

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER Page 1 of 2
DOCKET NO.: 2010-0299-PST-E **TCEQ ID:** RN104198460 **CASE NO.:** 39219
RESPONDENT NAME: Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum

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: Howard Petroleum, 101 West San Antonio Street, Marfa, Presidio 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 July 5, 2010. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Keith Frank, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 128, (512) 239-1203; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495 Respondent: Mr. Hugh Howard, Owner, Howard Petroleum, P.O. Box 996, Marfa, Texas 79843 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: January 19, 2010</p> <p>Date of NOE Relating to this Case: February 19, 2010</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a routine investigation.</p> <p>WASTE</p> <p>1) Failure to ensure that a legible tag, label, or marking with the tank number is permanently applied upon or affixed to either the top of the fill tube or to a non-removable point in the immediate area of the fill tube according to the underground storage tank ("UST") registration and self-certification form [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(C)].</p> <p>2) Failure to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)(1)(B)].</p> <p>3) Failure to monitor USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring). Specifically, the automatic tank gauging ("ATG") system was non-operational [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].</p> <p>4) Failure to conduct reconciliation of detailed inventory control records at least once each month, in a manner sufficiently accurate to detect a release which equals or exceeds the sum or 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$4,700</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$940 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$0</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$3,760</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 Facility:</p> <p>a. Repaired the ATG system and began monitoring for releases on April 1, 2010; and</p> <p>b. Began conducting reconciliation of inventory control records on April 1, 2010.</p> <p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:</p> <p>i. Permanently apply or affix tags, labels, or markings to the UST fill tubes with an identification number that matches the number listed on the UST registration and self-certification form; and</p> <p>ii. Begin maintaining all UST records.</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 Provisions a.i. and a.ii.</p>



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	22-Feb-2010			
	PCW	20-Apr-2010	Screening	25-Feb-2010	EPA Due

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum			
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN104198460			
Facility/Site Region	6-El Paso	Major/Minor Source	Minor	

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	39219	No. of Violations	3	
Docket No.	2010-0299-PST-E	Order Type	1660	
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No	
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Keith Frank	
		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**

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	\$43
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$2,100

**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 25-Feb-2010

Docket No. 2010-0299-PST-E

PCW

Respondent Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 39219

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104198460

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Kelth Frank

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	2	10%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 10%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Average Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for two previous Notices of Violation with same or similar violations.

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

Screening Date 26-Feb-2010

Docket No. 2010-0299-PST-E

PCW

Respondent Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 39219

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104198460

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Kelth Frank

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(5)(C)

Violation Description

Failed to ensure that a legible tag, label, or marking with the tank number is permanently applied upon or affixed to either the top of the fill tube or to a non-removable point in the immediate area of the fill tube according to the underground storage tank ("UST") registration and self-certification form.

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

37 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single event is recommended.

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

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$6

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,100

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,100

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum
Case ID No. 39219
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104198460
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	\$100	19-Jan-2010	4-Dec-2010	0.87	\$0	\$6	\$6
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to properly label the tank fill pipes. Date Required is the investigation date. Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$100

TOTAL

\$6

Screening Date: 25-Feb-2010

Docket No.: 2010-0299-PST-E

PCW

Respondent: Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No.: 39219

PCW Revision: October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN104198460

Media [Statute]: Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator: Kelth Frank

Violation Number: 2

Rule Cite(s):

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.10(b)(1)(B)

Violation Description:

Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.

Base Penalty: \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent: 0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm		
	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

37 Number of violation days

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.

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

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount: \$22

Violation Final Penalty Total: \$1,100

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits): \$1,100

Economic-Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum
Case ID No. 39219
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104198460
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

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	19-Jan-2010	4-Dec-2016	0.87	\$22	n/a	\$22
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 UST records. Date Required is the investigation date. Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$500

TOTAL

\$22

Screening Date 25-Feb-2010

Docket No. 2010-0298-PST-E

PCW

Respondent Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 39219

PCW Revision October 30, 2009

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104198480

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (d)(1)(B)(ii) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)

Violation Description

Failed to monitor USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring). Specifically, the automatic tank gauging system was non-operational. Failed to conduct reconciliation of detailed inventory control records at least once each month, in a manner sufficiently accurate to detect a release which equals or exceeds the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

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

\$2,600

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 72

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	x
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One quarterly event is recommended from the January 19, 2010 investigation date to the April 1, 2010 compliance date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0% Reduction Before NOV NOV to EDRP/ Settlement Offer \$250

Extraordinary	
Ordinary	x
N/A	(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent came into compliance on April 1, 2010 after the Notice of Enforcement dated February 19, 2010.

Violation Subtotal \$2,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$16

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,500

Economic-Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum
Case ID No. 39219
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104198460
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
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)	\$1,500	19-Jan-2010	1-Apr-2010	0.20	\$15	n/a	\$15

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to monitor USTs for releases including reconciliation of inventory control records. Date Required is the investigation date. Final Date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,500

TOTAL

\$15

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603647322 Hugh Howard Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 1.25
Regulated Entity: RN104198460 Howard Petroleum Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 1.25
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 47190
REGISTRATION
Location: 101 W SAN ANTONIO ST, MARFA, TX, 79843
TCEQ Region: REGION 06 - EL PASO
Date Compliance History Prepared: March 16, 2010
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: March 16, 2005 to March 16, 2010

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

Name: Keith Frank Phone: (512) 239-1203

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.)

1	10/27/2005	(433768)
2	01/23/2006	(452663)
3	10/31/2006	(511927)
4	02/17/2010	(792243)

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

Date:	10/28/2005 (433768)	CN603647322
Self Report?	NO	Classification: Minor
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter A 334.10(b)	
Description:	Failure to have all records available for the investigation.	
Self Report?	NO	Classification: Minor
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.49(c)(2)(C)	
Description:	Failure to check the rectifier at least once every 60 days.	
Date:	10/31/2006 (511927)	CN603647322
Self Report?	NO	Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter A 334.10(b)
Description: Failure to provide records at the time of investigation.

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
HUGH HOWARD DBA
HOWARD PETROLEUM
RN104198460**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2010-0299-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 Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline at 101 West San Antonio Street in Marfa, Presidio County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's three underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about February 24, 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 Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$4,700) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,760) of the

administrative penalty and Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$940) 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 recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
 - a. Repaired the automatic tank gauging ("ATG") system and began monitoring for releases on April 1, 2010; and
 - b. Began conducting reconciliation of inventory control records on April 1, 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.
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 Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to ensure that a legible tag, label, or marking with the tank number is permanently applied upon or affixed to either the top of the fill tube or to a non-removable point in the immediate area of the fill tube according to the UST registration and self-certification form, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(C), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 19, 2010.
2. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)(1)(B), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 19, 2010.

3. Failed to monitor USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 19, 2010. Specifically, the ATG system was non-operational.
4. Failed to conduct reconciliation of detailed inventory control records at least once each month, in a manner sufficiently accurate to detect a release which equals or exceeds the sum or 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on January 19, 2010.

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: Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum, Docket No. 2010-0299-PST-E" to:

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

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Permanently apply or affix tags, labels, or markings to the UST fill tubes with an identification number that matches the number listed on the UST registration and self-certification form, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8; and
 - ii. Begin maintaining all UST records, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10.
 - 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 Nos. 2.a.i. and 2.a.ii. 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:

Waste Section Manager
El Paso Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
401 East Franklin Avenue, Suite 560
El Paso, Texas 79901-1206

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 Facility 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.

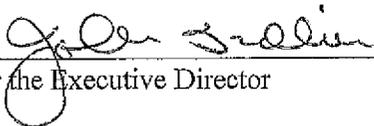
7. This Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes 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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

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For the Commission


For the Executive Director

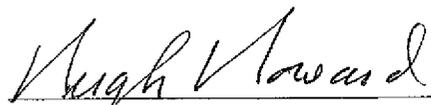
6/22/2010
Date

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

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Date

HUGH HOWARD
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Hugh Howard dba Howard Petroleum

OWNER
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.