N/A		(mark with x)

Notes: The Respondent came into compliance on May 27, 2010 before the notice of enforcement dated June 6, 2010.
Violation Subtotal: \$750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation **Statutory Limit Test**

Estimated EB Amount: \$358 **Violation Final Penalty Total:** \$911
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits): \$911

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store
Case ID No.: 39886
Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101433241
Media: Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No.: 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Avoided Costs

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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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]	\$350	26-Apr-2010	27-May-2010	1.00	\$18	-\$350	\$368
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated cost to conduct the required monthly inspections of the components of the Stage II vapor recovery system. The date required is one month prior to the investigation date and the final date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$350

TOTAL

\$368

Screening Date: 14-Jun-2010

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PCW

Respondent: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No.: 39886

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101433241

Media [Statute]: Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator: Andrea Park

Violation Number: 3

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 115.245(2) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)

Violation Description

Failed to verify proper operation of the Stage II vapor space manifold and dynamic back pressure at least once every 36 months or upon major system replacement or modification, whichever occurs first. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the triennial testing by the due date of April 9, 2010.

Base Penalty: \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release Harm: Major Moderate Minor

Table with 3 columns: Major, Moderate, Minor. Actual row: empty, empty, empty. Potential row: X, empty, empty.

Percent: 25%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification Harm: Major Moderate Minor

Table with 3 columns: Major, Moderate, Minor. All rows: empty.

Percent: 0%

Matrix Notes

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.

Adjustment: \$7,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events: 1

Number of violation days: 47

Table with 2 columns: Frequency, Count. Frequencies: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual, single event. Counts: empty, empty, empty, empty, empty, empty, X.

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty: \$2,500

One single event is recommended for the period preceding the May 26, 2010 investigation.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0% Reduction

\$250

Before NOV NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer

Table with 2 columns: Before NOV, NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer. Rows: Extraordinary, Ordinary, N/A. Values: empty, empty, empty, empty, X, (mark with x).

Notes

The Respondent came into compliance on June 15, 2010, after the notice of enforcement dated June 6, 2010.

Violation Subtotal: \$2,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount: \$528

Violation Final Penalty Total: \$2,720

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits): \$2,720

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store
Case ID No.: 39886
Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101433241
Media: Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No.: 3

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Avoided Costs

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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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]	\$500	9-Apr-2010	15-Jun-2010	1.10	\$28	\$500	\$528
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost of conducting the required Stage II testing. The date required is the test due date and the final date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$500

TOTAL

\$528

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PCW

Respondent: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101433241

Media [Statute]: Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator: Andrea Park

Violation Number: 4

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 115.248(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)

Violation Description

Failed to maintain Stage II records at the Station and make them immediately available for review upon request by agency personnel. Specifically, a copy of the CARB Executive Order was not available for review.

Base Penalty: \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent: 0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	X		

Percent: 10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment: \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events: 1

Number of violation days: 19

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	X

Violation Base Penalty: \$1,000

One single event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the May 28, 2010 investigation.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0% Reduction

\$100

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		X
N/A		(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent came into compliance on July 13, 2010, after the notice of enforcement dated June 6, 2010.

Violation Subtotal: \$900

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount: \$3

Violation Final Penalty Total: \$1,088

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits): \$1,088

Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media: Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No.: 4

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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	\$500	26-May-2010	13-Jul-2010	0.13	\$3	n/a	\$3
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 maintain Stage II records at the Station. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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

\$500

TOTAL

\$3

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN601635923 SAMA INC. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 0.75
Regulated Entity: RN101433241 E-Z-7 Food Store Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 0.75
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 63071
REGISTRATION
Location: 9903 N HOUSTON ROSSLYN RD, HOUSTON, TX, 77088
TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON
Date Compliance History Prepared: June 21, 2010
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: June 21, 2005 to June 21, 2010

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

Name: Andrea Park Phone: 512-239-4575

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: 9/1/2009 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.
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 | 04/15/2007 | (556990) |
| 2 | 02/21/2008 | (617026) |
| 3 | 03/10/2008 | (637502) |
| 4 | 06/06/2010 | (825115) |
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
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| Date: | 02/21/2008 | (617026) | CN601635923 |
| Self Report? | NO | | Classification: Moderate |
| Citation: | 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.242(1)(C) | | |
| Description: | 30 TAC Chapter 115.242(1)(C) - Failure to install a Stage II Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) system compatible with Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) systems on motor vehicles. Existing Stage II systems must be in compliance with this requirement. The current vapor vac system installed at the facility is not ORVR compatible and will need to be upgraded.**** The facility is operating with a Stage II California Air Resource Board Executive Order (CARB) G-70-150 AE which is not ORVR | | |
- 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
SAMA INC. DBA E-Z-7 FOOD
STORE
RN101433241

§ BEFORE THE
§
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2010-0996-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 SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 382 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7. 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 with retail sales of gasoline at 9903 North Houston Rosslyn Road in Houston, Harris County, Texas (the "Station").
2. 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 June 11, 2010.
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 Eight Hundred Six Dollars (\$5,806) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section



II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$165) of the administrative penalty and One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$1,161) 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 Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$4,480) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 35 monthly payments of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$128) 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. Began maintaining the Stage II vapor recovery system in proper operating condition on June 30, 2010;
 - b. Began conducting monthly inspections of the Stage II equipment on May 27, 2010;
 - c. Successfully conducted the required triennial testing of the Stage II equipment on June 15, 2010; and
 - d. Began maintaining the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") Executive Order at the Station on July 13, 2010.
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.

1. 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 integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud. The text notes that without reliable records, it would be difficult to track the flow of funds and identify any irregularities.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It describes how different types of information are gathered from various sources and how this data is then processed to identify trends and patterns. The text highlights the importance of using advanced analytical techniques to ensure that the data is interpreted correctly and that any potential risks are identified early on.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the implementation of control measures to mitigate risks. It discusses the development of policies and procedures that are designed to prevent errors and fraud. The text also mentions the importance of regular audits and monitoring to ensure that these controls are being followed and that any deviations are promptly addressed.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the role of technology in modern financial systems. It explains how digital tools and automation have transformed the way financial data is collected, stored, and analyzed. The text notes that while technology offers many advantages, it also introduces new risks, such as cyberattacks and data breaches, which must be carefully managed.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of transparency and accountability in financial reporting. It explains how clear and consistent reporting practices help to build trust with stakeholders and ensure that all parties have access to the same information. The text also mentions the role of regulatory bodies in enforcing these standards and ensuring that organizations are held accountable for their actions.

6. The sixth part of the document covers the topic of risk management and the identification of potential threats. It describes how organizations can conduct thorough risk assessments to understand the nature and extent of their risks. The text also discusses the importance of having a clear risk management strategy in place to guide decision-making and to ensure that risks are kept within acceptable levels.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the importance of ongoing education and training for staff. It explains that as the financial landscape evolves, it is crucial for employees to stay up-to-date on the latest trends and best practices. The text mentions that regular training programs can help to improve the skills and knowledge of the workforce, which in turn leads to more effective financial management.

8. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed and offers some concluding thoughts on the future of financial systems. It emphasizes that while there are many challenges ahead, a commitment to integrity, transparency, and innovation will be essential for the continued success of the financial industry. The text also mentions the need for continued collaboration between industry and regulators to address emerging risks and opportunities.

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 maintain the Stage II vapor recovery system in proper operating condition, as specified by the manufacturer and/or any applicable CARB Executive Order or third-party certification, and free of defects that would impair the effectiveness of the system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.242(3)(D) and (G), and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on May 26, 2010. Specifically, the Stage II testing detected vapor leaks in the vacuum monitor and dry break vapor caps. Also, the faceplate was missing from the nozzle on dispenser no.1.
2. Failed to conduct monthly inspections of the Stage II vapor recovery system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.244(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on May 26, 2010.
3. Failed to verify proper operation of the Stage II vapor space manifolding and dynamic back pressure at least once every 36 months or upon major system replacement or modification, whichever occurs first, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.245(2) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on May 26, 2010. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the triennial testing by the due date of April 9, 2010.
4. Failed to maintain Stage II records at the Station and make them immediately available for review upon request by agency personnel, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.246(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on May 26, 2010. Specifically, a copy of the CARB Executive Order was not available for review.

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: SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store, Docket No. 2010-0996-PST-E" to:

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records and the role of the auditor in this process.

3.1.1. The Role of the Auditor

The auditor's primary responsibility is to provide an independent and objective assessment of the financial statements. This involves a thorough examination of the accounting records and supporting documentation.

The auditor must also ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and regulations.

In addition, the auditor is required to identify and report any material misstatements or irregularities that may be present in the financial statements.

The auditor's findings and conclusions are typically presented in an audit report, which is a key document for the management and the board of directors.

3.1.2. The Audit Process

The audit process is a systematic and planned approach to the examination of financial statements.

3.1.3. The Audit Cycle

The audit cycle consists of several key stages, including planning, fieldwork, and reporting. Each stage is designed to ensure a comprehensive and efficient audit process.

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.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

Date 10/7/2010

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.



Signature

Date AUG 30-10.

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
SAMA INC. dba E-Z-7 Food Store

Title
PRESIDENT

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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