

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 45681**  
**VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25**  
**RN101884260**  
**Docket No. 2012-2533-PST-E**

**Order Type:**

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

N/A

**Media:**

PST

**Small Business:**

Yes

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

Express Lane 25, 9901 West Main Street, La Porte, Harris 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:** April 5, 2013

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$7,875

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** \$1,575

**Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$6,300

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

Payment Plan: N/A

**SEP Conditional Offset:** \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

**Major Source:** No

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2011

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***Investigation Information***

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A

**Complaint Information:** N/A

**Date(s) of Investigation:** June 26, 2012 and October 30, 2012

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

***Violation Information***

1. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the underground storage tank ("UST") system [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d)].
2. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
3. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel. Specifically, Respondent did not have records of overfill prevention [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)(1)(B)].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

**Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require Respondent to:

- a. Immediately, begin maintaining all UST records.
- b. Within 30 days:
  - i. Submit written certification demonstrating compliance with Ordering Provision a.;
  - ii. Install and implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility; and
  - iii. Install and implement a corrosion protection system for all USTs at the Facility.
- c. Within 45 days, submit certification demonstrating compliance with Ordering Provisions b.ii. and b.iii.

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***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:** Heather Brister, Enforcement Division,  
Enforcement Team 1, MC R-09, (254) 761-3034; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division,  
MC 219, (512) 239-0412  
**TCEQ SEP Coordinator:** N/A  
**Respondent:** Badruddin Monin, Vice President, VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba  
Express Lane 25, 9901 Spencer Highway, La Porte, Texas 77571  
**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A





# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	5-Nov-2012	<b>Screening</b>	19-Nov-2012	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	28-Nov-2012				

## RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Respondent</b>	VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25		
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN101884260		
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	12-Houston	<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor

## CASE INFORMATION

<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	45681	<b>No. of Violations</b>	3
<b>Docket No.</b>	2012-2533-PST-E	<b>Order Type</b>	1660
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	No
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Heather Brister
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 1
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

**TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)** **Subtotal 1** **\$8,750**

### 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** **-\$875**

Notes: Reduction for High Performer classification.

**Culpability** **No** **0.0%** Enhancement **Subtotal 4** **\$0**

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: \$570  
Approx. Cost of Compliance: \$8,000  
\*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

**SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** **Final Subtotal** **\$7,875**

**OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE** **0.0%** **Adjustment** **\$0**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

**Final Penalty Amount** **\$7,875**

**STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT** **Final Assessed Penalty** **\$7,875**

**DEFERRAL** **20.0%** Reduction **Adjustment** **-\$1,575**

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

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

**PAYABLE PENALTY** **\$6,300**

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Heather Brister

### 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%

Please Enter Yes or No

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%

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Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

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

Violation Description

Failed to provide corrosion protection for the underground storage tank ("UST") system.

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

20 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	x
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One monthly event is recommended from the record review date (October 30, 2012) to the screening date (November 19, 2012).

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 \$460

Violation Final Penalty Total \$3,375

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$3,375

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25

**Case ID No.** 45681

**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101884260

**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank

**Violation No.** 1

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**

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Equipment	\$6,000	26-Jun-2012	31-Jul-2013	1.10	\$22	\$438	\$460
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 corrosion protection for the UST system. Date required is the investigation date. Final date is the anticipated date of compliance.

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

Item Description	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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** **TOTAL**

\$6,000

\$460

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Violation Number 2

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 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

20 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One monthly event is recommended from the record review date (October 30, 2012) to the screening date (November 19, 2012).

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 \$82

Violation Final Penalty Total \$3,375

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$3,375

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25

**Case ID No.** 45681

**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101884260

**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
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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	26-Jun-2012	31-Jul-2013	1.10	\$82	n/a	\$82

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to provide release detection for the USTs at the Facility. The date required is the investigation date. Final date is the anticipated 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 \$82

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Heather Brister

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.10(b)(1)(B)

Violation Description

Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel. Specifically, the Respondent did not have records of overfill prevention.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Harm		
	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

20 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 \$27

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,125

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,125

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**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank

**Violation No.** 3

<b>Percent Interest</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
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	26-Jun-2012	31-Jul-2013	1.10	\$27	n/a	\$27
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. Date required is the investigation date and final date is the anticipated 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**

\$27

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# TCEQ Compliance History Report

**PUBLISHED** Compliance History Report for CN601027600, RN101884260, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

**Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:** CN601027600, VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

**Regulated Entity:** RN101884260, EXPRESS LANE 25 **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

**Complexity Points:** 3 **Repeat Violator:** NO

**CH Group:** 14 - Other

**Location:** 9901 W MAIN ST, LA PORTE, TEXAS, HARRIS COUNTY

**TCEQ Region:** REGION 12 - HOUSTON

**ID Number(s):**

**PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION**  
REGISTRATION 39038

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

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** November 28, 2012

**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

**Component Period Selected:** November 28, 2007 to November 28, 2012

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

**Name:** Heather Brister

**Phone:** (254) 761-3034

**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.):**

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  
VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. DBA  
EXPRESS LANE 25  
RN101884260**

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**BEFORE THE  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER  
DOCKET NO. 2012-2533-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 VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25 ("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 located at 9901 West Main Street in La Porte, Harris 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 November 4, 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 Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$7,875) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Six Thousand Three Hundred

Dollars (\$6,300) of the administrative penalty and One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,575) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

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 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 provide corrosion protection for the UST system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d), as documented during an investigation conducted on June 26, 2012, and a record review conducted on October 30, 2012.
2. 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 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on June 26, 2012, and a record review conducted on October 30, 2012.
3. 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)(1)(B), as documented during an investigation conducted on June 26, 2012, and a record review conducted on October 30, 2012. Specifically, the Respondent did not have records of overfill prevention.

### 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: VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25, Docket No. 2012-2533-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. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Immediately after the effective date of this Agreed Order, begin maintaining all UST recods, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10;
  - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
    - i. Submit written certification of compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 2.d below;
    - ii. Install and implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50; and
    - iii. Install and implement a corrosion protection system for all USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49.
  - c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit certification of compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.b.ii and 2.b.iii, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 2.d, below; and
  - d. The certification of compliance required by Ordering Provision Nos. 2.b.i and 2.c, shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in

accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team  
Enforcement Division, MC 149A  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

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

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

For the Commission

*Pam Navin*  
For the Executive Director

6/5/13  
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.

*Badruddin*  
Signature

05/22/2013  
Date

BADRUDDIN MOMIN  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
VAKIL & BROTHERS, INC. dba Express Lane 25

Manager  
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.