

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 44753
Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In
RN102469012
Docket No. 2012-1622-PST-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Step In, 4602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Bexar County

Type of Operation:

Convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: December 14, 2012

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$17,725

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$3,545

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$2,180

Total Due to General Revenue: \$12,000

Payment Plan: 25 payments of \$480 each

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN – Average by Default

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Complaint Information: N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: September 22, 2011
Date(s) of NOE(s): July 31, 2012

Violation Information

1. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 72 hours after an inconclusive statistical inventory reconciliation ("SIR") report for November 2010 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72(3)].
2. Failed to immediately investigate a suspected release of a regulated substance after an inconclusive SIR report for November 2010 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

Respondent conducted a tank tightness test on September 20, 2011 with passing results, and submitted a release determination report on October 6, 2011.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Rebecca Boyett, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 128, (512) 239-2503; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0412
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: Nizarali Maredia, President, Merito Retail, Inc., 4602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78233
Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	6-Aug-2012	Screening	8-Aug-2012	EPA Due	
	PCW	15-Aug-2012				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102469012		
Facility/Site Region	13-San Antonio	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	44753	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2012-1622-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Rebecca Boyett
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5**

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**
 Total EB Amounts
 Approx. Cost of Compliance *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

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

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

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PCW

Respondent Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Rebecca Boyett

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 Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)

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PCW

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Rebecca Boyett

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.72(3)

Violation Description Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 72 hours after an inconclusive statistical inventory reconciliation ("SIR") report for November 2010.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

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

>> Programmatic Matrix

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

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

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 1

Table for frequency: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual, single event. 'x' is marked in the 'single event' row.

Violation Base Penalty \$1,000

One single event is recommended for this violation based on documentation of the violation during the September 22, 2011 investigation.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

25.0% Reduction \$250

Table for Good Faith Efforts: Extraordinary, Ordinary (marked with x), N/A (marked with x).

Notes The Respondent achieved compliance on October 6, 2011, prior to the Notice of Enforcement dated July 31, 2012.

Violation Subtotal \$750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$100

Violation Final Penalty Total \$754

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$754

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In
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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102469012
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)				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]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$100	15-Dec-2010	18-Dec-2010	0.00	\$0	\$100	\$100
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to report a suspected release. The Date Required is the date of the suspected release and the Final Date is the date the report was due.

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$100

TOTAL \$100

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Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="25%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0%"/>

Matrix Notes

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	<input type="text"/>
	weekly	<input type="text"/>
	monthly	<input type="text" value="x"/>
	quarterly	<input type="text"/>
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>
	annual	<input type="text"/>
	single event	<input type="text"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

Reduction
 Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input type="text"/>	(mark with x)

Notes

Violation Subtotal

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount

Violation Final Penalty Total

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In
Case ID No. 44753
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102469012
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$5,000	14-Jan-2011	20-Sep-2011	0.68	\$171	n/a	\$171

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to investigate a suspected release. The Date Required is the date the release investigation was due and the Final Date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$5,000

TOTAL

\$171

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN603816448 Merito Retail, Inc.	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 3.01
Regulated Entity:	RN102469012 Step In	Classification: AVERAGE BY DEFAULT	Site Rating: 3.01
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	8882
Location:	4602 THOUSAND OAKS DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78233		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO		
Date Compliance History Prepared:	August 08, 2012		
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement		
Compliance Period:	August 08, 2007 to August 08, 2012		

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

Name: Rebecca Boyett Phone: (512) 239-2503

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? YES
3. If **YES**, who is the current owner/operator? Merito Retail, Inc., OWNER OPERATOR since 12/09/2010
4. If **YES**, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?

NS Food Mart Unlimited Inc, OWNER OPERATOR, 9/15/2009 to 12/9/2010
Shehreeze Inc, OWNER OPERATOR, 10/19/2005 to 9/15/2009
5. If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 12/9/2010
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2011 Repeat Violator: NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
 - C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
 - D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
1 07/31/2012 (975547)
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
N/A
 - F. Environmental audits.
N/A
 - G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).
N/A
 - H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.
N/A
 - I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.
N/A
 - J. Early compliance.
N/A
- Sites Outside of Texas
N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
MERITO RETAIL, INC. DBA STEP
IN
RN102469012**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2012-1622-PST-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline at 4602 Thousand Oaks Drive in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's two underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about August 5, 2012.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$17,725) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Two Thousand

One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$2,180) of the administrative penalty and Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$3,545) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

The remaining amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 25 monthly payments of Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$480) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of the Respondent to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent conducted a suspected release investigation by conducting a tank tightness test on September 20, 2011 with passing results, and submitted a release determination report on October 6, 2011.
10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 72 hours after an inconclusive statistical inventory reconciliation ("SIR") report for November 2010, in violation of 30

TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72(3), as documented during an investigation conducted on September 22, 2011.

2. Failed to immediately investigate a suspected release of a regulated substance after an inconclusive SIR report for November 2010, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74, as documented during an investigation conducted on September 22, 2011.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In, Docket No. 2012-1622-PST-E" to:

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

2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
3. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
4. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.

5. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
6. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
7. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Pam Davlin Jr
For the Executive Director

4/9/13
Date

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

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

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

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

Donna
Signature

10.18.12
Date

Nizarali Maredia
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Merito Retail, Inc. dba Step In

President
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.