

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 43637
Walker County
RN100534353
Docket No. 2012-0427-PST-E**

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

PST

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Walker County Precinct No. 2, 123 Booker Road, Huntsville, Walker County

Type of Operation:

Fleet refueling operation

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: August 3, 2012

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$11,500

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$2,300

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$9,200

Name of SEP: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas,
Inc. ("RC&D") - Water or Wastewater Treatment Assistance

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - Average by Default

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002 and September 2011

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: December 21, 2011 and February 14, 2012

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 14, 2012

Violation Information

1. Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks (“USTs”) for releases at a frequency of at least once per 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)].
2. Failed to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(b)].
3. Failed to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs. Specifically, one fuel delivery was accepted without a valid delivery certificate [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a)].
4. Failed to renew a previously issued UST delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date. Specifically, the Facility's UST delivery certificate expired on July 31, 2005 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (c)(5)(B)(ii)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:

- a. On December 23, 2011, partially implemented a release detection method for the USTs by ensuring that the automatic tank gauge is performing a 0.2 gallon per hour test for each tank every month;
- b. On January 19, 2012, installed and implemented a release detection method for the piping associated with the USTs;
- c. On May 7, 2012, implemented a release detection method for the USTs by conducting inventory control and monthly reconciliation; and
- d. On December 29, 2011, submitted a UST registration and self-certification form and obtained a valid delivery certificate on May 7, 2012.

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Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). (See SEP Attachment 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: Michaelle Sherlock, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC R-13, (210) 403-4076; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0412.

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-3565

Respondent: Robert D. Pierce, County Judge, Walker County, 1100 University Avenue, Room 205, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Ronnie White, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Walker County, 1100 University Avenue, Room 205, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2012-0427-PST-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: Walker County

Payable Penalty Amount: Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200)

SEP Amount: Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200)

Type of SEP: Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D") - Water or Wastewater Treatment Assistance

Location of SEP: Walker County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for 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

Respondent shall contribute the SEP offset amount to the Third-Party Recipient named above. The contribution will be to Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. to be used for the RC&D Water or Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program as set forth in an agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to provide low income rural homeowners with assistance to enable the repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems. SEP monies will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs related to repairing or replacing the failing systems. The recipients will not be charged for the cost of replacing or repairing the failing systems. If RC&D is unable to spend the total SEP Offset Amount on this project, upon approval of the Executive Director, the remaining SEP Offset Amount may be applied to another approved RC&D project.

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

Walker County
Agreed Order – Attachment A

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by protecting water sources for drinking, recreation, and wildlife from contamination from failing treatment systems.

C. Minimum Expenditure

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, Respondent must contribute the SEP amount to the Third-Party Recipient. Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Attention: Ken Awtrey
P.O. Box 635067
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP amount, 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. 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 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:

Walker County
Agreed Order - Attachment A

Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of 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

Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, 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 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

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	21-Feb-2012		
	PCW	22-Feb-2012	Screening	22-Feb-2012
			EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Walker County
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100534353
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	43637	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2012-0427-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Michaelle Sherlock
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1** **\$7,000**

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 for 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** **\$0**

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

Total EB Amounts: \$825
Approx. Cost of Compliance: \$700
*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal** **\$7,000**

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

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount **\$7,000**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty** **\$7,000**

DEFERRAL **20.0%** Reduction **Adjustment** **-\$1,400**

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 **\$5,600**

Screening Date 22-Feb-2012

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PCW

Respondent Walker County

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 43637

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100534353

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Michaëlle Sherlock

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 for compliance history.

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

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Enf. Coordinator Michaelle Sherlock

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (c)(5)(B)(ii)

Violation Description Failed to renew a previously issued underground storage tank ("UST") delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date. Specifically, the Facility's UST delivery certificate expired on July 31, 2005.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Table with columns: Release (Actual, Potential), Harm (Major, Moderate, Minor), and Percent (0%).

>> Programmatic Matrix

Table with columns: Falsification, Harm (Major, Moderate, Minor), and Percent (10%).

Matrix Notes 100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 7 Number of violation days 2397

Table for event frequency: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual (marked with x), single event.

Violation Base Penalty \$7,000

Seven annual events are recommended, calculated from the expiration date of the delivery certificate, July 31, 2005, to the screening date, February 22, 2012.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 0.0% Reduction \$0

Table for Good Faith Efforts: Extraordinary, Ordinary, N/A (marked with x).

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

Violation Subtotal \$7,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$825

Violation Final Penalty Total \$7,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$7,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Walker County
Case ID No. 43637
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN100534353
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)	\$100	14-Feb-2012	7-May-2012	0.23	\$1	n/a	\$1

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form and to obtain a valid delivery certificate, calculated from the record review date to 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)	\$600	31-Jul-2005	14-Feb-2012	7.46	\$224	\$600	\$824

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated cost to renew a delivery certificate (\$100 for each full year) by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form and to obtain a valid delivery certificate, calculated from the expiration of the delivery certificate to the record review date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$700

TOTAL

\$825



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Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	21-Feb-2012	Screening	22-Feb-2012	EPA Due	
	PCW	22-Feb-2012				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Walker County				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100534353				
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor		

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	43637	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2012-0427-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Michaelle Sherlock
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5**

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**

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

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

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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 for compliance history.

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 0%

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

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Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(b) and (c)(1)

Violation Description Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases at a frequency of at least once per month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) and failed to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Table with columns: Release (Actual, Potential), Harm (Major, Moderate, Minor), and Percent (15.0%). Includes 'OR' label.

>> Programmatic Matrix

Table with columns: Falsification, Major, Moderate, Minor, and Percent (0.0%).

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 \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 8

Table for frequency selection: daily, weekly, monthly (marked with x), quarterly, semiannual, annual, single event.

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One monthly event is recommended, calculated from the date of the record review, February 14, 2012, to the date of screening, February 22, 2012.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Table for Good Faith Efforts: Extraordinary, Ordinary, N/A (marked with x).

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

Violation Subtotal \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$868

Violation Final Penalty Total \$3,750

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$3,750

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Walker County
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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
<small>No commas or \$</small>							

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	21-Dec-2011	7-May-2012	0.38	\$28	n/a	\$28

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to provide release detection for the USTs at the Facility, calculated from the date of the investigation when the violation was first documented to 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]	\$700	21-Dec-2008	19-Jan-2012	4.00	\$140	\$700	\$840
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to conduct the triennial piping tightness test, calculated from 36 months prior to the date of the investigation when the violation was first documented to the date of compliance.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$2,200

TOTAL

\$868

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Respondent Walker County

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100534353

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Michaelle Sherlock

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3467(a)

Violation Description

Failed to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs. Specifically, one fuel delivery was accepted without a valid delivery certificate.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			X

Percent 3.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$24,250

\$750

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 \$750

One single event is recommended, based on the investigation date.

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 \$750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$750

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$750

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Walker County
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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

The economic benefit is captured in Violation No. 1 on the Revision No. 2 penalty calculation worksheet.

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

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN601347446 Walker County Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 3.01
Regulated Entity: RN100534353 WALKER COUNTY PRECINCT 2 Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 3.01
BY DEFAULT
ID Number(s): USED OIL REGISTRATION C80864
PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 62119
Location: 123 BOOKER RD, HUNTSVILLE, WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS
TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON
Date Compliance History Prepared: March 20, 2012
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: February 22, 2007 to February 22, 2012
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
Name: Michaelle Sherlock Phone: (210) 403-4076

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. If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2011 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 02/14/2012 (983259)
 - 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
WALKER COUNTY
RN100534353**

**§ BEFORE THE
§
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2012-0427-PST-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Walker County ("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 together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a fleet refueling operation at 123 Booker Road in Huntsville, Walker County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's two underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Executive Director 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 19, 2012.
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 Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300) 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. Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200) of the administrative penalty 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 agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
 - a. On December 23, 2011, partially implemented a release detection method for the USTs by ensuring that the automatic tank gauge is performing a 0.2 gallon per hour test for each tank every month;
 - b. On January 19, 2012, installed and implemented a release detection method for the piping associated with the USTs;
 - c. On May 7, 2012, implemented a release detection method for the USTs by conducting inventory control and monthly reconciliation; and
 - d. On December 29, 2011, submitted a UST registration and self-certification form and obtained a valid delivery certificate on May 7, 2012.
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 monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once per 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 December 21, 2011 and a record review conducted on February 14, 2012.

2. Failed to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on December 21, 2011 and a record review conducted on February 14, 2012.
3. Failed to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a), as documented during an investigation conducted on December 21, 2011 and a record review conducted on February 14, 2012. Specifically, one fuel delivery was accepted without a valid delivery certificate.
4. Failed to renew a previously issued UST delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (c)(5)(B)(ii), as documented during a record review conducted on February 14, 2012. Specifically, the Facility's UST delivery certificate expired on July 31, 2005.

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: Walker County, Docket No. 2012-0427-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 Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200) 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 completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.

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 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.
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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

9/5/12
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

6-12-12
Date

ROBERT D. PIERCE
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Walker County

COUNTY JUDGE
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: 2012-0427-PST-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Walker County
Payable Penalty Amount:	Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200)
SEP Amount:	Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200)
Type of SEP:	Pre-approved
Third-Party Recipient:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D") - Water or Wastewater Treatment Assistance
Location of SEP:	Walker County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for 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

Respondent shall contribute the SEP offset amount to the Third-Party Recipient named above. The contribution will be to Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. to be used for the RC&D Water or Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program as set forth in an agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to provide low income rural homeowners with assistance to enable the repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems. SEP monies will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs related to repairing or replacing the failing systems. The recipients will not be charged for the cost of replacing or repairing the failing systems. If RC&D is unable to spend the total SEP Offset Amount on this project, upon approval of the Executive Director, the remaining SEP Offset Amount may be applied to another approved RC&D project.

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

Walker County
Agreed Order – Attachment A

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by protecting water sources for drinking, recreation, and wildlife from contamination from failing treatment systems.

C. Minimum Expenditure

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, Respondent must contribute the SEP amount to the Third-Party Recipient. Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Attention: Ken Awtrey
P.O. Box 635067
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP amount, 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. 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 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:

Walker County
Agreed Order – Attachment A

Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of 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

Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, 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 Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.