

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 42073  
TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. DBA Handi Stop 75  
RN102446218  
Docket No. 2011-1241-PST-E

**Order Type:**

Default Shutdown Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

N/A

**Media:**

PST

**Small Business:**

Yes

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

3543 Oak Forest Drive, Houston, Harris County

**Type of Operation:**

convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

**Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions:	2011-0978-PST-E; 2011-2176-PST-E; 2012-0828-PST-E
Past-Due Penalties:	None
Past-Due Fees:	None
Other:	None
Interested Third-Parties:	None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** May 25, 2012

**Comments Received:** None

**Penalty Information**

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$2,679

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$0

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$2,679

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN – Average  
Site/RN – Average

**Major Source:** No

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** None

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2002

**Investigation Information**

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A  
**Date(s) of Investigation:** August 16, 2010; June 28, 2011  
**Date(s) of NOV(s):** N/A  
**Date(s) of NOE(s):** August 16, 2011

**Violation Information**

Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), and failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the UST system [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2)].

**Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**  
None

**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. The Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements.
4. 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.
5. Within 10 days, Respondent shall surrender the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate.
6. Within 15 days, submit a detailed written report documenting the steps taken to comply with Technical Requirements Nos. 1, 4 and 5.
7. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming sales of gasoline:
  - a. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility and conduct the annual piping tightness test; and
  - b. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate.
8. 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.
9. Within 10 days of resuming sales of gasoline, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirements Nos. 7 and 8.

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**Litigation Information**

**Date Petition(s) Filed:** February 8, 2012  
**Date Green Card(s) Signed:** February 17, 2012  
**Date Answer(s) Filed:** N/A

**Contact Information**

**TCEQ Attorneys:** Jim Sallans, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400  
Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400  
James Murphy, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363  
**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Michael Meyer, Enforcement Division, (512) 239- 4492  
**TCEQ Regional Contact:** Nicole Bealle, Houston Regional Office, (713) 767-3500  
**Respondent:** Shoukat Dhanani, President, TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, 6671 SW Freeway,  
Suite 440, Houston, Texas 77074  
**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

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# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	11-Jul-2011	<b>Screening</b>	13-Jul-2011	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	12-Dec-2011				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>						
<b>Respondent</b>	TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba Handi Stop 75					
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN102446218					
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	12-Houston	<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor			

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>						
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	42073	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1			
<b>Docket No.</b>	2011-1241-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>	Michael Meyer			
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 6			
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit</b>	<b>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>	\$2,500
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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>	2.0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$50
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<b>Notes</b>	Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations.
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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	\$186	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,618	

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$2,500
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	5.1%	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$129
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

<b>Notes</b>	Enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with the violation.
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<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$2,679
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$2,679
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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>	\$2,679
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Screening Date 13-Jul-2011

Docket No. 2011-1241-PST-E

PCW

Respondent TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba Handi

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 42073

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102446218

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Michael Meyer

### Compliance History Worksheet

#### >> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i> )	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)** 2%

#### >> 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

Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations.

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

Screening Date 13-Jul-2011

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PCW

Respondent TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba Handi Stop 75

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 42073

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102446218

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Michael Meyer

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475 (a) and (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). Also, failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the USTs. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the annual piping tightness test.

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 15 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One monthly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the June 28, 2011 record review date to the July 13, 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 \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$186

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,679

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,679

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba Handi Stop 75  
**Case ID No.** 42073  
**Req. Ent. Reference No.** RN102446218  
**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	28-Jun-2011	31-Mar-2012	0.76	\$57	n/a	\$57

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 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]	\$118	28-Jun-2010	28-Jun-2011	1.92	\$11	\$118	\$129
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to conduct the annual piping tightness test. The Date Required is one year prior to the record review date and the Final Date is the record review date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,618

**TOTAL**

\$186

# Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN602533770 TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 2.26  
Regulated Entity: RN102446218 HANDI STOP 75 Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 1.33  
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 35315  
REGISTRATION  
Location: 3543 OAK FOREST DR, HOUSTON, TX, 77018  
TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON  
Date Compliance History Prepared: July 12, 2011  
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement  
Compliance Period: July 12, 2006 to July 12, 2011

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

Name: Michael Meyer Phone: 512.239.4492

## 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)? NA
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? NA
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2010 Repeat Violator: NO

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site:

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.

N/A

- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

1	10/29/2008	(706244)
2	04/17/2010	(798759)
3	10/12/2010	(866259)
4	06/28/2011	(880985)

- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

**Date: 04/17/2010 (798759) CN602533770**

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.246(6)

Description: 30 TAC 115.246 (6)- Failure to maintain a record of the results of the daily inspections conducted at the motor vehicle fuel dispensing facility in accordance with the provisions specified in § 115.244 of this title (relating to Inspection Requirements) and 30 TAC 115.244 (3), Failure to conduct monthly inspections of the components listed in §115.242(3)(J) of this title.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.244(3)

Description: 30 TAC 115.244 (3) - Failure to conduct monthly inspections of the components listed in §115.242(3)(J) of this title.

- 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  
TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES,  
INC. DBA HANDI STOP 75;  
RN102446218**

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**BEFORE THE  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **DEFAULT AND SHUTDOWN ORDER**

**DOCKET NO. 2011-1241-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 facility'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 3543 Oak Forest Drive in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The respondent made the subject of this Order is TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. DBA Handi Stop 75 ("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(70) and (73), a UST system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 3543 Oak Forest Drive in Houston, Harris 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 August 16, 2010, and a record review conducted on June 28, 2011, a University of Texas-Arlington investigator (TCEQ contractor) documented that Respondent failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), and failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the UST system. Specifically, Respondent had not conducted the annual piping tightness test.
3. By letter dated August 16, 2011, the TCEQ Houston Regional Office 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.
4. 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 TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. DBA Handi Stop 75" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on February 8, 2012.

5. By letter dated February 8, 2012, 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. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on February 17, 2012, as evidenced by the signature on the card.
6. 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.
7. By letter dated, May 4, 2012, the Executive Director provided Respondent with notice of the TCEQ's intent to order the UST at the Facility to be shutdown and removed from service if Respondent failed to correct the release detection violation within 30 days after Respondent's receipt of the notice.
8. As of the date of the entry of this Order, Respondent has not provided the Executive Director with documentation demonstrating that the release detection violations alleged in Finding of Fact No. 2 have been corrected.
9. The USTs at the Facility do not have release detection as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50((b)(1)(A) and (b)(2) 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, Respondent failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), and failed to provide release detection for the piping associated with the UST system, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2).
3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5, 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(a).
4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 6, 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.
5. 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.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of two thousand six hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$2,679.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
7. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 2, 3, 7 and 8, 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 USTs at the Facility.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Pursuant to 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(6), the Commission has authority to revoke the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate if the Commission finds that good cause exists.
11. Good cause for revocation of the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate exists as justified by Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 4 through 6 and Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 through 4.
12. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 8 and 9, 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, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS 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. The USTs at the Facility 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 violation noted in Finding of Fact No. 2 and Conclusion of Law No. 2 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 this 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. The Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately upon the effective date of this Order. 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. 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.
6. Within 10 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall send the Facility's 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

7. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit a detailed written report, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 13, below, documenting the steps taken to comply with Ordering Provisions Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., 5, and 6.
8. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of two thousand six hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$2,679.00) 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.
9. 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: TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. DBA Handi Stop 75; Docket No. 2011-1241-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

10. 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 conduct the annual piping tightness test, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50; and
  - b. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate from the TCEQ.

11. 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).
12. Within 10 days of resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall submit written certification, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 13, below, to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 10 and 11.
13. 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:

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

14. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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).

**S I G N A T U R E   P A G E**

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

**AFFIDAVIT OF JIM SALLANS**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

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**COUNTY OF TRAVIS**

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"My name is Jim Sallans. 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.

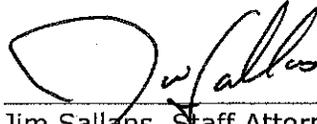
On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. DBA Handi Stop 75" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on February 8, 2012.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on February 8, 2012, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on February 17, 2012, as evidenced by the signature on the card.

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.

By letter dated May 4, 2012, sent via first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested article no. 70022030000570598015, 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 violation pertaining to release detection were not corrected within 30 days of Respondent's receipt of the letter. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received the notice on June 11, 2012.

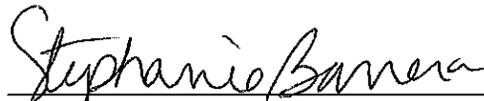
As of the date of this affidavit, I am not aware of any evidence that indicates that Respondent has corrected the shutdown violations noted during the June 28, 2011, investigation."



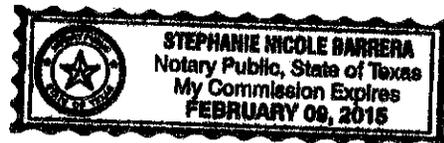
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Jim Sallans, Staff Attorney  
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jim Sallans, 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 2nd day of July, A.D. 2012.



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Notary Signature



Notary without Bond