

Order Type:
Default Shutdown Order

Findings Order Justification:
N/A

Media:
PST

Small Business:
Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:
1602 Market Street, Laredo, Webb County

Type of Operation:
convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:
Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: None
Past-Due Penalties: None
Past-Due Fees: None
Other: None
Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: December 16, 2011

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed:	\$5,000
Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:	N/A
Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:	N/A
Total Paid to General Revenue:	\$0
Total Due to General Revenue:	\$5,000

Compliance History Classifications:
Person/CN – Average
Site/RN – Average

Major Source: No
Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A
Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: January 31, 2011
Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A
Date(s) of NOE(s): March 15, 2011

Violation Information

1. Failed to renew a previously issued UST delivery certificate by timely and proper submission of a completed UST registration and self-certification form to the agency at least 30 days before the expiration date of the delivery certificate [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (5)(B)(ii)].
2. Failed to make available to a common carrier a valid, current TCEQ delivery certificate before accepting delivery of a regulated substance into the USTs [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a)].
3. Failed to monitor the 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)].
4. Failed to provide release detection for the UST system by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once each month, sufficiently accurate to detect a release as small as the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
5. Failed to record inventory volume measurement for the regulated substance inputs, withdrawals, and the amount still remaining in the tank each operating day [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(iii)(I) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
6. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

1. Immediately shut down operations of all USTs at the Facility:
 - a. Cease dispensing fuel from the USTs;
 - b. Cease receiving deliveries of regulated substances into the USTs;
 - c. Padlock the dispensers;
 - d. Empty the USTs of all regulated substances; and
 - e. Temporarily remove the USTs from service.
2. The USTs shall remain out of service until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the release detection and corrosion protection violations have been corrected.

3. Respondent's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately. Respondent shall cease accepting fuel until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements.
4. Within 10 days, Respondent shall surrender its UST fuel delivery certificate to the TCEQ.
5. Within 15 days, submit a detailed written report documenting the steps taken to comply with Technical Requirements Nos. 1 and 4.
6. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming sales of gasoline:
 - a. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility and begin conducting volume measurement and reconciliation of inventory control records;
 - b. Begin maintaining all required records pertaining to the UST system at the Facility; and
 - c. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate.
7. Upon obtaining a new fuel delivery certificate, post the fuel delivery certificate in a location at the Facility where the delivery certificate is clearly visible at all times.
8. Within 10 days of resuming sales of gasoline, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirements Nos. 6 and 7.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: August 31, 2011
Date(s) Green Card(s) Signed: Unclaimed
Date(s) Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A

Contact Information

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TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Elvia Maske, Waste Enforcement Section, (512) 239-0789
TCEQ Regional Contact: Rose Luna-Pirtle, Laredo Regional Office, (956) 753-4052
Respondent: Rodolfo Hernandez, Jr., Director, Hernandez Petroleum, Inc., 1602 Market Street, Laredo, Texas 78043-3625
Respondent's Attorney: N/A

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Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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DATES	Assigned	21-Mar-2011	Screening	28-Mar-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	2-Jul-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. dba Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN103769717
Facility/Site Region	16-Laredo
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	41469	No. of Violations	4
Docket No.	2011-0567-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Elvia Maske
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$5,000
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment due to compliance history.

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

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$73
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$2,100

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$5,000
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$5,000
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$5,000
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DEFERRAL	0.0% Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes: Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$5,000
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Respondent Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. dba Quality Discount F

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Case ID No. 41469

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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103769717

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Elvia Maske

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%

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Respondent

Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. dba Quality Discount Fuel & Convenience Store

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Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator

Elvia Maske

Violation Number

1

Rule Cite(s)

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

Violation Description

Failed to renew a previously issued underground storage tank (UST) delivery certificate by timely and proper submission of a completed UST registration and self-certification form to the agency at least 30 days before the expiration date of the delivery certificate. Specifically, the delivery certificate expired on July 31, 2010.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

184 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	x
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One annual event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

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

Notes

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

Violation Subtotal \$1,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$6

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. dba Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store
Case ID No. 41469
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN103769717
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	2-Jul-2010	1-Oct-2011	1.25	\$6	n/a	\$6

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to obtain a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form. The date required is the date when the self-certification was due 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

\$100

TOTAL

\$6

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Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Matrix Notes	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
<input type="text" value="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

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 type="text" value="x"/>

Violation Base Penalty

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 type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="(mark w th x)"/>

Notes

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 Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. dba Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store
Case ID No. 41469
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN103769717
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Economic benefit included in violation no. 1.

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

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Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A), (d)(1)(B)(ii) and (d)(1)(B)(iii)(I) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)

Violation Description

Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once per month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring). Failed to provide release detection for the UST system by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once each month, sufficiently accurate to detect a release as small as the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons. Also, failed to record inventory volume measurement for the regulated substance inputs, withdrawals, and the amount still remaining in the tank each operating day.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				25%
	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 \$7,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 56 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 documentation of the violation during the January 31, 2011 investigation date to the March 28, 2011 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark w th 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 \$50

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. dba Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store
Case ID No. 41469
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN103769717
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)	\$1 500	31-Jan-2011	1-Oct-2011	0.67	\$50	n/a	\$50

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to provide release detection for the USTs including volume measurement and reconciliation of inventory control records. 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

\$50

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Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Matrix Notes	Falsification	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="10%"/>
<input type="text" value="100% of the rule requirement was not met."/>					

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events Number of violation days

<i>mark only one with an x</i>	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 type="text" value="x"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	<input type="text" value="0.0%"/>	Reduction	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>
		Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="(mark w th x)"/>	

Notes

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

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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
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
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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	\$500	31-Jan-2011	1-Oct-2011	0.67	\$17	n/a	\$17
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 maintain UST records. The date required is the investigation date and 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

\$500

TOTAL

\$17

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN603501776	Hernandez Petroleum, Inc.	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 3.01
Regulated Entity:	RN103769717	Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store	Classification: AVERAGE BY DEFAULT	Site Rating: 3.01
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION		32360
Location:	1602 MARKET ST, LAREDO, TX, 78043			
TCEQ Region:	REGION 16 - LAREDO			
Date Compliance History Prepared:	April 04, 2011			
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement			
Compliance Period:	April 04, 2006 to April 04, 2011			
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History				
Name:	Elvia Maske	Phone:	(512) 239 - 0789	

Site Compliance History Components

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|--|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? | | | Yes |
| 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? | | | Yes |
| 3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? | | OWNOPR | Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. |
| 4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? | | OPR | ARECHIGA PETROLEUM, INC. |
| | | OWN | GUERRERO, ERNESTO |
| 5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? | 06/01/2009 | OPR | ARECHIGA PETROLEUM, INC. |
| | | OWN | GUERRERO, ERNESTO |
| 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.)
N/A
 - 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

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING HERNANDEZ PETROLEUM, INC. D/B/A QUALITY DISCOUNT FUEL & CONVENIENT STORE; RN103769717	§ § § § § § §	BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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DEFAULT AND SHUTDOWN ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2011-0567-PST-E

At its _____ agenda meeting, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition filed pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty, corrective action of the respondent, and revocation of the respondent's fuel delivery certificate. The Commission also considered the Executive Director's Motion requesting the entry of an Order requiring the respondent to shutdown and remove from service the underground storage tanks ("USTs") located at 1602 Market Street in Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The respondent made the subject of this Order is Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store ("Respondent").

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent owns and operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(73) and (70), a UST system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 1602 Market Street in Laredo, Webb County, Texas (the "Facility"). The USTs at the Facility are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission, and contain a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.
2. During an investigation conducted on January 31, 2011, a TCEQ Laredo Regional Office investigator documented that Respondent:
 - a. Failed to renew a previously issued UST delivery certificate by timely and proper submission of a completed UST registration and self-certification form to the agency at least 30 days before the expiration date of the delivery certificate. Specifically, the delivery certificate expired on July 31, 2010;
 - b. 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 without a delivery certificate was accepted;

- c. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once per month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring);
 - d. Failed to provide release detection for the UST system by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once each month, sufficiently accurate to detect a release as small as the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons;
 - e. Failed to record inventory volume measurement for the regulated substance inputs, withdrawals, and the amount still remaining in the tank each operating day; and
 - f. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.
3. Respondent received notice of the violations on or about March 20, 2011.
 4. By letter dated August 31, 2011, the TCEQ provided Respondent with notice of the violations and of TCEQ's authority to shut down and remove from service USTs not in compliance with release detection, spill and/or overfill prevention, corrosion protection, and/or financial assurance requirements if the violations are not corrected.
 5. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on August 31, 2011.
 6. By letter dated August 31, 2011, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP.
 7. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.
 8. By letter dated November 17, 2011, the Executive Director provided Respondent with notice of TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility to be shut down and removed from service if Respondent failed to correct the release detection violations within 30 days after Respondent's receipt of the notice.
 9. As of the date of entry of this Order, Respondent has not provided the Executive Director with documentation demonstrating that the release detection violations alleged in Findings of Fact Nos. 2.c. through 2.e. have been corrected.

10. The USTs at the Facility do not have release detection as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.50(b)(1)(A), (d)(1)(B)(ii) and (d)(1)(B)(iii)(I) and may be releasing petroleum products to the environment. Therefore, conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the Commission.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a., Respondent failed to renew a previously issued UST delivery certificate by timely and proper submission of a completed UST registration and self-certification form to the agency at least 30 days before the expiration date of the delivery certificate, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (5)(B)(ii).
3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent 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).
4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.c., Respondent 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).
5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.d., Respondent failed to provide release detection for the UST system by failing to conduct reconciliation of inventory control records at least once each month, sufficiently accurate to detect a release as small as the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1).
6. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.e., Respondent failed to record inventory volume measurement for the regulated substance inputs, withdrawals, and the amount still remaining in the tank each operating day, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(d)(1)(B)(iii)(I) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1).
7. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.f., Respondent failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b).
8. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 5 and 6, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(c)(2).

9. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 7, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.056 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.105. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.057 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
10. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within the Commission's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
11. An administrative penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
12. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4, 8 and 9, Respondent failed to correct documented violations of Commission release detection requirements within 30 days after Respondent received notice of the violations and notice of the Executive Director's intent to shut down the Facility.
13. TEX. WATER CODE §§ 26.3475(e) and 26.352(i) authorize the Commission to order a UST owner or operator to shut down a UST system if, within 30 days after receiving notice of the violations, the owner or operator fails to correct violations of Commission regulatory requirements relating to release detection for tanks and/or piping, spill and/or overfill protection for tanks, corrosion protection for tanks and/or piping, and/or acceptable financial assurance.
14. TEX. WATER CODE §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.
15. Pursuant to 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(6), the Commission has authority to revoke Respondent's UST fuel delivery certificate if the Commission finds that good cause exists.
16. Good cause for revocation of Respondent's UST fuel delivery certificate exists as justified by Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 5 through 7 and Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 through 9.
17. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 2.c. through 2.e., current conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.144(a)(3), this Order is final and effective on the date rendered.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that:

1. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall take the following steps to shut down operations of all USTs at the Facility:

- a. Cease dispensing fuel from the USTs;
 - b. Cease receiving deliveries of regulated substances into the USTs;
 - c. Padlock the dispensers;
 - d. Empty the USTs of all regulated substances in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.54(d); and
 - e. Temporarily remove the USTs from service in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.54.
2. Respondent's USTs shall remain out of service, pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475 and as directed by Ordering Provision Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the release detection violations noted in Findings of Fact Nos. 2.c. through 2.e. and Conclusions of Law Nos. 4 through 6 have been corrected.
3. If Respondent elects to permanently remove from service any portion of the UST system at the Facility, Respondent shall, immediately upon the effective date of the Order, permanently remove the UST system from service in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55, and within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, shall submit a written report documenting compliance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55 to:
- Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team, MC 138
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087
4. Respondent's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately upon the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall cease accepting fuel until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.7 and 334.8. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements set forth in this Order.
5. Within 10 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall send its UST fuel delivery certificate to:
- Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team, MC 138
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087
6. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit a detailed written report, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 12, below, documenting the steps taken to comply with Ordering Provisions Nos. 1.a. through 1.e. and 5.

7. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this administrative penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order completely resolve the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations which are not raised here.
8. The administrative penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store; Docket No. 2011-0567-PST-E" to:

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

9. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility and begin conducting volume measurement and reconciliation of inventory control records, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50 (Conclusions of Law Nos. 4 through 6);
 - b. Begin maintaining all required records pertaining to the UST system at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10 (Conclusion of Law No. 7); and
 - c. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate from the TCEQ.
10. Upon obtaining a new fuel delivery certificate, Respondent shall post the fuel delivery certificate in a location at the Facility where the delivery certificate is clearly visible at all times, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(iii).
11. Within 10 days of resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall submit written certification and detailed supporting documentation, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 12, below, to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 9 and 10.
12. The certifications required by these Ordering Provisions shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public, and shall 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 fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Respondent shall submit the written certifications and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions to:

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

and:

Rose Luna-Pirtle, Waste Section Manager
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Laredo Regional Office
707 East Calton Road, Suite 304
Laredo, Texas 78041-3887

13. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
14. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
15. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
16. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.

17. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
18. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
19. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date this Order was rendered, pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.144(a)(3).

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

AFFIDAVIT OF XAVIER GUERRA

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BEXAR §

"My name is Xavier Guerra. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and the facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Hernandez Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Quality Discount Fuel & Convenient Store" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on August 31, 2011.

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By letter dated November 17, 2011, sent via first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested article no. 7003 0500 0002 9936 9995, I provided Respondent with notice of the TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility shut down and removed from service if the release detection violations were not corrected within 30 days of Respondent's receipt of the letter. The notice sent via certified mail, return receipt requested was returned "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned.

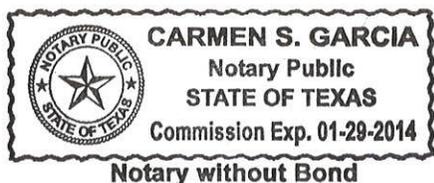
As of the date of this affidavit, I am not aware of any evidence that indicates that Respondent has corrected the violations noted during the January 31, 2011, investigation."



Xavier Guerra, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Xavier Guerra, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration herein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 6th day of January, A.D. 2012.





Notary Signature