

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER** Page 1 of 2  
**DOCKET NO.:** 2009-1794-AIR-E **TCEQ ID:** RN105671200 **CASE NO.:** 38641  
**RESPONDENT NAME:** Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC

<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 checked="" 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 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> Applied Fabrication &amp; Field Services LLC, 300 West Freeway Boulevard, Rose City, Orange County</p> <p><b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> Surface coating facility</p> <p><b>SMALL BUSINESS:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:</b> A complaint was received on October 12, 2009, alleging that the Respondent was creating a dust cloud impacting the residential neighborhood. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p><b>INTERESTED PARTIES:</b> A complaint was received, but the complainant has not expressed a desire to protest this action or to speak at Agenda.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS RECEIVED:</b> The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on June 21, 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. Raymond Marlow, P.G., Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 5, MC R-10, (409) 899-8785; Ms. Laurie Baves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495  <b>Respondent:</b> Mr. Calvin Ayers, Owner/Manager, Applied Fabrication &amp; Field Services, LLC, 300 West Freeway Boulevard, Rose City, Texas 77662  <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint  <input 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> October 12, 2009</p> <p><b>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:</b> October 12, 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 complaint investigation.</p> <p><b>AIR</b></p> <p>Failure to obtain a permit or meet the conditions of a permit by rule. Specifically, the Respondent was first investigated on January 7 and 8, 2009, and was issued a Notice of Violation for operating without proper authorization. An additional investigation conducted on October 12, 2009, showed that the Respondent was still operating without having obtained proper authorization to conduct surface coating [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 116.110(a) and TEX. HEALTH &amp; SAFETY CODE 382.085(b)].</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$1,050</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$210  <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 to General Revenue:</b> \$840</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>Ordering Provisions:</b></p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, obtain authorization for the surface coating activities at the Plant; and</p> <p>b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision a.</p>

Additional ID No(s): N/A



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

<b>DATES</b>	Assigned	26-Oct-2009		
	PCW	17-Nov-2009	Screening	3-Nov-2009
			EPA Due	

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>			
Respondent	Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN105671200		
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont	Major/Minor Source	Minor

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
Enf./Case ID No.	38641	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2009-1794-AIR-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Air	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Raymond Marlow, P.G.
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 5
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 indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

**PAYABLE PENALTY**

Screening Date 3-Nov-2009

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PCW

Respondent Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Raymond Marlow, P.G.

### 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)	1	5%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of 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) 5%

>> 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

The Respondent received a penalty enhancement due to one NOV for the same violation in the last five years.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 5%

Screening Date 3-Nov-2009

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PCW

Respondent Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Raymond Marlow, P.G.

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 116.110(a) and Tex. Health & Safety Code 382.085(b)

Violation Description

Failed to obtain a permit or meet the conditions of a permit by rule. Specifically, the Respondent was first investigated on January 7 and 8, 2009, and was issued a Notice of Violation for operating without proper authorization. An additional investigation conducted on October 12, 2009, showed that the Respondent was still operating without having obtained proper authorization to conduct surface coating.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
	X			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 23

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	X
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One quarterly event is recommended from the October 12, 2009 investigation through the November 3, 2009 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

Before NOV NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$1,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount \$197

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,050

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,050



# Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603436965 Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 3.00  
Regulated Entity: RN105671200 APPLIED FABRICATION & FIELD SERVICES LLC Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 3.00

ID Number(s):  
Location: 300 W FREEWAY BLVD, ROSE CITY, TX 77662  
TCEQ Region: REGION 10 - BEAUMONT  
Date Compliance History Prepared: November 03, 2009

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement  
Compliance Period: October 26, 2004 to October 26, 2009  
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History  
Name: Raymond Marlow, P.G. Phone: 409-899-8785

## 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.)  
10/07/2009 (767726)
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)  
  
**Date: 03/05/2009 (723250)**  
  
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 106, SubChapter S 106.433(7)(D)  
30 TAC Chapter 106, SubChapter S 106.433(9)  
30 TAC Chapter 116, SubChapter B 116.110(a)(4)  
5C THSC Chapter 382 382.085(b)  
Description: Failure to obtain authorization prior to construction and satisfy the conditions for a Permit By Rule (EIC B4 mod (2)(B).
- 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  
APPLIED FABRICATION & FIELD  
SERVICES, LLC  
RN105671200**

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**BEFORE THE  
  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER  
DOCKET NO. 2009-1794-AIR-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 Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC ("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 surface coating facility at 300 West Freeway Boulevard in Rose City, Orange County, Texas (the "Plant").
2. The Plant 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 One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$1,050) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The

Respondent has paid Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$840) of the administrative penalty and Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$210) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

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

## **II. ALLEGATIONS**

As owner and operator of the Plant, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to obtain a permit or meet the conditions of a permit by rule, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 116.110(a) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on October 12, 2009. Specifically, the Respondent was first investigated on January 7 and 8, 2009, and was issued a Notice of Violation for operating without proper authorization. An additional investigation conducted on October 12, 2009, showed that the Respondent was still operating without having obtained proper authorization to conduct surface coating.

## **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: Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC, Docket No. 2009-1794-AIR-E" to:

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

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, obtain authorization for the surface coating activities at the Plant; and
  - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

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

The certification shall be submitted to:

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

with a copy to:

Air Section, Manager  
Beaumont Regional Office  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
3870 Eastex Freeway  
Beaumont, Texas 77703-1892

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

Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC  
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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

[Signature]  
For the Executive Director

5/14/2010  
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.

[Signature]  
Signature

4/14/10  
Date

Calvin Ayers  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
Applied Fabrication & Field Services, LLC

Owner  
Title

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

