

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41809  
Abrams Business Inc. d/b/a Power Mart 18  
RN102366358  
Docket No. 2011-0921-PST-E**

**Order Type:**

Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

N/A

**Media:**

PST

**Small Business:**

Yes

**Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:**

615 West Abrams Street, Arlington, Tarrant 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: Shutdown Order for this case was remanded from the January 25, 2012 Agenda.

Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** February 17, 2012

**Comments Received:** None

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$10,013

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** N/A

**Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** N/A

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$2,138

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$7,875

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$225 each

**SEP Conditional Offset:** N/A

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN – High

Site/RN – High

**Major Source:** Yes

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2002

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***Investigation Information***

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A  
**Date(s) of Investigation:** June 24, 2010; May 13, 2010  
**Date(s) of NOV(s):** N/A  
**Date(s) of NOE(s):** May 13, 2011

***Violation Information***

1. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A)].
2. Failed to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(4)(A)(vii) and (c)(5)(B)(ii)].
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 [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i)].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

**Technical Requirements:**

1. Immediately cease accepting fuel until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form.
2. Within 30 days implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility.
3. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance.

***Litigation Information***

**Date Petition(s) Filed:** October 28, 2011  
**Settlement Date:** January 20, 2012

***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorneys:** Kari L. Gilbreth, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400  
Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

**TCEQ SEP Coordinator:** N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Theresa Stephens, Waste Enforcement Section, (512) 239-2540

**TCEQ Regional Contact:** Sam Barrett, Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, (817) 588-5903

**Respondent:** Aiyub S. Ali, President, Abrams Business, Inc., 1108 Maxi Circle, Friendswood, Texas 77546-4324

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	16-May-2011	<b>Screening</b>	6-Jun-2011	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	16-Sep-2011				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>						
<b>Respondent</b>	Abrams Business Inc. dba Power Mart 18					
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN102366358					
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Major			

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>						
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	41809	<b>No. of Violations</b>	3			
<b>Docket No.</b>	2011-0921-PST-E	<b>Order Type</b>	1660			
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	No			
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Theresa Hagood			
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 6			
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$10,000			

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$11,000
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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.

<b>Compliance History</b>	-10.0%	Enhancement	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	-\$1,100
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<b>Notes</b>	Reduction for high performer classification.			
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<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0%	Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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<b>Notes</b>	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.				
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<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	\$0
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0%	Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$164	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,700	

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$9,900
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	1.1%	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$113
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

<b>Notes</b>	Recommended enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with violation no. 2.		
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<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$10,013
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$10,013
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	0.0%	Reduction	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

<b>Notes</b>	Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.			
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<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$10,013
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**Screening Date** 6-Jun-2011

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**PCW**

**Respondent** Abrams Business Inc. dba Power Mart 18

*Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*

**Case ID No.** 41809

*PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN102366358

**Media [Statute]** Petroleum Storage Tank

**Enf. Coordinator** Theresa Hagood

### 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)**

High Performer

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)** -10%

**>> Compliance History Summary**

**Compliance History Notes**

Reduction for high performer classification.

**Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)** -10%

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Violation Number 1

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

Violation Description Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				50%
Potential	x			

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0%

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

Adjustment \$5,000

\$5,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 24 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

One monthly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the May 13, 2011 record review date to the June 6, 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 with x)

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

Violation Subtotal \$5,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$47

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,551

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,551

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** Abrams Business Inc. dba Power Mart 18  
**Case ID No.** 41809  
**Req. Ent. Reference No.** RN102366358  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

### Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	13-May-2011	28-Dec-2011	0.63	\$47	n/a	\$47

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to monitor the USTs for releases. The date required is the record review date and the final date is the estimated compliance date.

### 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**

\$47

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Theresa Hagood

Violation Number 2

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

Violation Description Failed to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form at least 30 days before the expiration date. Specifically, the delivery certificate expired on August 31, 2009.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				0%
	Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Matrix Notes	Falsification	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
		x			25%
100% of the rule requirement was not met.					

Adjustment \$7,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2 644 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	x
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

Two annual events are 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 \$5,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$117

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,551

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,551

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** Abrams Business Inc. dba Power Mart 18  
**Case ID No.** 41809  
**Req. Ent. Reference No.** RN102366358  
**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)	\$100	13-Apr-2011	28-Dec-2011	0.71	\$4	n/a	\$4

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to renew a delivery certificate by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form. The date required is the record review date and the final date is the estimated compliance date.

### 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]	\$100	1-Aug-2009	13-May-2011	2.70	\$13	\$100	\$113
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost (\$100 per full year) to accurately prepare and submit an updated registration and obtain a TCEQ delivery certificate. The Date Required is 30 days prior to the expiration date of the delivery certificate and the final date is the record review date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$200

**TOTAL**

\$117

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Enf. Coordinator Theresa Hagood

Violation Number 3

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, the Respondent received one fuel delivery without a delivery certificate.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				10%
	Potential			x	

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					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 \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 1

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single event is recommended for accepting one fuel delivery.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

\$0

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 \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$910

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$910

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** Abrams Business Inc. dba Power Mart 18  
**Case ID No.** 41809  
**Req. Ent. Reference No.** RN102366358  
**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

Economic Benefit included in violation no. 2.

### 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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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
ABRAMS BUSINESS INC. D/B/A  
POWER MART 18;  
RN102366358**

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**BEFORE THE  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER**

**DOCKET NO. 2011-0921-PST-E**

### **I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS**

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties (the "Agreed Order"), resolving an enforcement action regarding Abrams Business Inc. d/b/a Power Mart 18 ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, represented by the Litigation Division, and Respondent together stipulate that:

1. Respondent owns and operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(73) and (70), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 615 West Abrams Street in Arlington, Tarrant 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. This Agreed Order is entered into pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.051 and 7.070. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 5.013 because it alleges violations of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and TCEQ rules.
3. The Executive Director and Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
5. An administrative penalty in the amount of eleven thousand one hundred thirteen dollars (\$10,013.00) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II. Respondent paid two thousand one hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$2,138.00) of the administrative penalty. The remaining amount of seven thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$7,875.00) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in thirty five (35) monthly payments of two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) each. The first monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment. If Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may, at his 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, Respondent's failure to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all of the terms of this Agreed Order.

6. 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.
7. The Executive Director and Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters addressed in this Agreed Order, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
8. 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 Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
9. 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.
10. 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**

1. During an investigation conducted on June 24, 2010, and a record review conducted on May 13, 2011, by a University of Texas at Arlington Petroleum Storage Tank Investigator (TCEQ contractor), it was documented that Respondent violated the following requirements:
  - a. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A);
  - b. Failed to renew a 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). Specifically, the Facility's delivery certificate expired on August 31, 2009; and
  - c. 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 TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3467(a) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(i). Specifically, Respondent received one fuel delivery without a delivery certificate.
2. Respondent received notice of the alleged violations on or about May 18, 2011.

## **III. DENIALS**

Respondent generally denies each Allegation in Section II.

#### IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 5, above. The payment of this administrative penalty and 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 considering or requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Abrams Business Inc. d/b/a Power Mart 18, Docket No. 2011-0921-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

2. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall cease accepting fuel until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ by submitting a properly completed UST registration and self-certification form, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8;
  - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50;
  - c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 2.a. and 2.b. The certification 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 certification 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:

Sam Barrett, Waste Section Manager  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office  
2309 Gravel Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951

3. All relief not expressly granted in this Agreed Order is denied.
4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
5. If 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, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed 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.
6. 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 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.
7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against 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.
8. 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.

9. Pursuant to 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the date of hand delivery of this Agreed Order to Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails a copy of the fully executed Agreed Order to Respondent, whichever is earlier.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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For the Commission

*[Handwritten Signature]*

For the Executive Director

2/24/2012

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I represent that I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of Abrams Business Inc. d/b/a Power Mart 18, 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 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;
- 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, I understand that any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

*Aiyub Ali*

Signature - Aiyub S. Ali, President  
Abrams Business Inc.

1/20/2012

Date