

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2010-1291-AIR-E **TCEQ ID:** RN102421054 **CASE NO.:** 40167

RESPONDENT NAME: Plant Process Equipment, Inc.

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 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>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Plant Process Equipment, 280 Reynolds Avenue, League City, Galveston County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Metal fabrication shop</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: A complaint was received on May 28, 2010, alleging that the Respondent was conducting painting of industrial equipment without a stack or paint booth. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: A complaint was received, but the complainant has not expressed a desire to protest this action or to speak at Agenda.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on January 17, 2011. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: Mr. Phillip Hampsten, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-6732 TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Nadia Hameed, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 5, MC R-12, (713) 767-3629; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495 Respondent: Mr. Stephen C. Kennedy, Vice President, Plant Process Equipment, Inc., 280 Reynolds Avenue, League City, Texas 77573 Mr. Nunzio Falco, Project Control Manager, Plant Process Equipment, Inc., 280 Reynolds Avenue, League City, Texas 77573 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: May 28, 2010</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: June 3, 2010</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: July 20, 2010 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a complaint investigation.</p> <p>AIR</p> <p>1) Failed to comply with the conditions of Standard Exemption ("SE") 102 (effective date April 25, 1986) for enclosed dry abrasive cleaning. The SE authorization was issued on August 31, 1987 and required the Respondent to abate the enclosed abrasive cleaning operations with a fabric filter. SE 102 has been incorporated into 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 106.452. Specifically, during the investigation it was noted that there were no fabric filters installed to abate the particulate matter emissions from the building where the abrasive cleaning occurs [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 106.452(1)(A) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b)].</p> <p>2) Failed to obtain a permit-by-rule authorization ("PBR") to conduct surface coating operations at the Plant [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 116.110(a) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 382.085(b) and 382.0518(a)].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$1,530</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$306 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$612</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$612</p> <p>Compliance History Classifications: Person/CN - Average Site/RN - Average</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>1) The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). (See SEP Attachment A)</p> <p>2) The Order will also require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:</p> <p>i. Install fabric filters prior to conducting any enclosed dry abrasive cleaning;</p> <p>ii. Submit a PI-7 Form to register for a PBR for the surface coating operations.</p> <p>b. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the Executive Director, to all requests for information concerning the PBR Registration within 30 days after the date of such requests, or by other deadline specified in writing; and</p> <p>c. Within 75 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. and b., and that either authorization to conduct the surface coating operation has been obtained or that operation has ceased until such time that appropriate authorization is obtained.</p>

Additional ID No(s): Air Account No. GB0173K

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2010-1291-AIR-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: Plant Process Equipment, Inc.

Payable Penalty Amount: One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$1,224)

SEP Amount: Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$612)

Type of SEP: Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient: Galveston Bay Foundation-“Marsh Mania”

Location of SEP: Galveston County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP offset amount to the Third-Party Recipient named above. The contribution will be to Galveston Bay Foundation to be used for the Galveston Bay Foundation “Marsh Mania” as set forth in the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. SEP monies will be used to restore shoreline elevations, growing plants for shoreline restoration, and planting new habitat. Historic subsidence and erosion have resulted in shoreline elevations which are too low to support vegetation. This project will seek to raise elevations by scraping and terracing. Scraping involves the use of earthmoving equipment to grade an eroded, bluff-like shoreline so that it slopes gradually towards the water resulting in the ability of plant growth. Terracing uses earthmoving equipment to create small levees by burrowing and stacking sediment in shallow water. The high elevation can then be planted with emergent vegetation. SEP monies will be used to pay for the direct costs of the implementation of the project, including material, equipment, and labor costs.

The Respondent certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by providing food and shelter for a variety of native fish, shellfish, birds, and mammals. The marshes will also result in the reduction of pollution by filtering particulates and excess nutrients from runoff. In addition, the new habitat will protect shorelines from erosion and will help reduce the effects of flooding.

C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Mr. Bob Stokes, President
Galveston Bay Foundation
17330 Highway 3
Webster, Texas 77598

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement Division SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

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

The Respondent shall also mail a copy of the check to the Enforcement Division SEP Coordinator at

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the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

DATES	Assigned	23-Jul-2010	Screening	3-Aug-2010	EPA Due	
	PCW	12-Aug-2010				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Plant Process Equipment, Inc.
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102421054
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	40167	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2010-1291-AIR-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Air	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Nadia Hameed
		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	\$1,500
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1
 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	2.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$30
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Notes: Penalty enhancement due to one dissimilar NOV.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$37
 Approx. Cost of Compliance: \$1,000
 *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$1,530
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.
 Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$1,530
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$1,530
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$306
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)
 Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$1,224
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Screening Date 3-Aug-2010

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PCW

Respondent Plant Process Equipment, Inc.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 40167

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102421054

Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Nadia Hameed

Compliance History Worksheet

>> **Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)**

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	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 (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	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 (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	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 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	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

Penalty enhancement due to one dissimilar NOV.

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

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Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Nadia Hameed

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 106.452(1)(A) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085(b)

Violation Description

Failed to comply with the conditions of Standard Exemption ("SE") 102 (effective date April 25, 1986) for enclosed abrasive cleaning. The SE authorization was issued on August 31, 1987 and required the Respondent to abate the enclosed abrasive cleaning operations with a fabric filter. SE 102 has now been incorporated into 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 106.452. Specifically, during the investigation it was noted that there were no fabric filters installed to abate the particulate matter emissions from the building where the abrasive cleaning occurs.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			x

Percent 5%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment had the potential to be exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which were not likely to exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$9,500

\$500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

1 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$500

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/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 \$500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$22

Violation Final Penalty Total \$510

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$510

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Plant Process Equipment, Inc.
Case ID No. 40167
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN102421054
Media Air
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

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$500	3-Jun-2010	16-Jan-2011	0.62	\$1	\$21	\$22
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 for operating with fabric filters. The date required is based on the date of the investigation. The final date is the date the corrective actions are expected to be completed.

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 3-Aug-2010

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PCW

Respondent Plant Process Equipment, Inc.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 40167

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102421054

Media [Statute] Air

Enf. Coordinator Nadia Hameed

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 116.110(a) and Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 382.085(b) and 382.0518(a)

Violation Description Failed to obtain a permit-by-rule authorization to conduct surface coating operations at the Plant.

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 percent of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

61 Number of violation days

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 based on the investigation date of June 3, 2010 to the screening date of August 3, 2010.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/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 \$16

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,020

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,020

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Plant Process Equipment, Inc.
Case ID No. 40167
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102421054
Media Air
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				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs	\$500	3-Jun-2010	16-Jan-2011	0.62	\$16	n/a	\$16
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost for obtaining a permit-by-rule authorization to conduct surface coating operations. The date required is based on the date of the investigation. The final date is the date the corrective actions are expected to be completed.

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

\$16

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600566764 Plant Process Equipment, Inc. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 2.75
Regulated Entity: RN102421054 PLANT PROCESS EQUIPMENT Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 3.01
BY DEFAULT

ID Number(s): INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE ID NUMBER F2072
NONPERMITTED
INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE EPA ID TXR000080123
AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER GB0173K
Location: 280 REYNOLDS AVE, LEAGUE CITY, GALVESTON COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

Date Compliance History Prepared: August 03, 2010

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: August 03, 2005 to August 03, 2010

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

Name: Nadia Hameed Phone: 713-767-3629

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 judgments, 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.)
N/A
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

NS Date: 06/23/2010 (777744)
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 335, SubChapter A 335.4(1)
Description: Two areas of hydrocarbon contaminated soil were observed at the site.

- 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
PLANT PROCESS EQUIPMENT,
INC.
RN102421054**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2010-1291-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 Plant Process Equipment, Inc. ("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 metal fabrication shop at 280 Reynolds Avenue in League City, Galveston County, Texas (the "Plant").
2. The Respondent 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 July 25, 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 One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,530) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section

II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$612) of the administrative penalty and Three Hundred Six Dollars (\$306) 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. Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$612) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

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:

1. Failed to comply with the conditions of Standard Exemption ("SE") 102 (effective date April 25, 1986) for enclosed dry abrasive cleaning, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 106.452(1)(A) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 382.085(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on June 3, 2010. The SE authorization was issued on August 31, 1987 and required the Respondent to abate the enclosed abrasive cleaning operations with a fabric filter. SE 102 has been incorporated into 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 106.452. Specifically, during the investigation it was noted that there were no fabric filters installed to abate the particulate matter emissions from the building where the abrasive cleaning occurs.
2. Failed to obtain a permit-by-rule authorization ("PBR") to conduct surface coating operations at the Plant, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 116.110(a) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 382.085(b) and 382.0518(a), as documented during an investigation conducted on June 3, 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: Plant Process Equipment, Inc., Docket No. 2010-1291-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. The Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$612) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the Respondent implement the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the administrative penalty assessed shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.

3. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

- a. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Install fabric filters prior to conducting any enclosed dry abrasive cleaning;
 - ii. Submit a PI-7 Form to register for a PBR in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE ch. 106 for the surface coating operations to:

Air Permits Division, MC 162
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- b. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the Executive Director, to all requests for information concerning the PBR Registration within 30 days after the date of such requests, or by other deadline specified in writing; and
- c. Within 75 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. 3.a. and b., and that either authorization to conduct the surface coating operation has been obtained or that operation has ceased until such time that appropriate authorization is obtained. 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
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Avenue, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1486

4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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

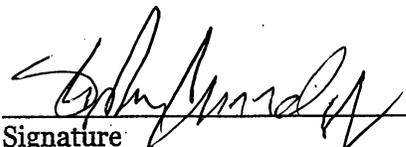
Date 12/19/2010

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 11/5/2010

STEPHEN C. KENNEDY
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Plant Process Equipment, Inc.

VICE 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.

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2010-1291-AIR-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: Plant Process Equipment, Inc.
Payable Penalty Amount: One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$1,224)
SEP Amount: Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$612)
Type of SEP: Pre-approved
Third-Party Recipient: Galveston Bay Foundation-“Marsh Mania”
Location of SEP: Galveston County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP offset amount to the Third-Party Recipient named above. The contribution will be to Galveston Bay Foundation to be used for the Galveston Bay Foundation “Marsh Mania” as set forth in the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. SEP monies will be used to restore shoreline elevations, growing plants for shoreline restoration, and planting new habitat. Historic subsidence and erosion have resulted in shoreline elevations which are too low to support vegetation. This project will seek to raise elevations by scraping and terracing. Scraping involves the use of earthmoving equipment to grade an eroded, bluff-like shoreline so that it slopes gradually towards the water resulting in the ability of plant growth. Terracing uses earthmoving equipment to create small levees by burrowing and stacking sediment in shallow water. The high elevation can then be planted with emergent vegetation. SEP monies will be used to pay for the direct costs of the implementation of the project, including material, equipment, and labor costs.

The Respondent certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by providing food and shelter for a variety of native fish, shellfish, birds, and mammals. The marshes will also result in the reduction of pollution by filtering particulates and excess nutrients from runoff. In addition, the new habitat will protect shorelines from erosion and will help reduce the effects of flooding.

C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Mr. Bob Stokes, President
Galveston Bay Foundation
17330 Highway 3
Webster, Texas 77598

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement Division SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

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

The Respondent shall also mail a copy of the check to the Enforcement Division SEP Coordinator at

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the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.