

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 45974
Barakat S & A, Inc. d/b/a SAA Food Mart
RN104091723
Docket No. 2013-0099-PST-E

Order Type:

Default Shutdown Order (SOAH Preliminary Hearing)

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

6700 Rufe Snow Drive, Fort Worth, Tarrant County

Type of Operation:

convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:

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

Texas Register Publication Date: October 25, 2013

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed:	\$6,000
Total Paid to General Revenue:	\$0
Total Due to General Revenue:	\$6,000

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN – Satisfactory
Site/RN – Satisfactory

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: September 5, 2012

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

Date(s) of NOE(s): December 6, 2012

Barakat S & A, Inc. d/b/a SAA Food Mart

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Violation Information

1. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A)].
2. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**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 violations have 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 retail sales of gasoline:
 - a. Begin maintaining all UST records and ensure they are made immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel;
 - b. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility; and
 - c. 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.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: June 4, 2013
Date Answer(s) Filed: June 19, 2013
SOAH Referral Date: July 31, 2013
Hearing Date(s):
Preliminary hearing: September 12, 2013 (defaulted)

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Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	10-Dec-2012		
	PCW	8-May-2013	Screening	4-Jan-2013
			EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Barakat S & A, Inc. dba SAA Food Mart		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN104091723		
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	45974	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2013-0099-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Andrea Park
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 6
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

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

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

Compliance History	20.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$1,000
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Notes	Enhancement for one order containing a denial of liability.
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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	\$89	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	#NAME?	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$6,000
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes	
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Final Penalty Amount	\$6,000
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$6,000
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DEFERRAL	0.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes	Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$6,000
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Screening Date 4-Jan-2013

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PCW

Respondent Barakat S & A, Inc. dba SAA Food Mart

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104091723

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Andrea Park

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>)	1	20%
	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

Enhancement for one order containing a denial of liability.

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

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Enf. Coordinator Andrea Park

Violation Number 1

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

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

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 15.0%

>> 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 \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 29 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One monthly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the December 6, 2012 record review to the January 4, 2013 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 \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$69

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Barakat S & A, Inc. dba SAA Food Mart
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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104091723
Media Violation No. 1
Media Petroleum Storage Tank

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	5-Sep-2012	5-Aug-2013	0.92	\$69	n/a	\$69

Notes for DELAYED costs
 Estimated cost to monitor the USTs for releases. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the expected date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$1,500

TOTAL \$69

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PCW

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Andrea Park

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.10(b)

Violation Description

Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.

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 5.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

29 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

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 \$1,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$21

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Barakat S & A, Inc. dba SAA Food Mart
Case ID No. 45974
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104091723
Media Violation No. 2
Media Petroleum Storage Tank

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	\$500	5-Sep-2012	5-Jul-2013	0.83	\$21	n/a	\$21
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to maintain UST records. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the expected date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$500

TOTAL

\$21



Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN604047050, RN104091723, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN604047050, Barakat S & A, Inc.	Classification: SATISFACTORY	Rating: 20.00
Regulated Entity:	RN104091723, SAA FOOD MART	Classification: SATISFACTORY	Rating: 20.00
Complexity Points:	0	Repeat Violator:	NO
CH Group:	14 - Other		
Location:	6700 RUFÉ SNOW DR FORT WORTH, TX 76148-2354, TARRANT COUNTY		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX		
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 60331		

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2012 **Rating Year:** 2012 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2012

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: January 14, 2013

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: January 14, 2008 to January 14, 2013

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

Name: Andrea Park

Phone: (713) 422-8970

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? BARAKAT S & A, INC.
- 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? Global Union, Inc.
- 5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 11/14/2009

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

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

- 1 **Effective Date:** 03/01/2012 **ADMINORDER 2011-0267-PST-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)**
Classification: Major
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.3475(c)(1)
30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.50(b)(1)(A)
Description: Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).

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 § **BEFORE THE**
ENFORCEMENT ACTION §
CONCERNING § **TEXAS COMMISSION ON**
BARAKAT S & A, INC. §
D/B/A SAA FOOD MART; § **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**
RN104091723 §

DEFAULT AND SHUTDOWN ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2013-0099-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 6700 Rufe Snow Drive in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. The respondent made the subject of this Order is Barakat S & A, Inc. d/b/a SAA Food Mart ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent owns and operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(73) and (70), a UST system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 6700 Rufe Snow Drive in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas (Facility ID No. 60331) (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 September 5, 2012, a University of Texas at Arlington investigator (TCEQ contractor) 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
 - b. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.
3. By letter dated December 6, 2012, the University of Texas at Arlington 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.
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 Barakat S & A, Inc. d/b/a SAA Food Mart" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 4, 2013.

5. Respondent filed an answer requesting a hearing on June 19, 2013, and the matter was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") on July 31, 2013.
6. On August 12, 2013, the TCEQ Chief Clerk mailed notice of the September 12, 2013, preliminary hearing via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid to Respondent.
7. On September 12, 2013, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") convened the preliminary hearing. Respondent failed to appear, and the Executive Director requested that the matter be dismissed from the SOAH Docket and remanded to the Executive Director so that a Default Order may be entered by the Commission.
8. On September 17, 2013, the ALJ entered a finding that Respondent was served with proper notice of the hearing and remanded the matter to the Executive Director by SOAH Order No. 1, Granting Motion to Dismiss and Remand so that TCEQ may dispose of this case on a default basis.
9. As of the date of entry of this Order, Respondent has not provided the Executive Director with documentation demonstrating that the 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), in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A).
3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b).
4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 5, Respondent filed an answer requesting a hearing as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.056 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.105, and the matter was referred to SOAH pursuant to 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.53(b) and 155.101(b) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.109
5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 6, Respondent was provided proper notice of the preliminary hearing in accordance with TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051(1) and 2001.052, TEX. WATER CODE § 7.058, 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.103(a) and (c)(3), 155.401 and 155.501, and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.11, 1.12, 39.23, 39.25, 39.405, 39.413, 39.423, 39.425 and 80.6.
6. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 7 and 8, Respondent failed to appear for the preliminary hearing, and pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056(4), TEX. WATER CODE § 7.057, and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501(d), the ALJ dismissed the case from the SOAH docket so that the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director pursuant to 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106(b).

7. 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.
8. An administrative penalty in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
9. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 2.a., 3, and 9, Respondent failed to correct documented violations of Commission release detection requirements within 30 days after Respondent received notice of the violations and notice of the Executive Director's intent to shut down the USTs at the Facility.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Good cause for revocation of the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate exists as justified by Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 4 through 8 and Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 through 6.
14. 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 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 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:

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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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 six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this administrative penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order completely resolve the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations which are not raised here.
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: Barakat S & A, Inc. d/b/a SAA Food Mart; Docket No. 2013-0099-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. Begin maintaining all UST records and ensure they are made immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10;
 - b. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50; and
 - c. 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:

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

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 TAMMY L. MITCHELL

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

"My name is Tammy L. Mitchell. 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 Barakat S & A, Inc. d/b/a SAA Food Mart" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 4, 2013.

Respondent filed an answer requesting a hearing on June 19, 2013, and the matter was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") on July 31, 2013. On August 12, 2013, the TCEQ Chief Clerk mailed notice of the September 12, 2013, preliminary hearing via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid to Respondent.

Respondent failed to appear at the hearing on September 12, 2013. At that hearing, I requested that the ALJ enter a finding that Respondent was served with proper notice of the hearing and the matter be remanded to the Executive Director pursuant to 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501(d), which gives an ALJ the authority to remand the case back to the agency for informal disposition on a default basis in accordance with TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056.

The ALJ remanded the matter to the Executive Director by SOAH Order No. 1, Granting Motion to Dismiss and Remand, issued on September 17, 2013, so that TCEQ may dispose of this case on a default basis.

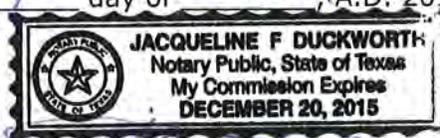
As of the date of this affidavit, I am not aware of any evidence that indicates that Respondent has corrected the release detection violations noted during the September 5, 2012, investigation."

Tammy L. Mitchell

Tammy L. Mitchell, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2013.



Notary without Bond
Notary Signature