

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 49687

SIMS FARMS, LTD.

RN107802944

Docket No. 2014-1736-MSW-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MSW

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Cox Lane Mulching Operation, located north of Cox Lane, approximately 0.38 miles west of the intersection of Cox Lane and Ben Ficklin Road, San Angelo, Tom Green County

Type of Operation:

Recycling facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: The complainant has expressed an interest in this matter but does not wish to speak at Agenda.

Texas Register Publication Date: February 27, 2015

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$7,940

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$1,588

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$6,352

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - N/A

Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): August 4, 2014

Complaint Information: Alleged there was a large unpermitted mulch pile.

Date(s) of Investigation: September 3, 2014

Date(s) of NOE(s): November 3, 2014

Violation Information

1. Failed to provide a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to operate a recycling facility to the TCEQ at least 90 days prior to the commencement of recycling operations [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 328.5(b)].
2. Failed to establish and maintain financial assurance for the closure of a recycling facility. Specifically, financial assurance was not provided for approximately 5,224 cubic yards of mulch, wood, and yard trimmings [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 37.921 and 328.5(d)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Immediately, cease accepting additional recyclable and combustible materials at the Facility until properly authorized.
- b. Within 30 days:
 - i. Submit an administratively complete NOI to operate a recycling facility; and
 - ii. Submit documentation that demonstrates acceptable financial assurance for closure of the Facility.

Or

- c. Within 45 days, remove all recyclable and combustible materials from the Facility and dispose of them at an authorized facility.
- d. Within 60 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions a. and b. or c.

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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: Keith Frank, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-1203; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1456

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Monte Sims, Partner, SIMS FARMS, LTD., 861 Hohmann Road, San Angelo, Texas 76905-7376

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

DATES	Assigned	10-Nov-2014	Screening	12-Nov-2014	EPA Due	
	PCW	1-Dec-2014				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	SIMS FARMS, LTD.
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN107802944
Facility/Site Region	8-San Angelo
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	49687	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2014-1736-MSW-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Municipal Solid Waste	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Keith Frank
		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**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

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

Notes

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

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

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts
Estimated Cost of Compliance
*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

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

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

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

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

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Respondent SIMS FARMS, LTD.

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Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Keith Frank

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 judgments 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) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 0%

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PCW

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Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description Failed to provide a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to operate a recycling facility to the TCEQ at least 90 days prior to the commencement of recycling operations.

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5.0%"/>

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 checked="" type="text" value="x"/>
	quarterly	<input type="text"/>
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>
	annual	<input type="text"/>
single event	<input type="text"/>	

Violation Base Penalty

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

Reduction

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="(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 SIMS FARMS, LTD.
Case ID No. 49687
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Media Municipal Solid Waste
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs	\$5,000	3-Sep-2014	7-Aug-2015	0.93	\$232	n/a	\$232
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to submit an administratively complete NOI to operate a recycling facility. Date Required is the investigation date. 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

\$5,000

TOTAL

\$232

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Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description Failed to establish and maintain financial assurance for the closure of a recycling facility. Specifically, financial assurance was not provided for approximately 5,224 cubic yards of mulch, wood, and yard trimmings.

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0%"/>
Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5.0%"/>

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 type="text"/>
semiannual	<input type="text"/>
annual	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>
single event	<input type="text"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

Reduction

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	(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 SIMS FARMS, LTD.
Case ID No. 49687
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN107802944
Media Municipal Solid Waste
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
<small>No commas or \$</small>							

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	\$56,005	3-Sep-2014	7-Aug-2015	0.93	\$2,593	n/a	\$2,593
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to remove all recyclable and combustible materials from the Facility and dispose of them at an authorized facility. Date Required is the investigation date. 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]	\$2,800	3-Sep-2013	3-Sep-2014	1.00	\$140	\$2,800	\$2,940
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost of obtaining financial assurance. Date Required is one year prior to the investigation date. Final Date is the investigation date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$58,805

TOTAL

\$5,533

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN604692509, RN107802944, Rating Year 2014 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN604692509, SIMS FARMS, LTD. **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE **Rating:** N/A

Regulated Entity: RN107802944, Cox Ln Mulching Operation **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE **Rating:** N/A

Complexity Points: N/A **Repeat Violator:** N/A

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: N OF COX LN, APPROX 0.38 MILES W OF THE INTX OF COX LN & BEN FICKLIN RD, SAN ANGELO, TX, TOM GREEN COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 08 - SAN ANGELO

ID Number(s):
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NON PERMITTED ID NUMBER
R08107802944

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2009 to August 31, 2014 **Rating Year:** 2014 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2014

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: November 12, 2014

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: November 12, 2009 to November 12, 2014

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

Name: Keith Frank

Phone: (512) 239-1203

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? NO
- 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
SIMS FARMS, LTD.
RN107802944**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2014-1736-MSW-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 SIMS FARMS, LTD. ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a recycling facility located north of Cox Lane, approximately 0.38 miles west of the intersection of Cox Lane and Ben Ficklin Road in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Facility involves or involved the management of municipal solid waste as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
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 8, 2014.
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 Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$7,940) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two

Dollars (\$6,352) of the administrative penalty and One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$1,588) 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 a Notice of Intent ("NOI") to operate a recycling facility to the TCEQ at least 90 days prior to the commencement of recycling operations, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 328.5(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on September 3, 2014.
2. Failed to establish and maintain financial assurance for the closure of a recycling facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 37.921 and 328.5(d), as documented during an investigation conducted on September 3, 2014. Specifically, financial assurance was not provided for approximately 5,224 cubic yards of mulch, wood, and yard trimmings.

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: SIMS FARMS, LTD., Docket No. 2014-1736-MSW-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 upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease accepting additional recyclable and combustible materials at the Facility until properly authorized.
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Submit an administratively complete NOI to operate a recycling facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 328.5(b); and
 - ii. Submit documentation that demonstrates acceptable financial assurance for closure of the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 37.921 and 328.5(d).

Or

- c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, remove all recyclable and combustible materials from the Facility and dispose of them at an authorized facility.
- d. Within 60 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a. and 2.b. or 2.c. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and 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 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
San Angelo Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
622 South Oakes, Suite K
San Angelo, Texas 76903-7035

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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Bonnie Mauré
For the Executive Director

6/1/15
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.

Monte S.
Signature

1/23/2015
Date

Monte Sims
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
SIMS FARMS, LTD.

Partner
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.