

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 45028
TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. d/b/a Handi Stop 55
RN102446481
Docket No. 2012-1909-PST-E

Order Type:

Default Order

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

9091 South Gessner Road, Houston, Harris 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: May 24, 2013

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$7,500

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$7,500

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: September 1, 2011
Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A
Date(s) of NOE(s): May 24, 2012

Violation Information

Failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the underground storage tank (“UST”) system at the Facility [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

On November 23, 2011, Respondent verified operability of the cathodic protection system for the UST at the Facility.

Technical Requirements:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Within 10 days, Respondent shall surrender the Facility’s UST fuel delivery certificate to the TCEQ.
4. Within 15 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirements Nos. 2 and 3.
5. 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.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: February 5, 2013
Date Green Card(s) Signed: February 15, 2013
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Jim Sallans, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
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TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Margarita Dennis, Enforcement Division, (512) 239-2578

TCEQ Regional Contact: Jason Ybarra, Houston Regional Office, (713) 767-3500

Respondent: Shoukat A. Dhanani, President, TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc., 6671 Southwest Freeway, Suite 440, Houston, Texas 77074

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	17-Sep-2012		
	PCW	20-Dec-2012	Screening	19-Sep-2012
			EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. dba Handi Stop 55		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102446481		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	45028	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2012-1909-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Margarita Dennis
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$7,500
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	-10.0%	Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	-\$750
Notes	Reduction for high performer classification.			
Culpability	No	0.0%	Enhancement	Subtotal 4
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.			
Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments			Subtotal 5	\$0
Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
Total EB Amounts	\$96	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount		
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$6,000			

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$6,750
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE		Adjustment	\$750
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes	Recommended enhancement to offset high performer classification reduction in default situation.		
	Final Penalty Amount	\$7,500	

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$7,500
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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				
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$7,500
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Screening Date 19-Sep-2012

Docket No. 2012-1909-PST-E

PCW

Respondent TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. dba Handi Stop !

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

Case ID No. 45028

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102446481

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Margarita Dennis

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

Reduction for high performer classification.

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

Screening Date	19-Sep-2012	Docket No.	2012-1909-PST-E	PCW
Respondent	TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. dba Handi Stop 55			<i>Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)</i>
Case ID No.	45028			<i>PCW Revision August 3, 2011</i>
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102446481			
Media [Statute]	Petroleum Storage Tank			
Enf. Coordinator	Margarita Dennis			

Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.49(a)(1) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(d)

Violation Description

Failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the underground storage tanks ("USTs").

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Potential	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Percent

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Percent

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

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events Number of violation days

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

Violation Base Penalty

One quarterly event based on documentation of the violation during the August 14, 2012 record review to the September 19, 2012 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

Reduction

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
	Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

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 TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. dba Handi Stop 55
Case ID No. 45028
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102446481
Media Violation No. 1
Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment	\$6,000	1-Sep-2011	23-Nov-2011	0.23	\$5	\$91	\$96
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

Estimated cost to install a corrosion protection system for the UST system at the Facility. Date Required is the investigation date. 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

\$6,000

TOTAL

\$96

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Compliance History Report

PENDING Compliance History Report for CN602533770, RN102446481, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN602533770, TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 2.71

Regulated Entity: RN102446481, Handi Stop 55 **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Complexity Points: 4 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 1 – Gas Stations with Convenience Stores

Location: 9091 S GESSNER RD HOUSTON, TX 77074-2812, HARRIS COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

ID Number(s):

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION 17909

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: September 19, 2012

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: September 19, 2007 to September 19, 2012

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

Name: Margarita Dennis

Phone: (817) 588-5892

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? NO
- 3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
- 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
- 5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A

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.):

Item 1 March 08, 2011 (901733)

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

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
TRISTAR CONVENIENCE STORES,
INC. DBA HANDI STOP 55;
RN102446481**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

DEFAULT ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2012-1909-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 and revocation of the facility's delivery certificate. The respondent made the subject of this Order is TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. DBA Handi Stop 55 ("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), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 9091 South Gessner Road in Houston, Harris County, Texas (Facility ID No. 17909) (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 1, 2011, a University of Texas-Arlington investigator (TCEQ contractor) documented that Respondent failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the UST system at the Facility.
3. Respondent received notice of the violation on or about May 29, 2012.
4. The Executive Director recognizes that on November 23, 2011, Respondent verified operability of the cathodic protection system for the UST system at the Facility.
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 Tristar Convenience Stores, Inc. DBA Handi Stop 55" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on February 5, 2013.
6. By letter dated February 5, 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 February 15, 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the Commission.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent failed to provide proper corrosion protection for the UST system at the Facility, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1).
3. 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).
4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 7, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.056 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.105. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.057 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
5. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within the Commission's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 4.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) 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.
2. The administrative penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: TriStar Convenience Stores, Inc. DBA Handi Stop 55; Docket No. 2012-1909-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

3. 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 of this 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 in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.7 and 334.8.
5. 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
6. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 4 and 5. The certification(s) 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 certification(s) 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
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Street, Ste. H
Houston, Texas 77023-1452

7. 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).

8. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 JIM SALLANS

STATE OF TEXAS

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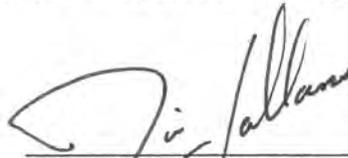
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

"My name is Jim Sallans. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and the facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Tristar Convenience Stores, Inc. DBA Handi Stop 55" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on February 5, 2013.

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

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

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14 day of May, A.D. 2013.



Notary Signature