

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 56565
Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC
RN105851703
Docket No. 2018-1461-IHW-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

IHW

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Liberty Tire Recycling, 1633 East Airtex, Houston, Harris County

Type of Operation:

Land reclamation project using tires

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: October 11, 2019

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$36,307

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$7,261

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$29,046

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Unclassified

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: July 10, 2018

Date(s) of NOE(s): July 23, 2018

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Violation Information

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Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Immediately, cease accepting any additional ISW at the Facility;
- b. Within 30 days, develop and implement procedures to ensure ISW is not accepted at the Facility; and
- c. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a and b.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: John Fennell, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 219, (512) 239-2616; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: J. Kevin Martinolich, Regional Vice President – Texas Region, Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC, 1251 Waterfront Place, 4th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
Jeff Kendall, Director, Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC, 1251 Waterfront Place, 4th floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

DATES	Assigned	30-Jul-2018	Screening	14-Aug-2018	EPA Due	
	PCW	23-Aug-2018				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN105851703
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION		No. of Violations	1
Enf./Case ID No.	56565	Order Type	1660
Docket No.	2018-1461-IHW-E	Government/Non-Profit	No
Media Program(s)	Industrial and Hazardous Waste	Enf. Coordinator	Tyler Gerhardt
Multi-Media		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	\$27,500
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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	0.0% Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment for compliance history.

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
Total EB Amounts	\$8,839		
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$9,470		
		*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$27,500
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	32.0%	Adjustment	\$8,807
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Enhancement to capture the economic benefit associated with the violation.

Final Penalty Amount	\$36,307
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$36,307
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$7,261
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$29,046
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PCW

Respondent Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 56565

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105851703

Media [Statute] Industrial and Hazardous Waste

Enf. Coordinator Tyler Gerhardt

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	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%
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)

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

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%

Screening Date 14-Aug-2018
Respondent Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC
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PCW

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)
 PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105851703
Media [Statute] Industrial and Hazardous Waste
Enf. Coordinator Tyler Gerhardt

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 335.2(b)

Violation Description Caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the disposal of industrial solid waste ("ISW") at an unauthorized facility. Specifically, 22 shipments totaling approximately 246 cubic yards of ISW, consisting of sludge rubber waste from the hydroblasting of mud motor pipes, was accepted by the Respondent at a facility not permitted to receive or accept the waste between November 2015 and August 2016.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				5.0%
Potential		x		

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0.0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants that would not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 22 22 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$27,500

Twenty-two single events (one per shipment) are recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	

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

Violation Subtotal \$27,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$8,839

Violation Final Penalty Total \$36,307

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$36,307

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC
Case ID No. 56565
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105851703
Media Industrial and Hazardous Waste
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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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	\$1,000	10-Jul-2018	2-Mar-2019	0.64	\$32	n/a	\$32
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 develop and implement procedures to ensure ISW is not accepted at the Facility. The date required is the investigation date and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE 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				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$8,470	12-Nov-2015	31-Aug-2016	0.80	\$337	\$8,470	\$8,807

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Avoided cost to account for the payment the Respondent received to accept the unauthorized waste. The date required was the first delivery date and the final date is the final delivery date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$9,470

TOTAL

\$8,839

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN603110842, RN105851703, Rating Year 2017 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2017.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603110842, Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 19.37

Regulated Entity: RN105851703, LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING **Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED **Rating:** -----

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

CH Group: 07 - Solid Waste Landfills

Location: 1633 East Airtex Houston, Texas 77073, Harris County

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

ID Number(s):
STORMWATER PERMIT TXR05CU72 **TIRES REGISTRATION 6200477**
TIRES REGISTRATION 6200558

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2012 to August 31, 2017 **Rating Year:** 2017 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2017

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: August 13, 2018

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: August 13, 2013 to August 13, 2018

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

Name: Tyler Gerhardt **Phone:** (512) 239-2506

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

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
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING, LLC
RN105851703**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2018-1461-IHW-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 Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC (the "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 land reclamation project using tires located at 1633 East Airtex, Houston, Harris County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility involves or involved the management of industrial solid waste ("ISW") as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
2. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that the Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction. The TCEQ has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 5.013 because it alleges violations of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361 and the rules of the TCEQ.
3. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$36,307 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$29,046 of the penalty and \$7,261 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

5. 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). 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.
6. 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 Order.
7. This Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
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.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During a record review conducted on July 10, 2018, an investigator documented that the Respondent caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the disposal of ISW at an unauthorized facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 335.2(b). Specifically, 22 shipments totaling approximately 246 cubic yards of ISW, consisting of sludge rubber waste from the hydroblasting of mud motor pipes, was accepted by the Respondent at a facility not permitted to receive or accept the waste between November 2015 and August 2016.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 4. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this 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. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC, Docket No. 2018-1461-IHW-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. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, cease accepting any additional ISW at the Facility;
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order, develop and implement procedures to ensure ISW is not accepted at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 335.2; and
 - c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a and 2.b. The certification shall be signed by the 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 fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

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

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Street, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1452

3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.

4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The 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.
5. If the 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, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this 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.
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 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. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
7. This 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 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.
8. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this 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 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. 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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date



7/24/2022

For the Executive Director

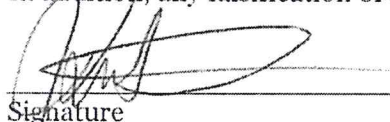
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, 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.



Signature

10.30.2020

Date

Kevin Martinovich

Name (Printed or typed)

RVP

Title

Authorized Representative of
Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC

If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below:

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order.