EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2010-1701-PST-E **TCEQ ID:** RN102517489 **CASE NO.:** 40554
RESPONDENT NAME: HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart

ORDER TYPE:		
X 1660 AGREED ORDER	__FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	__FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
__FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	__SHUTDOWN ORDER	__IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
__AMENDED ORDER	__EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
__AIR	__MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	__INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
__PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	X PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	__OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
__WATER QUALITY	__SEWAGE SLUDGE	__UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
__MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	__RADIOACTIVE WASTE	__DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION

SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Easy Mart, 4501 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth, Tarrant County

TYPE OF OPERATION: Convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

SMALL BUSINESS: _X_ **Yes** ___ **No**

OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.

INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.

COMMENTS RECEIVED: The *Texas Register* comment period expired on February 28, 2011. No comments were received.

CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:

TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Judy Kluge, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC R-04, (817) 588-5825; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495
Respondent: Mr. Numakant Pandey, Owner, Easy Mart, 6411 Lake Bluff Drive, Dallas, Texas 75249-3017
Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
Type of Investigation: __ Complaint X Routine __ Enforcement Follow-up __ Records Review **Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case:** None **Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:** July 28, 2010 **Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case:** September 30, 2010 (NOE) **Background Facts:** This was a routine investigation. **WASTE** Failed to ensure that all underground storage tanks ("USTs") are monitored in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].	**Total Assessed:** $1,975 **Total Deferred:** $395 X Expedited Settlement __Financial Inability to Pay **SEP Conditional Offset:** $0 **Total Paid (Due) to General Revenue:** $150 (remaining $1,430 due in 11 monthly payments of $130 each) **Compliance History Classification:** Person/CN – Average Site/RN – Average **Major Source:** __ Yes _X_ No **Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2002	**Corrective Actions Taken:** The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented statistical inventory reconciliation and inventory control as a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility on August 31, 2010.

Additional ID No(s).: PST Facility ID No. 17711

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) — *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

TCEQ

DATES					
Assigned	11-Oct-2010				
PCW	15-Oct-2010	Screening	13-Oct-2010	EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102517489		
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	40554	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2010-1701-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Judy Kluge
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 6

Admin. Penalty $ Limit Minimum $0 Maximum $10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

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

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History 4.0% Enhancement — *Subtotals 2, 3, & 7* $100

Notes: Enhancement for two dissimilar NOVs.

Culpability No 0.0% Enhancement — *Subtotal 4* $0

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments — *Subtotal 5* $625

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

Total EB Amounts $7
Approx. Cost of Compliance $1,500
**Capped at the Total EB $ Amount*

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 — *Final Subtotal* $1,975

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% — *Adjustment* $0

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount $1,975

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT — *Final Assessed Penalty* $1,975

DEFERRAL 20.0% Reduction — *Adjustment* -$395

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 $1,580

Screening Date 13-Oct-2010 **Docket No.** 2010-1701-PST-E **PCW**

Respondent HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*

Case ID No. 40554 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102517489

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Judy Kluge

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 (*number of NOVs meeting criteria*)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	2	4%
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%

		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) 4%

>> 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 dissimilar NOVs.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 4%

Screening Date 13-Oct-2010 **Docket No.** 2010-1701-PST-E **PCW**

Respondent HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*

Case ID No. 40554 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102517489

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Judy Kluge

Violation Number 1

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

Violation Description Failed to ensure that all USTs are monitored in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).

Base Penalty $10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm: Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 25%

>>Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes: Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment $7,500

$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 | 34 Number of violation days

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 based on documentation of the violation during the July 28, 2010 investigation to the August 31, 2010 compliance date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

25.0% Reduction $625

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

Notes: The Respondent came into compliance on August 31, 2010 prior to the Notice of Enforcement dated September 30, 2010.

Violation Subtotal $1,875

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount $7

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $1,975

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $1,975

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart
Case ID No. 40554
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102517489
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
	No commas or $						
Delayed Costs							
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	28-Jul-2010	31-Aug-2010	0.09	$7	n/a	$7

Notes for DELAYED costs The estimated cost of monitoring the USTs for releases. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the date of compliance.

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

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 $7

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603520180 HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 1.50

Regulated Entity: RN102517489 Easy Mart Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 1.50

ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 17711

Location: 4501 TRAIL LAKE DR, FORT WORTH, TX, 76133

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

Date Compliance History Prepared: October 15, 2010

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: October 15, 2005 to October 15, 2010

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

Name: Judy Kluge Phone: (817) 588-5825

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? Yes
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? Z & G C-Store Corporation
ABDOLLAHIDEMENEH, MORTAZA
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 11/21/2005
05/11/2008
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2010 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.)

1 11/20/2005 (399418)
2 06/09/2006 (465358)
3 08/25/2009 (761137)
4 10/06/2010 (849590)

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

Date: 06/09/2006 (465358)CN603520180
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.222(1)
Description: Drop Tubes

Date: 08/25/2009 (761137)CN603520180
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.242(3)
Description: The diesel vent line was manifolded to the Stage II system.

F. Environmental audits.

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF AN	**§**	**BEFORE THE**
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	**§**	
CONCERNING	**§**	**TEXAS COMMISSION ON**
HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL	**§**	
LLC DBA EASY MART	**§**	
RN102517489	**§**	**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2010-1701-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 HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart ("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 4501 Trail Lake Drive in Fort Worth, Tarrant 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 October 5, 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 Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars ($1,975) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($150) of the administrative penalty and Three Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars ($395) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

   The remaining amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars ($1,430) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 11 monthly payments of One Hundred Thirty Dollars ($130) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of the Respondent to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.

8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.

9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented statistical inventory reconciliation and inventory control as a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility on August 31, 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 failed to ensure that all USTs are monitored in a manner which will detect a release 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 July 28, 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: HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart, Docket No. 2010-1701-PST-E" to:

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

2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.

3. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

4. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director.

The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.

5. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

6. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

7. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

_____
For the Commission

_____ 2/7/2011
For the Executive Director 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.

_____ 12/10/10
Signature Date

Numakant Pandey owner
Name (Printed or typed) Title
Authorized Representative of
HIMCHULI INTERNATIONAL LLC dba Easy Mart

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.