

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 42718
Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading
RN102821238
Docket No. 2011-1875-MLM-E**

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MLM - IHW and WQ

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Allied Trading, 4696 Towerwood Drive, Brownsville, Cameron County

Type of Operation:

Recycling facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: The complainant has expressed an interest in this matter but does not wish to speak at Agenda.

Texas Register Publication Date: February 17, 2012

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$10,431

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$2,086

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$700

Total Due to General Revenue: \$7,645

Payment Plan: 11 payments of \$695 each

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): January 18, 2011

Complaint Information: Alleged that the Brownsville Public Utility Board Lift Station No. 80 had been impacted by a petroleum product.

Date(s) of Investigation: March 23, 2011

Date(s) of NOE(s): August 26, 2011

Violation Information

1. Failed to submit a written notice to the TCEQ which includes the type(s) of industrial solid waste or municipal hazardous waste to be recycled, the method of storage prior to recycling, and the nature of the recycling activity 90 days prior to engaging in such activities [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 335.6(h)].
2. Failed to provide a written cost estimate for closure of the Facility [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 335.24(j)].
3. Failed to establish and maintain financial assurance for closure of the Facility [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 37.921 and 335.24(k)].
4. Failed to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 281.25(a)(4) and 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

On December 28, 2011, the Respondent provided documentation to the TCEQ to demonstrate the termination of operation and the removal and disposal of the industrial solid waste at authorized facilities.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

SOAH Referral Date: N/A

Hearing Date(s): N/A

Settlement Date: N/A

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Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Merrilee Hupp, Enforcement Division,
Enforcement Team 1, MC 169, (512) 239-4490; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division,
MC 219, (512) 239-0412

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Artemio Martinez, Officer, Allied Trading, 4696 Towerwood Drive,
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	29-Aug-2011	Screening	12-Sep-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	5-Jan-2012				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102821238		
Facility/Site Region	15-Harlingen	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	42718	No. of Violations	4
Docket No.	2011-1875-MLM-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Industrial and Hazardous Waste	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media	Water Quality	Enf. Coordinator	Merrilee Hupp
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1
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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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%

Please Enter Yes or No

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 § 335.6(h)

Violation Description Failed to submit a written notice to the TCEQ which includes the type(s) of industrial solid waste or municipal hazardous waste to be recycled, the method of storage prior to recycling, and the nature of the recycling activity 90 days prior to engaging in such activities, as documented during the investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

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

>> Programmatic Matrix

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

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

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 173 Number of violation days

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

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single event is recommended.

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 \$951

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,159

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,159

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading
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Rea. Ent. Reference No. RN102821238
Media Industrial and Hazardous Waste
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	\$3,104	23-Mar-2011	21-Dec-2011	0.75	\$116	n/a	\$116
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$22,331	23-Mar-2011	21-Dec-2011	0.75	\$835	n/a	\$835

Notes for DELAYED costs

Actual cost to remove and dispose of waste at a landfill and terminate the operation at the Facility. Date required is the investigation date and final date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$25,435

TOTAL

\$951

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Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 335.24(j)

Violation Description

Failed to provide a written cost estimate for closure of the Facility, as documented during the investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.

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

173 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single 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 \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,159

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,159

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading
Case ID No. 42718
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Media Industrial and Hazardous Waste
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 is covered under 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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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 37.921 and 335.24(k)

Violation Description Failed to establish and maintain financial assurance for closure of the Facility, as documented during the investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	x			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 173

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.

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 \$1,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$2,331

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,159

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,159

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading

Case ID No. 42718

Req. Ent. Reference No. RN102821238

Media Industrial and Hazardous Waste
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]	\$2,220	23-Mar-2010	23-Mar-2011	1.00	\$111	\$2,220	\$2,331
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost for obtaining the financial assurance required for 740 cubic yards of combustible industrial material stored outdoors. Date required is one year prior to the investigation date, and the final date is the investigation date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$2,220

TOTAL

\$2,331

Screening Date 12-Sep-2011

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PCW

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102821238

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Enf. Coordinator Merrilee Hupp

Violation Number 4

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 281.25(a)(4) and 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 122.26(c)

Violation Description Failed to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity, as documented during the investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.

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			10%
100% of the rule requirement was not met.					

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 6 173 Number of violation days

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

Violation Base Penalty \$6,000

Six monthly events are recommended from the March 23, 2011 investigation date to the September 12, 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 \$6,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$6,954

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$6,954

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading
Case ID No. 42718
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102821238
Media Industrial and Hazardous Waste
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				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 is covered under 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

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603413394 Artemio Martinez Classification: HIGH Rating: 0.00
Regulated Entity: RN102821238 ALLIED TRADING Classification: HIGH Site Rating: 0.00
ID Number(s): MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PROCESSING PERMIT 100191
Location: 4696 TOWERWOOD DR, BROWNSVILLE, CAMERON CO., TX.
TCEQ Region: REGION 15 - HARLINGEN
Date Compliance History Prepared: October 05, 2011
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: October 05, 2006 to October 05, 2011

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Merrilee Hupp Phone: (512) 239 - 4490

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: 9/1/2011 Repeat Violator: NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
 - D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
1 08/26/2011 (908802)
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
 - F. Environmental audits.
N/A
 - G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).
N/A
 - H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.
N/A
 - I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.
N/A
 - J. Early compliance.
N/A
- Sites Outside of Texas
N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
ARTEMIO MARTINEZ DBA
ALLIED TRADING
RN102821238**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2011-1875-MLM-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 Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361 and 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 owned and operated a recycling facility located at 4696 Towerwood Drive in Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent has caused, suffered, allowed or permitted the discharge of any waste or the performance of any activity in violation of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 or any rule, permit, or order of the Commission.
3. The Facility involves or involved the management of industrial solid waste as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
4. 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.
5. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about August 31, 2011.

6. 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.
7. An administrative penalty in the amount of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$10,431) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) of the administrative penalty and Two Thousand Eighty-Six Dollars (\$2,086) 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 Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$7,645) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 11 monthly payments of Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$695) 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The Executive Director recognizes that on December 28, 2011, the Respondent provided documentation to the TCEQ to demonstrate the termination of operation and the removal and disposal of the industrial solid waste at authorized facilities.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 former owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to submit a written notice to the TCEQ which includes the type(s) of industrial solid waste or municipal hazardous waste to be recycled, the method of storage prior to recycling, and the nature of the recycling activity 90 days prior to engaging in such activities, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 335.6(h), as documented during an investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.
2. Failed to provide a written cost estimate for closure of the Facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 335.24(j), as documented during an investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.
3. Failed to establish and maintain financial assurance for closure of the Facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 37.921 and 335.24(k), as documented during an investigation conducted on March 23, 2011.
4. Failed to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with industrial activity, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 281.25(a)(4) and 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), as documented during an investigation conducted on March 23, 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 7 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: Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading, Docket No. 2011-1875-MLM-E" to:

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

2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.

3. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
4. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
5. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
6. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
7. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

3/2/12

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



Signature

1-09-2012

Date

ARTEMIO MARTINEZ

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Artemio Martinez dba Allied Trading

OFFICER

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.