

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 49204
FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a Kwik Pantry FFP 5149
RN102347689
Docket No. 2014-1298-PST-E

Order Type:

Default Order

Media:

PST

Small Business:

N/A

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

101 South State Highway 359, Mathis, San Patricio 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: August 28, 2015

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$3,880

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$3,880

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN –High
Site/RN – High

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: May 2, 2014
Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A
Date(s) of NOE(s): August 14, 2014

Violation Information

1. 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)].
2. Failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:
N/A

Technical Requirements:

N/A – Respondent no longer owns or operates the Facility as of July 1, 2015.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: January 30, 2015; April 24, 2015
Date Green Card(s) Signed: Refused; Unclaimed
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

Contact Information

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TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Margarita Dennis, Enforcement Division, (817) 588-5892

TCEQ Regional Contact: Michelle Phillips, Corpus Christi Regional Office, (361) 825-3100

Respondent Contact: Zameer M. Fazal, President, FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 6612, Houston, Texas 77265-6612

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	18-Aug-2014		
	PCW	16-Jan-2015	Screening	26-Aug-2014
			EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Kwik Pantry FFP 5149
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102347689
Facility/Site Region	14-Corpus Christi
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	49204	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2014-1298-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Margarita Dennis
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$3,750
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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	-10.0% Reduction	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	-\$375
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Notes: Reduction for High Performer classification.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$208
 Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$1,618
 *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$3,375
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	15.0%	Adjustment	\$505
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Enhancement to capture the avoided cost associated with the violation and to offset the reduction for high performer classification.

Final Penalty Amount	\$3,880
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$3,880
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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.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$3,880
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Screening Date 26-Aug-2014

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PCW

Respondent FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Kwik Pantry FFP 5149

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 49204

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102347689

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Margarita Dennis

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of 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)

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Reduction for High Performer classification.

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

Screening Date 26-Aug-2014 **Docket No.** 2014-1298-PST-E **PCW**
Respondent FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Kwik Pantry FFP 5149 *Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)*
Case ID No. 49204 *PCW Revision March 26, 2014*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102347689
Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank
Enf. Coordinator Margarita Dennis

Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1)

Violation Description

Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring). Also, failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system. Specifically, the Respondent had not conducted the line leak detector and piping tightness testing.

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="15.0%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

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

Matrix Notes
 Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants that would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events Number of violation days

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

Violation Base Penalty

One monthly event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply Reduction

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

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

Violation Subtotal

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation **Statutory Limit Test**

Estimated EB Amount **Violation Final Penalty Total**

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Kwik Pantry FFP 5149
Case ID No. 49204
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102347689
Media Violation No. 1
Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment			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	2-May-2014	15-May-2015	1.04	\$78	n/a	\$78

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to monitor the USTs for releases. 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]	\$118	2-May-2013	11-Jun-2014	2.03	\$12	\$118	\$130
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to conduct the annual line leak detector and piping tightness testing. Date required is one year prior to the investigation date. Final date is the date of compliance.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,618

TOTAL

\$208

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN603568445, RN102347689, Rating Year 2013 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2013.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603568445, FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Regulated Entity: RN102347689, Kwik Pantry FFP 5149 **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

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

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: 101 S STATE HIGHWAY 359 MATHIS, TX 78368-2701, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI

ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 27433

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2008 to August 31, 2013 **Rating Year:** 2013 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2013

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: August 26, 2014

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: August 26, 2009 to August 26, 2014

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.
Name: Margarita Dennis **Phone:** (817) 588-5892

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO
- 3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
- 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
- 5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A

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

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

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1 August 04, 2011 (921510)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC.
DBA KWIK PANTRY FFP 5149;
RN102347689**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

DEFAULT ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2014-1298-PST-E

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition, filed pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty. The respondent made the subject of this Order is FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a Kwik Pantry FFP 5149 ("Respondent").

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent owned and operated, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(73) and (70), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 101 South State Highway 359 in Mathis, San Patricio County, Texas (Facility ID No. 27433) (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. During an investigation conducted on May 2, 2014, an investigator documented that Respondent:
 - a. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring); and
 - b. Failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system. Specifically, Respondent had not conducted the line leak detector and piping tightness testing.
3. The Executive Director recognizes that Respondent no longer owns or operates the Facility as of July 1, 2015.
4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a Kwik Pantry FFP 5149" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on January 30, 2015.
5. The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on January 30, 2015, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "refused."

6. The Executive Director re-filed the EDPRP in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on April 24, 2015.
7. By letter dated April 24, 2015, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP.
8. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a., Respondent 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).
3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2).
4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 through 7, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(c)(2).
5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 8, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.056 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.105. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.057 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
6. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
7. An administrative penalty in the amount of three thousand eight hundred eighty dollars (\$3,880.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
8. TEX. WATER CODE §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of three thousand eight hundred eighty dollars (\$3,880.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations which are not raised here.

2. The penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to TCEQ and shall be sent with the notation "Re: FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a Kwik Pantry FFP 5149; Docket No. 2014-1298-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
4. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
6. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
7. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
9. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

S I G N A T U R E P A G E

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date

AFFIDAVIT OF TRACY CHANDLER

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of FALFURRIAS ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a Kwik Pantry FFP 5149" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on January 30, 2015.

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On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the EDPRP was re-filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on April 24, 2015.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on April 24, 2015, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(c)(2).

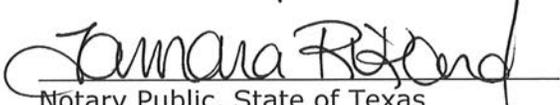
More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing."



Tracy Chandler, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 18 day of September A.D. 2015.



Notary Public, State of Texas

