

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41241
BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing
RN101558930
Docket No. 2011-0333-PST-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Caddo Mill Crossing, 5355 Farm-to-Market Road 1565, Caddo Mills, Hunt County

Type of Operation:

Convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: May 20, 2011

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$4,629

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$925

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$1,236

Total Due to General Revenue: \$2,468

Payment Plan: The remaining amount of \$2,468 will be payable in 2 monthly payments of \$1,234 each.

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - Average

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Complaint Information: N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: February 25, 2011
Date(s) of NOE(s): February 25, 2011

Violation Information

Failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the underground storage tank system. Specifically, the annual piping tightness test had not been conducted [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent submitted documentation on March 3, 2011, verifying that a successful piping tightness test has been conducted.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
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
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: Mr. Alex Barakat, Operator/President, Caddo Mill Crossing, 5355 Farm-to-Market Road 1565, Caddo Mills, Texas 75135
Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	28-Feb-2011	Screening	3-Mar-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	3-Mar-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101558930
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth
Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	41241	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2011-0333-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** **\$5,000**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History **0.0%** Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7** **\$0**

Notes: No adjustment due to compliance history.

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** **\$500**

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

Total EB Amounts \$129
Approx. Cost of Compliance \$118
*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal** **\$4,500**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **2.9%** **Adjustment** **\$129**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

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

Final Penalty Amount **\$4,629**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty** **\$4,629**

DEFERRAL **20.0%** Reduction **Adjustment** **-\$925**

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 **\$3,704**

Screening Date 3-Mar-2011

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PCW

Respondent BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossin

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 41241

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101558930

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 (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
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%
<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) 0%

>> 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

No adjustment due to compliance history.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

Screening Date 3-Mar-2011

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PCW

Respondent BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Judy Kluge

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(2)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a)

Violation Description Failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the underground storage tank system. Specifically, the annual piping tightness test had not been conducted.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				50%
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 \$5,000

\$5,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 365

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	x
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

One annual event is recommended for the 12-month period preceding the record review date of February 25, 2011.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0% Reduction

\$500

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

Notes The Respondent came into compliance on March 3, 2011 after the Notice of Enforcement dated February 25, 2011.

Violation Subtotal \$4,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$129

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,629

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,629

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing
Case ID No. 41241
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101558930
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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Avoided Costs

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

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$118	25-Feb-2010	3-Mar-2011	1.93	\$11	\$118	\$129
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost for conducting the piping tightness test. The date required is one year prior to the record review date and the final date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$118

TOTAL

\$129

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603671710 BARAKATS CORPORATION Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 3.01
Regulated Entity: RN101558930 Caddo Mills Crossing Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 3.0
BY DEFAULT

ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 74619
Location: 5355 FM 1565, CADDO MILLS, TX, 75135

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX
Date Compliance History Prepared: February 28, 2011

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: February 28, 2006 to February 28, 2011

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? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? Operator - BARAKATS CORPORATION
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? MASA ENTERPRISES, INC.
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 01/01/2010
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 02/25/2011(892945)
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
 - 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
BARAKATS CORPORATION DBA
CADDO MILL CROSSING
RN101558930**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2011-0333-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 BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing ("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 operates a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline at 5355 Farm-to-Market Road 1565 in Caddo Mills, Hunt County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Facility's one underground storage tank ("UST") is 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 March 2, 2011.
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 Six Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$4,629) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,236) of the administrative penalty and Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$925) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

The remaining amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$2,468) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in two monthly payments of One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$1,234) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payment shall 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 submitted documentation on March 3, 2011, verifying that a successful piping tightness test has been conducted.
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 operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the UST system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a), as documented during a record review conducted on February 25, 2011. Specifically, the annual piping tightness test had not been conducted.

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: BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing, Docket No. 2011-0333-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

J. D. Zedler
For the Executive Director

5/23/2011 *J*
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.

Alex Barakat
Signature

4/18/2011
Date

Alex Barakat
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
BARAKATS CORPORATION dba Caddo Mill Crossing

Operator
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.