

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 58324**  
**SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart**  
**RN102411329**  
**Docket No. 2019-1354-PST-E**

**Order Type:**

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

N/A

**Media:**

PST

**Small Business:**

Yes

**Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:**

Chilly Mart, 315 East Hurst Boulevard, Hurst, Tarrant County

**Type of Operation:**

Underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

**Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** April 23, 2021

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$17,992

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** \$3,598

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$435

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$13,959

Payment Plan: one payment of \$427 and 34 payments of \$398 each

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

**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 11, 2019

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** August 27, 2019

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***Violation Information***

1. Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
2. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 72 hours of discovery. Specifically, the Statistical Inventory Reconciliation ("SIR") analyses from August through December of 2018 for the diesel tank, September through December of 2018 for the super tank, and January through March of 2019 for the unleaded tanks indicated suspected releases due to "Inconclusive" results that were not reported [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.50(d)(9)(A)(v) and 334.72].
3. Failed to investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances requiring reporting under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72 (relating to Reporting of Suspected Releases) within 30 days. Specifically, the SIR analyses from August through December of 2018 for the diesel tank, September through December of 2018 for the super tank, and January through March of 2019 for the unleaded tanks indicated suspected releases due to "Inconclusive" results that were not investigated [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

The Respondent implemented the following corrective measures:

- a. Implemented a method of release detection for the USTs at the Facility on August 6, 2019;
- b. Conducted an investigation of suspected releases on September 27, 2019; and
- c. Ceased operating the Facility on September 15, 2019.

**Technical Requirements:**

N/A

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***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorney:** N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** John Fennell, Enforcement Division,  
Enforcement Team 6, MC 219, (512) 239-2616; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division,  
MC 219, (512) 239-2548

**Respondent:** Madhur Kharel, Owner, Chilly Mart, 2337 Buelingo Lane, Forth Worth,  
Texas 76131

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	3-Sep-2019	<b>Screening</b>	12-Sep-2019	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	1-Jun-2021				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Respondent</b>	SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN102411329
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	4-Dallas/Fort Worth
<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	58324	<b>No. of Violations</b>	3
<b>Docket No.</b>	2019-1354-PST-E	<b>Order Type</b>	1660
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	No
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	John Fennell
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 6
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$22,500
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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.

<b>Compliance History</b>	-10.0%	Adjustment	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	-\$2,250
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<b>Notes</b>	Reduction for High Performer classification.
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<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0%	Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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<b>Notes</b>	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.
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<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	-\$2,437
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0%	Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$237	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$2,800	

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$17,813
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	1.0%	Adjustment	\$179
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

<b>Notes</b>	Enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with Violation No. 2.
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<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$17,992
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$17,992
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	20.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	-\$3,598
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

<b>Notes</b>	Deferral offered for expedited settlement.
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<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$14,394
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PCW

Respondent SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart

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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102411329

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator John Fennell

### 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)

High Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) -10%

#### >> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Reduction for High Performer classification.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) -10%

#### >> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100% -10%

**Screening Date** 12-Sep-2019 **Docket No.** 2019-1354-PST-E **PCW**  
**Respondent** SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart *Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)*  
**Case ID No.** 58324 *PCW Revision March 26, 2014*  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN102411329  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Enf. Coordinator** John Fennell

**Violation Number** 1  
**Rule Cite(s)** 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)  
**Violation Description** Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days.  
**Base Penalty** \$25,000

**>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix**

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				15.0%
	Potential	x			

**>> Programmatic Matrix**

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

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

**Adjustment** \$21,250  
 \$3,750

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events 1 26 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

**Violation Base Penalty** \$3,750

One quarterly event is recommended from the July 11, 2019 investigation date to the August 6, 2019 compliance date.

**Good Faith Efforts to Comply** 25.0% Reduction \$937

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary	x	
N/A		

**Notes** The Respondent correctly conducted tank release detection on August 6, 2019, before the August 27, 2019 Notice of Enforcement ("NOE").

**Violation Subtotal** \$2,813

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

**Estimated EB Amount** \$5 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$2,462

**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)** \$2,462

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart  
**Case ID No.** 58324  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN102411329  
**Media Violation No.** Petroleum Storage Tank  
 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				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	11-Jul-2019	6-Aug-2019	0.07	\$5	n/a	\$5

**Notes for DELAYED costs**

Estimated cost to monitor the USTs for releases. The Date Required is the investigation date, and the Final Date is the compliance date.

### 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)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Notes for AVOIDED costs**

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$1,500

**TOTAL** \$5

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Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator John Fennell

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 334.50(d)(9)(A)(v) and 334.72

Violation Description

Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 72 hours of discovery. Specifically, the Statistical Inventory Reconciliation ("SIR") analyses from August through December of 2018 for the diesel tank, September through December of 2018 for the super tank, and January through March of 2019 for the unleaded tanks indicated suspected releases due to "Inconclusive" results that were not reported.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 5.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 3

359 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

Three single events are recommended (one single event for each tank with a suspected release).

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 \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$179

Violation Final Penalty Total \$3,409

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$3,409



# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart  
**Case ID No.** 58324  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN102411329  
**Media Violation No.** Petroleum Storage Tank  
 2

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				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

### 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
1st Suspected Release Report	\$25	18-Sep-2018	12-Sep-2019	0.98	\$1	\$25	\$26
2nd Susp. Release Report	\$25	18-Oct-2018	12-Sep-2019	0.90	\$1	\$25	\$26
3rd Suspected Release Report	\$25	18-Feb-2019	12-Sep-2019	0.56	\$1	\$25	\$26
Other (as needed)	\$100	11-Jul-2019	12-Sep-2019	0.17	\$1	\$100	\$101

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to report three suspected releases (\$25 per report). The Dates Required are the dates the suspected release reports were due, and the Final Dates are the screening dates.

Estimated avoided cost (\$100) to establish and implement procedures to report suspected releases. The Date Required is the investigation date, and the Final Date is the screening date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$175

**TOTAL** \$179

Screening Date 12-Sep-2019

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PCW

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Case ID No. 58324

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102411329

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator John Fennell

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.74

Violation Description Failed to investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances requiring reporting under 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.72 (relating to Reporting of Suspected Releases) within 30 days. Specifically, the SIR analyses from August through December of 2018 for the diesel tank, September through December of 2018 for the super tank, and January through March of 2019 for the unleaded tanks indicated suspected releases due to "Inconclusive" results that were not investigated.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				15.0%
	Potential	x			

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0.0%

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

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 4 332 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$15,000

Four quarterly events are recommended from the earliest suspected release investigation due date of October 15, 2018 to the September 12, 2019 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

10.0%

Reduction \$1,500

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		x
N/A		

Notes The Respondent conducted an investigation of the suspected releases on September 27, 2019, after the August 27, 2019 NOE.

Violation Subtotal \$13,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$53

Violation Final Penalty Total \$12,121

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$12,121

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart  
**Case ID No.** 58324  
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**Media Violation No.** Petroleum Storage Tank  
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Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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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				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)	\$1,125	15-Oct-2018	27-Sep-2019	0.95	\$53	n/a	\$53

**Notes for DELAYED costs** Actual cost (per invoice) to conduct an investigation of the suspected releases. The Date Required is the date the first suspected release investigation was due, and the Final Date is the date the suspected release investigation was conducted.

### 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)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Notes for AVOIDED costs**

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$1,125

**TOTAL** \$53

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# TCEQ Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN605387927, RN102411329, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

**Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:** CN605387927, SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

**Regulated Entity:** RN102411329, Chilly Mart **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

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

**CH Group:** 14 - Other

**Location:** 315 E HURST BLVD HURST, TX 76053-7805, TARRANT COUNTY

**TCEQ Region:** REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

**ID Number(s):**

**PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION**  
REGISTRATION 75261

**Compliance History Period:** September 01, 2014 to August 31, 2019 **Rating Year:** 2019 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2019

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** September 17, 2019

**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

**Component Period Selected:** September 17, 2014 to September 17, 2019

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

**Name:** John Fennell

**Phone:** (512) 239-2616

**Site and Owner/Operator History:**

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? YES
- 3) Who is the current owner/operator? KPP Treasure LLC OWNER OPERATOR since 7/11/2019
- 4) Who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?  
H & A Food Mart Inc., OWNER, 3/16/2017 to 7/10/2019  
SSM Business Enterprises, Inc., OPERATOR, 3/16/2017 to 7/10/2019  
H & A Food Mart Inc., OWNER OPERATOR, 4/18/2002 to 3/14/2017  
GREAT CONVENIENCE INC, OPERATOR, 10/22/2011 to 5/31/2016

**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 08, 2016 (1351464)

**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  
SSM BUSINESS ENTERPRISES,  
INC. DBA CHILLY MART  
RN102411329**

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**BEFORE THE  
  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER  
DOCKET NO. 2019-1354-PST-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 SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent operated, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(75), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 315 East Hurst Boulevard in Hurst, Tarrant County, Texas (the "Facility"). The UST system at the Facility is not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission, and contains or contained a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.
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. WATER CODE ch. 26 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 \$17,992 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$435 of the penalty and \$3,598 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order.

The remaining amount of \$13,959 of the undeferred penalty shall be paid in 35 monthly payments consisting of one payment of \$427 followed by 34 payments of \$398 each. The first monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due

date of the previous payment until the penalty is paid in full. If the Respondent fails to comply with the payment requirements of this Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. The Respondent's failure to meet the payment schedule of this Order and/or the acceleration of any remaining balance constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms and conditions of this Order and 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.
9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
  - a. Implemented a method of release detection for the USTs at the Facility on August 6, 2019;
  - b. Conducted an investigation of suspected releases on September 27, 2019; and
  - c. Ceased operating the Facility on September 15, 2019.

## **II. ALLEGATIONS**

During an investigation conducted on July 11, 2019, an investigator documented that the Respondent:

1. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1).
2. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 72 hours of discovery, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.50(d)(9)(A)(v) and 334.72. Specifically, the

Statistical Inventory Reconciliation ("SIR") analyses from August through December of 2018 for the diesel tank, September through December of 2018 for the super tank, and January through March of 2019 for the unleaded tanks indicated suspected releases due to "Inconclusive" results that were not reported.

3. Failed to investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances requiring reporting under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72 (relating to Reporting of Suspected Releases) within 30 days, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74. Specifically, the SIR analyses from August through December of 2018 for the diesel tank, September through December of 2018 for the super tank, and January through March of 2019 for the unleaded tanks indicated suspected releases due to "Inconclusive" results that were not investigated.

### **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 No. 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: SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart, Docket No. 2019-1354-PST-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. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
3. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent.
4. 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.



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 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 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.
7. 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.
8. 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

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For the Commission

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Date

  
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For the Executive Director

8/31/2022

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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.

  
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Signature

5-26-2022  
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Date

Madhur Kharel  
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Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
SSM Business Enterprises, Inc. dba Chilly Mart

owner  
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Title

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