

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE No. 46897
RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. d/b/a E-Z Stop 1
RN101512036
Docket No. 2013-1074-PST-E

Order Type:

Agreed Order

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

15540 South U.S. Highway 181, San Antonio, Bexar 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 9, 2014

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$20,625

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$605

Total Due to General Revenue: \$20,020

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$572 each

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN – Satisfactory
Site/RN – Satisfactory

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: February 27, 2013
Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A
Date(s) of NOE(s): May 10, 2013

Violation Information

1. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1)].
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) [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A)].
3. 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

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

Repaired and tested the corrosion protection system, with passing results, on May 2, 2013.

Technical Requirements:

1. Immediately, begin maintaining all UST records at the Facility and make them immediately available for inspection upon request.
2. Within 30 days, install and implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility.
3. Within 45 days submit written certification to demonstrate compliance.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: November 13, 2013; March 3, 2014
Date Answer(s) Filed: December 2, 2013
SOAH Referral Date: February 26, 2014
Hearing Date(s):
Preliminary hearing: April 10, 2014
Settlement Date: April 7, 2014

Contact Information

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Respondent: Joginder Singh, President, RF FOOD AND GAS, INC., 7020 U.S. Highway 181 North, Floresville, Texas 78114

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	13-May-2013	Screening	14-May-2013	EPA Due	
	PCW	2-Oct-2013				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. dba E-Z Stop 1				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101512036				
Facility/Site Region	13-San Antonio	Major/Minor Source	Major		

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	46897	No. of Violations	3
Docket No.	2013-1074-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Troy Warden
		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	\$18,750
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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	\$3,750
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Notes	Enhancement for one order containing 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	\$1,875
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$232	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$3,500	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$20,625
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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.

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Final Penalty Amount	\$20,625
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$20,625
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DEFERRAL	0.0% Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes	Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$20,625
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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

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) 20%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one order containing denial of liability.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 20%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 20%

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Respondent	RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. dba E-Z Stop 1			<i>Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)</i>
Case ID No.	46897			<i>PCW Revision August 3, 2011</i>
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101512036			
Media [Statute]	Petroleum Storage Tank			
Enf. Coordinator	Troy Warden			

Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Harm			
	Release	Major	Moderate	Minor
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Percent <input type="text" value="30.0%"/>

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Percent <input type="text" value="0.0%"/>

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"/>
quarterly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<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 RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. dba E-Z Stop 1
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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101512036
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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Equipment	\$1,500	27-Feb-2013	2-May-2013	0.18	\$1	\$18	\$18
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 repair the rectifier and test the corrosion protection system. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	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 \$1,500 **TOTAL** \$18

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

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 30.0%

>> 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 \$17,500

\$7,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

76 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

One quarterly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the February 27, 2013 investigation to the May 14, 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 \$7,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$66

Violation Final Penalty Total \$9,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$9,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. dba E-Z Stop 1
Case ID No. 46897
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101512036
Media Violation No. Petroleum Storage Tank
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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	27-Feb-2013	13-Jan-2014	0.88	\$66	n/a	\$66

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 estimated date of compliance.

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs
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Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,500	TOTAL	\$66
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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

Violation Number 3

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 15.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

76 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

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 \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$20

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,500

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

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. dba E-Z Stop 1
Case ID No. 46897
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101512036
Media Violation No. Petroleum Storage Tank
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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	27-Feb-2013	13-Dec-2013	0.79	\$20	n/a	\$20
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 estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

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

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$500

TOTAL

\$20



Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN603545310, RN101512036, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN603545310, RF FOOD AND GAS, INC.	Classification: SATISFACTORY	Rating: 31.07
Regulated Entity:	RN101512036, E-Z STOP 1	Classification: SATISFACTORY	Rating: 31.07
Complexity Points:	6	Repeat Violator:	NO
CH Group:	14 - Other		
Location:	15540 SOUTH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 181 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78223-9740, BEXAR COUNTY		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO		
ID Number(s):	WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0103802 PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 32238		

Compliance History Period:	September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2012	Rating Year:	2012	Rating Date:	09/01/2012
Date Compliance History Report Prepared:	June 05, 2013				
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement				
Component Period Selected:	June 05, 2008 to June 05, 2013				

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

Name: Joel McAlister

Phone: (512) 239-2619

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? RF PETROLEUM INC, OWNER since 9/9/2007
RF FOOD AND GAS, INC., OPERATOR since 9/9/2007
- 4) If **YES** for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? EZ Action Retail, L.P., OWNER 1/1/2006 to 9/8/2007
Action Petroleum, L.P., OPERATOR 1/1/2006 to 9/8/2007
- 5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 9/9/2007

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

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

- 1 **Effective Date:** 06/26/2010 **ADMINORDER** 2009-1773-PST-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)
Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter A 334.7(d)(3)
Description: Failure to notify the agency of any change or additional information regarding USTs within 30 days from the date of occurrence of the change or addition. Specifically, the registration was not updated to reflect correct ownership information and the current operational status of the UST system.
Classification: Major
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.3475(a)
30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.50(b)(2)
Description: Failure to provide proper release detection for the piping associated with the USTs.
Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.45(c)(3)(A)

Description: Failure to install an emergency shutoff valve (also known as shear or impact valve) on each pressurized delivery or product line and ensure that it is securely anchored at the base of the dispenser. Specifically, the shear valves for dispenser nos. 9 and 10 were not anchored.

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter D 334.72(1)

Description: Failure to report a release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of the discovery. Specifically, the Respondent did not report the diesel fuel release that occurred on August 2, 2009.

Classification: Moderate

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 UST system for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.3475(a)

30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.50(b)(2)(A)(i)(III)

Description: Failed to test the line leak detectors at least once per year for performance and operational reliability,

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.3475(c)(1)

30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.50(d)(1)(B)(ii)

Description: Failed to conduct reconciliation of detailed inventory control records at least once each month, sufficiently accurate to detect a release as small as the sum of 1.0% of the total substance flow-through for the month plus 130 gallons

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
RF FOOD AND GAS, INC.
DBA E-Z STOP 1;
RN101512036**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2013-1074-PST-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties (the "Agreed Order"), resolving an enforcement action regarding RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. d/b/a E-Z Stop 1 ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, represented by the Litigation Division, and Respondent together stipulate that:

1. Respondent operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(70), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 15540 South U.S. Highway 181 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas (Facility ID No. 32238) (the "Facility"). The USTs at the Facility are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the TCEQ, and contain a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.
2. This Agreed Order is entered into pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.051 and 7.070. The TCEQ has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 5.013 because it alleges violations of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and TCEQ rules.
3. The Executive Director and Respondent agree that TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction.
4. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
5. An administrative penalty in the amount of twenty thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$20,625.00) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II. Respondent paid six hundred five dollars (\$605.00) of the administrative penalty. The remaining amount of twenty thousand twenty dollars (\$20,020.00) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in thirty-five (35) monthly payments of five hundred seventy-two dollars (\$572.00) each. The first monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment. If Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may, at his 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, Respondent's failure to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by

Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all of the terms of this Agreed Order.

6. 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.
7. The Executive Director and Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters addressed in this Agreed Order, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
8. 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 Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions contained in this Agreed Order.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The Executive Director recognizes that Respondent repaired and tested the corrosion protection system, with passing results, on May 2, 2013.

II. ALLEGATIONS

1. During an investigation conducted on February 27, 2013, a UT-Arlington PST Program investigator (TCEQ Contractor) documented that Respondent:
 - a. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1). Specifically, the rectifier was not functioning;
 - b. 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); and
 - c. 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).
2. Respondent received notice of the violations on or about May 15, 2013.

III. DENIALS

Respondent generally denies each Allegation in Section II.

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 5, above. The payment of this administrative penalty and 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 considering or requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall be sent with

the notation "Re: RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. d/b/a E-Z Stop 1, Docket No. 2013-1074-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

2. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

- a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall begin maintaining all UST records at the Facility and make them immediately available for inspection upon request, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10.
- b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50.
- c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 2.a. and 2.b. The certification 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 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:

Cameron Lopez, Waste Section Manager
San Antonio Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
14250 Judson Road
San Antonio, Texas 78233-4480

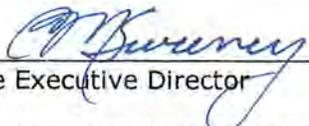
3. All relief not expressly granted in this Agreed Order is denied.
4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.

5. If 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, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed 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.
6. 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 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.
7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against 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 TCEQ's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the TCEQ under such a statute.
8. 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.
9. Pursuant to 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the date of hand delivery of this Agreed Order to Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails a copy of the fully executed Agreed Order to Respondent, whichever is earlier.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

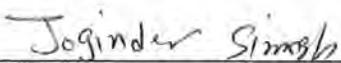
Date July 2, 2014

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I represent that I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of RF FOOD AND GAS, INC. d/b/a E-Z Stop 1, 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 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;
- 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, I understand that any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



Signature - Joginder Singh, President
RF FOOD AND GAS, INC.

Date 4/7/2014