

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 42109
West End Auto-works, Inc.
RN102445798
Docket No. 2011-1246-PST-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

West End Auto Work, 13505 Alief Clodine Road, Houston, Harris County

Type of Operation:

Auto mechanic shop with one underground storage tank (“UST”)

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: December 9, 2011

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$7,833

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$1,566

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$177

Total Due to General Revenue: \$6,090

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$174 each

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - Average

Major Source: No

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: April 25, 2011
Date(s) of NOE(s): July 8, 2011

Violation Information

1. Failed to update the registration for any change or additional information regarding the UST within 30 days from the date of the occurrence of the change or addition. Specifically, the registration was not amended to reflect the current operational status of the UST. The registration indicates that the UST is temporarily out-of-service, however, the UST was in use at the time of the investigation [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.7(d)(3)].
2. Failed to provide a method of release detection capable of detecting a release from any portion of the UST system which contained regulated substances [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(a)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
3. Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum UST [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815 (a) and (b)].
4. Failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the UST system [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 30 days:
 - i. Implement a release detection method for the UST at the Facility;
 - ii. Demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum UST; and
 - iii. Install a corrosion protection system and test the system.

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b. Within 45 days, submit a properly completed UST registration form to reflect the correct operational status of the UST system.

c. Within 60 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance.

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: Mike Pace, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC R-04, (817) 588-5933; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0412

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Petros Skoumpourdis, President/Owner, West End Auto-Works Inc., 13505 Alief Clodine, Houston, Texas 77082

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	11-Jul-2011	Screening	19-Jul-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	12-Oct-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	West End Auto-works, Inc.		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102445798		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	42109	No. of Violations	4
Docket No.	2011-1246-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Mike Pace
		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**

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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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Mike Pace

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
<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)

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations.

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

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

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.7(d)(3)

Violation Description

Failed to update the registration for any change or additional information regarding the underground storage tank ("UST") within 30 days from the date of the occurrence of the change or addition. Specifically, the registration was not amended to reflect the current operational status of the UST. The registration indicates that the UST is temporarily out-of-service, however, the UST was in use at the time of the investigation.

Base Penalty

>> **Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix**

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Percent

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Percent

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events

Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	<input type="text"/>
weekly	<input type="text"/>
monthly	<input type="text"/>
quarterly	<input type="text"/>
semiannual	<input type="text"/>
annual	<input type="text"/>
single event	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>

Violation Base Penalty

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	(mark with x)

Notes

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

Violation Subtotal

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount

Violation Final Penalty Total

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent West End Auto-works, Inc.
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Rea. Ent. Reference No. RN102445798
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Cost **Date Required** **Final Date** **Yrs** **Interest Saved** **Onetime Costs** **EB Amount**
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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	25-Apr-2011	19-Feb-2012	0.82	\$4	n/a	\$4

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to submit an amended UST registration form to the TCEQ. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$100

TOTAL \$4

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Mike Pace

Violation Number 2

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

Violation Description Failed to provide a method of release detection capable of detecting a release from any portion of the UST system which contained regulated substances.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Table with columns: Release (Actual, Potential), Harm (Major, Moderate, Minor), and Percent (25%).

>> Programmatic Matrix

Table with columns: Falsification, Major, Moderate, Minor, and 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 Number of violation days 85

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

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One quarterly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the April 25, 2011 investigation to the July 19, 2011 screening date.

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 \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$62

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,798

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,798

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent West End Auto-works, Inc.
Case ID No. 42109
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Media Violation No. 2 Petroleum Storage Tank

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				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	25-Apr-2011	19-Feb-2012	0.82	\$62	n/a	\$62

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to provide proper release detection for the UST system. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,500

TOTAL

\$62

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Respondent West End Auto-works, Inc.

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Mike Pace

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 37.815(a) and (b)

Violation Description Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum UST.

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, 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 1 Number of violation days 365

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

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single event is recommended for one UST.

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 \$1,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$693

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,119

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,119

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent West End Auto-works, Inc.
Case ID No. 42109
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN102445798
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 3

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				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]	\$660	25-Apr-2010	25-Apr-2011	1.00	\$33	\$660	\$693
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated cost to provide financial assurance for one UST. The date required is one year prior to the investigation date and the final date is the investigation date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$660

TOTAL

\$693

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Mike Pace

Violation Number 4

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.49(a) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(d)

Violation Description Failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the UST system.

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

85 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One quarterly event is recommended based on the documentation of the violation during the April 25, 2011 investigation date to the July 19, 2011 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

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

Notes

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

Violation Subtotal \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$345

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,798

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,798

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent West End Auto-works, Inc.
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Violation No. 4

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	\$6,000	25-Apr-2011	19-Feb-2012	0.82	\$16	\$329	\$345
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to install a corrosion protection system. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$6,000

TOTAL

\$345

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN601262322 West End Auto-works, Inc. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 1.50
Regulated Entity: RN102445798 West End Auto Works Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 1.50
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 72493
REGISTRATION
Location: 13505 ALIEF CLODINE RD, HOUSTON, TX, 77082
TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON
Date Compliance History Prepared: July 12, 2011
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: July 12, 2006 to July 12, 2011
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
Name: Mike Pace Phone: (817) 588-5933

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2010 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 08/14/2007 (566073)
2 07/08/2011 (919616)
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
Date: 08/14/2007 (566073) CN601262322
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.47(a)(2)
Description: Failed to permanently remove the UST system from service, or meet corrosion protection upgrades and conduct a tank integrity assessment.
- 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
WEST END AUTO-WORKS, INC.
RN102445798**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2011-1246-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 West End Auto-works, Inc. ("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 an auto mechanic shop with one underground storage tank ("UST") at 13505 Alief Clodine Road in Houston, Harris County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's one 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 July 13, 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 Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$7,833) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations

alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$177) of the administrative penalty and One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$1,566) 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 Six Thousand Ninety Dollars (\$6,090) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 35 monthly payments of One Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$174) 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 may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to update the registration for any change or additional information regarding the UST within 30 days from the date of the occurrence of the change or addition, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.7(d)(3), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 25, 2011. Specifically, the registration was not amended to reflect the current operational status of the UST. The registration indicates that the UST is temporarily out-of-service, however, the UST was in use at the time of the investigation.

2. Failed to provide a method of release detection capable of detecting a release from any portion of the UST system which contained regulated substances, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(a)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 25, 2011.
3. Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum UST, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815 (a) and (b), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 25, 2011.
4. Failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the UST system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 25, 2011.

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: West End Auto-works, Inc., Docket No. 2011-1246-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Implement a release detection method for the UST at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50;
 - ii. Demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum UST, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815; and

- iii. Install a corrosion protection system and test the system, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49.
- b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit a properly completed UST registration form to reflect the current operational status of the UST system, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.7 to:

Registration and Reporting Section
Permitting & Registration Support Division, MC 138
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- c. Within 60 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a.i. through 2.b. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Avenue, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1486

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.

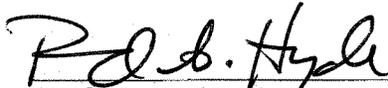
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the 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. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

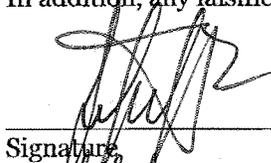
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Date

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

10.27.2011
Date

PETROS SKOUMPOURDIS
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
West End Auto-works, Inc.

OWNER
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.