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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER**  
**DOCKET NO.: 2009-1802-PST-E TCEQ ID: RN102449709 CASE NO.: 38620**  
**RESPONDENT NAME: Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys**

<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> Rowdys, 8300 Spencer Highway, La Porte, Harris County</p> <p><b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> Convenience store 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 April 12, 2010. No comments were received.</p> <p><b>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:</b>  <b>TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator:</b> None  <b>TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:</b> Mr. Philip Aldridge, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 128, (512) 239-0855;  Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495  <b>Respondent:</b> Mr. George Kaldis, President, Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys, 8831 Winningham Lane, Houston, Texas 77055  <b>Respondent's Attorney:</b> 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> September 24, 2009</p> <p><b>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case:</b> October 23, 2009 (NOE)</p> <p><b>Background Facts:</b> This was a routine investigation.</p> <p><b>WASTE</b></p> <p>Failure to verify proper operation of the Stage II equipment at least once every 36 months [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 115.245(2) and TEX. HEALTH &amp; SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$3,579</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$715  <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> \$164                      (remaining \$2,700 due in 27 monthly payments of \$100 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 successfully conducted Stage II triennial system compliance testing on September 24, 2009.</p>

Additional ID No(s): 75029



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	Assigned	26-Oct-2009	Screening	27-Oct-2009	EPA Due	
	PCW	27-Oct-2009				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>			
Respondent	Genlek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102449709		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
Enf./Case ID No.	38620	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2009-1802-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Phillip Aldridge
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

**TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)** Subtotal 1 **\$2,500**

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

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

**Compliance History** 26.0% Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 **\$650**

Notes

Enhancement for one 1660-style order and three NOV's 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 **\$625**

**Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement Subtotal 6 **\$0**

Total EB Amounts	\$1,054
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,000

\*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

**SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** Final Subtotal **\$2,525**

**OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE** 41.7% Adjustment **\$1,054**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Recommended enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with the violation.

**Final Penalty Amount** **\$3,579**

**STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT** Final Assessed Penalty **\$3,579**

**DEFERRAL** 20.0% Reduction Adjustment **-\$715**

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

Notes

Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

**PAYABLE PENALTY** **\$2,864**

Screening Date 27-Oct-2009

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PCW

Respondent Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 38620

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102449709

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Phillip Aldridge

**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	3	6%
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%

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) 26%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

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 1660-style order and three NOVs with dissimilar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 26%

Screening Date: 27-Oct-2009

Docket No. 2009-1802-PST-E

PCW

Respondent: Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 38620

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102449709

Media [Statute]: Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator: Philip Aldridge

Violation Number: 1

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 equipment at least once every 36 months.

Base Penalty: \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				25%
Potential	x			

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	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      1095 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty: \$2,500

One single event is recommended for the three-year period preceding the September 24, 2009 Investigation.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

25.0% Reduction

\$625

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

Notes: The Respondent came into compliance on September 24, 2009, prior to the NOE dated October 23, 2009.

Violation Subtotal: \$1,875

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount: \$1,054

Violation Final Penalty Total: \$3,579

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits): \$3,579

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys  
**Case ID No.** 38620  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN102449709  
**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)				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)

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)	\$1,000	28-Jul-2009	24-Sep-2009	1.08	\$54	\$1,000	\$1,054
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost for triennial testing of the Stage II equipment. The Date Required is the due date for the Stage II triennial testing. The Final Date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,000

**TOTAL**

\$1,054



Description: Failure to maintain proof of attendance and completion of training as specified in 115.248 (state approved Stage II training course) and documentation of all Stage II training for each employee.

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.242(9)

Description: Failure to post operating instructions conspicuously on the front of each dispenser equipped with a Stage II system.

Date: 11/28/2006 (519319) CN603069287

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.246(4)

Description: Failure to maintain proof of attendance and completion of training as specified in 115.248 (state approved Stage II training course) and documentation of all Stage II training for each employee.

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.242(9)

Description: Failure to post operating instructions conspicuously on the front of each dispenser equipped with a Stage II system.

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  
GENTEK INVESTMENTS, INC DBA  
ROWDYS  
RN102449709**

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**BEFORE THE  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2009-1802-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 Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys ("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 8300 Spencer Highway in La Porte, 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 October 28, 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 Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$3,579) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$164) of the

administrative penalty and Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$715) 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 Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 27 monthly payments of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) 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 successfully conducted Stage II triennial system compliance testing on September 24, 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 failed to verify proper operation of the Stage II equipment at least once every 36 months, 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 September 24, 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: Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys, Docket No. 2009-1802-PST-E" to:  

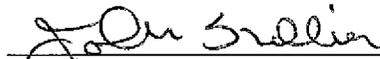
Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13088  
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
For the Commission

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
For the Executive Director

3/16/2010  
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.

  
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Signature

1.18.10  
Date

GEORGE KAUDIS  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
Gentek Investments, Inc dba Rowdys

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.

