

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 45641
Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store
RN103028742
Docket No. 2012-2492-PST-E

Order Type:

Default Shutdown Order

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

107 Highway 90 West, Devers, Liberty County

Type of Operation:

convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:

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

Texas Register Publication Date: September 27, 2013

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$16,516

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$16,516

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN – Satisfactory
Site/RN – High

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: January 23, 2012

Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A

Date(s) of NOE(s): October 30, 2012

Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store**RN103028742****Docket No. 2012-2492-PST-E****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), and failed to provide proper release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2)].
2. Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs [30 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 37.815(a) and (b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

1. Obtained financial assurance for the UST system on September 24, 2012; and
2. Performed the annual piping tightness and line leak detector tests, with passing results, on February 4, 2012.

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 UST release detection violation has been corrected and Respondent obtains a new fuel delivery certificate for the Facility.
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 set forth in the Order, including payment of the administrative penalty.
4. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease accepting fuel at the Facility 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 to the TCEQ.
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 the USTs at the Facility; 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: June 18, 2013
Date Green Card(s) Signed: June 21, 2013
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Rudy Calderon, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
Blas Coy, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: David Carney, Enforcement Division, (512) 239-8583
TCEQ Regional Contact: Jason Ybarra, Houston Regional Office, (714) 767-3500
Respondent: Gulab Singh, President, Our G & G, Inc., PO Box 368, Devers, Texas 77538-0368
Respondent's Attorney: N/A

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Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| DATES | Assigned | 5-Nov-2012 | Screening | 28-Nov-2012 | EPA Due | |
| | PCW | 18-Jun-2013 | | | | |

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

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|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------|
| Respondent | Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store | | |
| Reg. Ent. Ref. No. | RN103028742 | | |
| Facility/Site Region | 12-Houston | Major/Minor Source | Major |

CASE INFORMATION

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|--|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Enf./Case ID No. | 45641 | No. of Violations | 2 |
| Docket No. | 2012-2492-PST-E | Order Type | 1660 |
| Media Program(s) | Petroleum Storage Tank | Government/Non-Profit | No |
| Multi-Media | | Enf. Coordinator | David Carney |
| | | EC's Team | Enforcement Team 4 |
| Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum | \$0 | Maximum | \$25,000 |

Penalty Calculation Section

| | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) | Subtotal 1 | \$15,000 |
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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.

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| Compliance History | 0.0% Enhancement | Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 | \$0 |
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| Notes | No adjustment for compliance history. |
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|--------------------|----|------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Culpability | No | 0.0% Enhancement | Subtotal 4 | \$0 |
|--------------------|----|------------------|-------------------|-----|

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| Notes | The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. |
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|--|-------------------|-----|
| Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments | Subtotal 5 | \$0 |
|--|-------------------|-----|

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|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Economic Benefit | 0.0% Enhancement* | Subtotal 6 | \$0 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|

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| Total EB Amounts | \$1,636 | *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount |
| Approx. Cost of Compliance | \$2,938 | |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 | Final Subtotal | \$15,000 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|

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|---|-------|-------------------|---------|
| OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE | 10.1% | Adjustment | \$1,516 |
|---|-------|-------------------|---------|

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

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| Notes | Enhancement to capture the avoided costs of compliance associated with the violations. |
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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Final Penalty Amount | \$16,516 |
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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT | Final Assessed Penalty | \$16,516 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----|
| DEFERRAL | 0.0% Reduction | Adjustment | \$0 |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----|

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

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| Notes | Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement. |
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|------------------------|----------|
| PAYABLE PENALTY | \$16,516 |
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Screening Date 28-Nov-2012

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PCW

Respondent Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

Case ID No. 45641

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103028742

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator David Carney

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)

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

Screening Date 28-Nov-2012 **Docket No.** 2012-2492-PST-E **PCW**
Respondent Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store
Case ID No. 45641 *Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103028742 *PCW Revision August 3, 2011*
Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank
Enf. Coordinator David Carney

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 proper release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system. Specifically, the annual piping tightness and line leak detector tests had not been conducted.

Base Penalty \$25,000

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

| OR | Release | Harm | | | Percent |
|----|-----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | Major | Moderate | Minor | |
| | Actual | | | | 30.0% |
| | Potential | x | | | |

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

| | Falsification | Major | Moderate | Minor | Percent |
|--|---------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | 0.0% |

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 \$17,500

\$7,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 29 Number of violation days

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| <i>mark only one with an x</i> | daily | |
| | weekly | |
| | monthly | x |
| | quarterly | |
| | semiannual | |
| | annual | |
| | single event | |

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

One monthly event is recommended from the October 30, 2012 record review date to the November 28, 2012 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 \$7,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$250

Violation Final Penalty Total \$8,258

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$8,258

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store
Case ID No. 45641
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103028742
Media 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 | 23-Jan-2012 | 28-Aug-2013 | 1.60 | \$120 | n/a | \$120 |

Notes for DELAYED costs
 Estimated cost to implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Disposal | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Personnel | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Inspection/Reporting/Sampling | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Supplies/equipment | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Financial Assurance [2] | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] | \$118 | 23-Jan-2011 | 24-Feb-2012 | 2.01 | \$12 | \$118 | \$130 |
| Other (as needed) | | | | 0.00 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Notes for AVOIDED costs
 Estimated cost to conduct the annual piping tightness and line leak detector tests. The Date Required is one year prior to the investigation date and the Final Date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$1,618

TOTAL \$250

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PCW

Respondent Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store

Case ID No. 45641

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103028742

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator David Carney

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s)

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

Violation Description

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

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

| Release | Harm | | |
|-----------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Major | Moderate | Minor |
| Actual | | | |
| Potential | | | |

Percent 0.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

| Falsification | Major | Moderate | Minor |
|---------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | x | | |

Percent 15.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2

365 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

| | |
|--------------|---|
| daily | |
| weekly | |
| monthly | |
| quarterly | |
| semiannual | |
| annual | |
| single event | x |

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

Two single events are recommended for two USTs.

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 \$7,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$1,386

Violation Final Penalty Total \$8,258

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$8,258

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store
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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103028742
Media Violation No. Petroleum Storage Tank
 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

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] | \$1,320 | 30-Oct-2011 | 24-Sep-2012 | 1.00 | \$66 | \$1,320 | \$1,386 |
| 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 to provide financial assurance for the two USTs (\$660 per tank). The Date Required is one year prior to the record review date and the Final Date is the compliance date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,320

TOTAL

\$1,386



Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN603566456, RN103028742, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: | CN603566456, Our G & G, Inc. | Classification: SATISFACTORY | Rating: 20.57 |
| Regulated Entity: | RN103028742, 2 G's Country Store | Classification: HIGH | Rating: 0.00 |
| Complexity Points: | 3 | Repeat Violator: NO | |
| CH Group: | 14 - Other | | |
| Location: | 107 HIGHWAY 90 WEST, DEVERS, TEXAS 77538-7125, LIBERTY COUNTY | | |
| TCEQ Region: | REGION 12 - HOUSTON | | |
| ID Number(s): | PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 75290 | | |

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|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Compliance History Period: | September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2012 | Rating Year: 2012 | Rating Date: 09/01/2012 |
| Date Compliance History Report Prepared: | November 29, 2012 | | |
| Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: | Enforcement | | |
| Component Period Selected: | November 29, 2007 to November 29, 2012 | | |

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: David Carney **Phone:** (512) 239-2583

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? YES
- 3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator?
Our G & G, Inc., operator since 4/1/2008
Wilcox, Donald W., owner since 4/1/2008
- 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?
Wilcox, Donald W., owner/operator, 12/23/2006 to 4/1/2008
- 5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur?
4/1/2008

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

N/A

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

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

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
OUR G & G, INC. DBA
2 G'S COUNTRY STORE;
RN103028742**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

DEFAULT AND SHUTDOWN ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2012-2492-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 107 Highway 90 West in Devers, Liberty County, Texas. The respondent made the subject of this Order is Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2 (70), a UST system a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 107 Highway 90 West in Devers, Liberty County, Texas (Facility ID No. 75290) (the "Facility"). The USTs at the Facility are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission, and contain a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.
2. During an investigation conducted on January 23, 2012, a UT-Arlington PST Program investigator documented that Respondent:
 - 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), and failed to provide proper release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system by failing to conduct the annual piping tightness and line leak detector tests; and
 - b. Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs.
3. The Executive Director recognizes that Respondent implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
 - a. Obtained financial assurance for the UST system on September 24, 2012; and
 - b. Performed the annual piping tightness and line leak detector tests, with passing results, on February 4, 2012.

4. By letter dated October 30, 2012, the UT-Arlington PST Program 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 were not corrected.
5. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 18, 2013.
6. By letter dated June 18, 2013, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, 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 June 21, 2013, as evidenced by the signature on the card.
7. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.
8. By letter dated September 11, 2013, the Executive Director provided Respondent with notice of TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility to be shut down and removed from service if Respondent failed to correct the UST release detection violation within 30 days after Respondent's receipt of the notice.
9. As of the date of entry of this Order, Respondent has not provided the Executive Director with documentation demonstrating that the UST release detection violation alleged in Finding of Fact No. 2.a. has been corrected.
10. The USTs at the Facility do not have release detection as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A), and may be releasing petroleum products to the environment. Therefore, conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the Commission.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a., Respondent failed to 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 proper release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2).
3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 37.815(a) and (b).
4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 5 and 6, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(b)(1).
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. An administrative penalty in the amount of sixteen thousand five hundred sixteen dollars (\$16,516.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
8. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 2, 4, 8, and 9, Respondent failed to correct documented violations of Commission UST 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Good cause for revocation of the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate exists as justified by Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 5 through 7, and Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 through 5.
13. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 9 and 10, 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(e) and 26.352(i) and as directed by Ordering Provisions Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the UST release detection violation noted in Conclusion of Law No. 2 has been corrected and Respondent obtains a new fuel delivery certificate for the Facility.

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, including payment of the administrative penalty.
5. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease accepting fuel at the Facility 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 sixteen thousand five hundred sixteen dollars (\$16,516.00) 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: Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store; Docket No. 2012-2492-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 the USTs at the Facility, 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:

Jason Ybarra, Waste Section Manager
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Houston Regional Office
5425 Polk St., Ste. H
Houston, TX 77023-1452

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).

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

AFFIDAVIT OF RUDY CALDERON

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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"My name is Rudy Calderon. 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 Our G & G, Inc. dba 2 G's Country Store" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 18, 2013.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on June 18, 2013, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on June 21, 2013, 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.

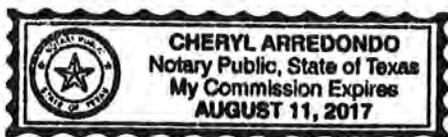
By letter dated September 11, 2013, sent via first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested article no. 7012 3460 0000 1642 6682, I provided Respondent with notice of the TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility be shut down and removed from service if the violation pertaining to UST release detection was not corrected within 30 days of Respondent's receipt of the letter. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received the notice on September 23, 2013.

As of the date of this affidavit, I am not aware of any evidence that indicates that Respondent has corrected the UST release detection violation noted during the January 23, 2012, investigation."

Rudy Calderon, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Rudy Calderon, 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 3rd day of Oct, A.D. 2013.



Notary without Bond

Notary Signature