

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 49873
Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC
RN100735208
Docket No. 2015-0067-MSW-E

Order Type:

Default Order (SOAH preliminary hearing)

Media:

MSW

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

3765 County Road 2135, Telephone, Fannin County

Type of Operation:

unregistered scrap tire processing facility

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: June 3, 2016

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$2,625

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$2,625

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN –Satisfactory
Site/RN – N/A

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): October 8, 2014
Complaint Information: Alleged piles of old tires and truck tire treads at the site.
Date(s) of Investigation: October 28, 2014; November 21, 2014
Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A
Date(s) of NOE(s): December 12, 2014

Violation Information

Failed to obtain a scrap tire facility registration prior to commencing operations [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 328.63(c)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:
None

Technical Requirements:

1. Immediately cease processing scrap tires or tire pieces until a scrap tire facility registration has been obtained;
2. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: July 2, 2015
Date Green Card(s) Signed: July 17, 2015
Date Answer(s) Filed: October 9, 2015
SOAH Referral Date: December 1, 2015
Hearing Date(s):
Preliminary hearing: January 14, 2016 (defaulted)

Contact Information

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Respondent Contact: Tim Sommers, Director, Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC,
3205 Button Bush, Keller, Texas 78244

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	5-Jan-2015		
	PCW	24-Mar-2015	Screening	6-Jan-2015
			EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100735208		
Facility/Site Region	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	49873	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2015-0067-MSW-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Municipal Solid Waste	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Holly Kneisley
		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	\$2,500
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	5.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$125
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Notes: Enhancement for previous NOV for same/similar violations.

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: \$9
 Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$250
 *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$2,625
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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.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount \$2,625

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$2,625
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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.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$2,625
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Screening Date 6-Jan-2015

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PCW

Respondent Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 49873

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100735208

Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Holly Kneisley

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>)	1	5%
	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) 5%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

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 previous NOV for same/similar violations.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 5%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 5%

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PCW

Respondent Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC

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PCW Revision March 26, 2014

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Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Holly Kneisley

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 328.63(c)

Violation Description Failed to obtain a scrap tire facility registration prior to commencing operations. Specifically, the Respondent was processing scrap tires without a registration.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0.0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
	x			5.0%

Matrix Notes 100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2 46 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

Two monthly events are recommended from the November 21, 2014 investigation to the January 6, 2015 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/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 \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$9

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,625

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,625

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC
Case ID No. 49873
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100735208
Media 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

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	\$250	21-Nov-2014	15-Aug-2015	0.73	\$9	n/a	\$9
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0	

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost to obtain a scrap tire facility registration. 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 \$250

TOTAL \$9

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN603657065, RN100735208, Rating Year 2014 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2014.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603657065, Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 2.67

Regulated Entity: RN100735208, MCCRAW MATERIALS **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE **Rating:** N/A

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

CH Group: 04 - Mining

Location: 3765 COUNTY ROAD 2135 TELEPHONE, TX 75488-3009, FANNIN COUNTY

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

ID Number(s): **AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS** ACCOUNT NUMBER FB0067E
PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 75628
AGGREGATES REGISTRATION AP0000610
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NON PERMITTED ID NUMBER 100735208

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: December 17, 2014

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: December 17, 2009 to December 17, 2014

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

Name: Holly Kneisley

Phone: (817) 588-5856

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.

1 Date: 12/02/2014 (1204688)

Self Report? NO Classification: Major
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 328, SubChapter F 328.56(d)(2)
30 TAC Chapter 328, SubChapter F 328.60(a)
Description: Failure to register as a Scrap Tire Storage Site.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 324, SubChapter A 324.15
40 CFR Chapter 279, SubChapter I, PT 279, SubPT C 279.22(d)
Description: Failure to abate used oil spills.

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
TRIDENT ENVIRONMENTAL
RESOURCE CONSULTING, LLC;
RN100735208**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

DEFAULT ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2015-0067-MSW-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 ch. 7, TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361, and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty and corrective action of the respondent. The respondent made the subject of this Order is Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent operates a scrap tire processing facility located at 3765 County Road 2135 in Telephone, Fannin County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility contains and/or involves the management of municipal solid waste ("MSW"), including scrap tires, as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
2. During an investigation conducted on October 28, 2014, and a record review conducted on November 21, 2014, an investigator documented that Respondent failed to obtain a scrap tire facility registration prior to commencing operations. Specifically, Respondent was processing scrap tires without a registration.
3. 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 Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on July 2, 2015.
4. Respondent filed an answer requesting a hearing on October 9, 2015, and the matter was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") on December 1, 2015.
5. On December 16, 2015, the TCEQ Chief Clerk mailed notice of the January 14, 2016 preliminary hearing via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid to Respondent.
6. On January 14, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") convened the preliminary hearing. Respondent failed to appear, and the Executive Director requested that the ALJ enter a finding that Respondent was served with proper notice of the hearing and the matter be dismissed from the SOAH Docket and remanded to the Executive Director so that a Default Order may be entered by the Commission.
7. On January 15, 2016, the ALJ entered a finding that Respondent was served with proper notice of the hearing and remanded the matter to the Executive Director by SOAH Order No. 1 so that TCEQ may dispose of this case on a default basis.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent failed to obtain a scrap tire facility registration prior to commencing operations, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 328.63(c).
3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 4, Respondent filed an answer requesting a hearing as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 7.056 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.105, and the matter was referred to SOAH pursuant to 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.53(b) and 155.101(b) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.109.
5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 5, Respondent was provided proper notice of the preliminary hearing in accordance with TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051(1) and 2001.052, TEX. WATER CODE § 7.058, 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.103(a) and (c)(3), 155.401 and 155.501, and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.11, 1.12, 39.23, 39.25, 39.405, 39.413, 39.423, 39.425 and 80.6.
6. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 6 and 7, Respondent failed to appear for the preliminary hearing, and pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056(4) and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501(d), the ALJ dismissed the case from the SOAH docket so that the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.057 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.106(b).
4. 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.
5. An administrative penalty in the amount of two thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$2,625.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053.
6. 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 two thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$2,625.00) 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: Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC; Docket No. 2015-0067-MSW-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. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, cease processing scrap tires or tire pieces until a scrap tire facility registration has been obtained.
 - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 3.a. The certification shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be signed by Respondent, 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."

The written certifications and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions shall be sent to:

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

and:

Waste Section Manager
Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
2309 Gravel Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
5. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
6. 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. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this fully executed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date the Order is final, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106(d) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.144.

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

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date

AFFIDAVIT OF J. AMBER AHMED

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

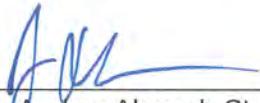
"My name is J. Amber Ahmed. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and the facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

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 Trident Environmental Resource Consulting, LLC" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on July 2, 2015.

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Respondent failed to appear at the hearing on January 14, 2016. At that hearing, I requested that the ALJ enter a finding that Respondent was served with proper notice of the hearing and the matter be remanded to the Executive Director pursuant to 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501(d), which gives an ALJ the authority to remand the case back to the TCEQ for informal disposition on a default basis in accordance with TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056.

The ALJ remanded the matter to the Executive Director by SOAH Order No. 1, issued on January 15, 2016, so that TCEQ may dispose of this case on a default basis."



J. Amber Ahmed, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. Amber Ahmed, 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 9th day of May, A.D. 2016.



Notary Public, State of Texas

