#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER - CASE No. 59080 EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23 RN102225679 Docket No. 2020-0395-PST-E

Order Type:

Default Order

Media:

**PST** 

**Small Business:** 

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

5626 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Nueces 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: Yes, 2024-0368-PST-E

Past-Due Penalties: \$3,156
Past-Due Fees: \$406
Other: None
Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** June 28, 2024

Comments Received: None

**Penalty Information** 

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$2,918

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$2,918

**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:** January 23, 2020

Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** February 28, 2020

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#### **Violation Information**

- 1. Failed to monitor the UST and piping, which were installed after January 1, 2009, for releases at a frequency of at least once every 30 days using interstitial monitoring [Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(B) and (b)(2)(A)(iii)].
- 2. Failed to test the line leak detector at least once per year for performance and operational reliability [Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a) and Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(2)(A)(i)(III)].

### **Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**

#### **Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

None

### **Technical Requirements:**

Respondent no longer operates the Facility as of March 4, 2022.

**Litigation Information** 

Date Petition(s) Filed:September 23, 2022Date(s) of Service:September 26, 2022

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

**Contact Information** 

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**TCEQ Litigation Agenda Coordinator:** Katherine McKenzie, Litigation Division, (512) 239-2575

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Respondent Contact: Agha Saad Ali, Director, EMROOZ, Inc., P.O. Box 3696, Corpus Christi, Texas

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Respondent's Attorney: N/A



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

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

DATES Assigned 9-Mar-2020
PCW 6-May-2022 Screening 9-Mar-2020 EPA Due

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION
Respondent EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23
Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN102225679
Facility/Site Region 14-Corpus Christi Major/Minor Source Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No. 59080
Docket No. 2020-0395-PST-E
Media Program(s) Multi-Media
Multi-Media
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum \$0 Maximum \$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) \$1,250 Subtotal 1 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage. **Compliance History** -10.0% Adjustment Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 -\$125 Notes Reduction for High Performer Classification. Culpability Subtotal 4 **\$0** No 0.0% Enhancement Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. **Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** Subtotal 5 **\$0** Subtotal 6 \$0 **Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement\* Total EB Amounts Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount \$1,668 Estimated Cost of Compliance **SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** Final Subtotal \$1,125 OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 159.4% Adjustment \$1,793 Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. Enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with Notes the Violation and to offset the compliance history reduction. Final Penalty Amount \$2,918 STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty \$2,918 DEFERRAL 0.0% Reduction Adjustment \$0 Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement. Notes **PAYABLE PENALTY** \$2,918

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Screening Date 9-Mar-2020

**Docket No.** 2020-0395-PST-E

Respondent EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23

**Case ID No.** 59080

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102225679

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Tiffany Chu

Compliance History Worksheet >> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)								
>>		nce Histo onent	ory <i>Site</i> En Number of		Number	Adjust.		
		OVs	Written not	cices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )		0%		
			Other writte		0	0%		
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			without a	icated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal t, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission		0%		
	_	Judgments	of liability	ljudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or crees meeting criteria)	0	0%		
		Consent	final court j	cated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state ral government		0%		
	Conv	victions	Any crimin counts)	al convictions of this state or the federal government (number of	0	0%		
	Emi	ssions	Chronic exc	ressive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%		
	Audits Texas Enviro 1995 (numbe		Texas Envi	fying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the ronmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, ber of audits for which notices were submitted)		0%		
			Privilege Ad	of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit tt, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were</i>	0	0%		
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			Environmer	ntal management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%		
	0	Other		on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director ecial assistance program	No	0%		
			Participatio	n in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%		
			, .	liance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal t environmental requirements	No	0%		
				Adjustment Per	rcentage (Sub	total 2)	0%	
>>	Repeat \	/iolator (	(Subtotal 3					
	No Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)						0%	
>>	Complia	nce Histo	ory 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%								
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Screening Date						PCW		
			EMROOZ, Inc. dba S	Snappy Fo	ods 23			Revision 4 (April 2014)
Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No.							PCW R	evision March 26, 2014
_			Petroleum Storage	Tank				
	Enf. C	Coordinator	-					
	Viol	ation Number	1					
Rule Cite(s)			30 Tex. Admin. Co			(b)(2)(A)(i)(III), and (b)(2)(A)(i 3475(a) and (c)(1)	ii) and	
Violation Description			installed after Janua days using intersti on January 1, 2013 monitoring. Also, performance an	ary 1, 200 itial monite 3 and the I , failed to d operatio	9 for releases oring. Specific Respondent wates the line lenal reliability.	e tank ("UST") and piping which at a frequency of at least once eally, the UST and piping were in as not monitoring them using intak detector at least once per ye Specifically, the Respondent dicty the January 7, 2020 expirations.	every 30 stalled erstitial ar for I not	
						Base	Penalty	\$25,000
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OR		Actual				_		
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		Falsification	Major Mo	oderate	Minor			
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								\$1,230
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			daily weekly monthly quarterly semiannual annual single event	X		Violation Base	Penalty	\$1,250
One quarterly event is recommended from the January 23, 2020 investigation date to the March 9, 2020 screening date.								
Good F	aith Eff	orts to Com		0.0%			eduction	\$0
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						Violation S	ubtotal	\$1,250
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				i nis viola	icion Finai AS	sessed Penalty (adjusted for	imits)	\$2,918

Economic Benefit Worksheet								
Respondent	EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23							
Case ID No.	59080							
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102225679							
	Petroleum Sto			Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation			
						5.0	15	
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount	
Item Description								
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 Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0 \$0	n/a n/a	\$0 \$0	
Notes for DELAYED costs								
Avoided Costs	ANNU	ALIZE avoided c	osts before en			one-time avoide		
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Testing	\$75	7-Jan-2020	31-Jan-2020	0.07	\$0	\$5	\$5	
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Financial Assurance ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	23-Jan-2020	4-Mar-2022	0.00 2.11	\$0 \$163	\$1,500	\$1,663	
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Notes for AVOIDED costs  Notes for AVOIDED costs  Estimated avoided cost (\$75) to conduct the ann testing was due and the F Estimated avoided cost (\$1,500) to properly im The Date Required is the investigation date,			Final D	ate is the date of ent interstitial mon	compliance. itoring for the UST a	at the Facility.		
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$1,505			TOTAL		\$1,668	



# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN603931924, RN102225679, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

Customer, Respondent, or CN603931924, EMROOZ, Inc. Classification: HIGH Rating: 0.00

Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN102225679, Snappy Foods 23 Classification: HIGH Rating: 0.00

Complexity Points: 3 Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 14 - Other

**Location:** 5626 Leopard Street in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI

ID Number(s):

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION LEAKING PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS REMEDIATION ID

26361 NUMBER 120725

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

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** March 09, 2020

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: March 09, 2015 to March 09, 2020

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

Name: Tyler Richardson Phone: (512) 239-4872

#### 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.):

Item 1 February 27, 2017 (1395136)

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	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
EMROOZ, INC. DBA SNAPPY	§	TEAAS COMMISSION ON
FOODS 23;	§	
RN102225679	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### DEFAULT ORDER DOCKET NO. 2020-0395-PST-E

On	, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or
"TCEQ") consid	lered the Executive Director's First Amended Report and Petition, filed pursuant to
TEX. WATER COI	DE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief,
including the i	mposition of an administrative penalty. The respondent made the subject of this
Order is EMRO	OZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23 ("Respondent").

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

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent operated, as defined in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.2(78), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 5626 Leopard Street in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas (Facility ID No. 26361) (the "Facility") from April 10, 2013 to March 3, 2022. The USTs at the Facility are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission and contain or contained a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. During an investigation conducted on January 23, 2020, an investigator documented that Respondent:
  - a. Failed to monitor the UST and piping, which were installed after January 1, 2009, for releases at a frequency of at least once every 30 days using interstitial monitoring. Specifically, the UST and piping were installed on January 1, 2013, and the Respondent was not monitoring them using interstitial monitoring; and
  - b. Failed to test the line leak detector at least once per year for performance and operational reliability. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the annual line leak detector test by the January 7, 2020 expiration date.
- 3. The Executive Director recognizes that Respondent no longer operates the Facility as of March 4, 2022.
- 4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's First Amended Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23" (the "EDFARP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on September 23, 2022.
- 5. By letter dated September 23, 2022, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDFARP. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDFARP on September 26, 2022 evidenced by the signature on the card.
- 6. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDFARP. 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 UST and piping, which were installed after January 1, 2009, for releases at a frequency of at least once every 30 days using interstitial monitoring, in violation of Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1) and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(B) and (b)(2)(A)(iii).
- 3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to test the line leak detector at least once per year for performance and operational reliability, in violation of Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a) and Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(2)(A)(i)(III).
- 4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDFARP, as required by Tex. Water Code § 7.055 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.104(b)(1).
- 5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 6, 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 \$2,918 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 \$2,918 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: EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23; Docket No. 2020-0395-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.
- 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. 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.
- 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.

EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23 Docket No. 2020-0395-PST-E Page 4

# SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMEN	NTAL QUALITY	
For the Commission	Date	

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



#### UNSWORN DECLARATION OF DAVID KEAGLE

"On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the 'Executive Director's First Amended Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against EMROOZ, Inc. dba Snappy Foods 23' (the "EDFARP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on September 23, 2022.

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

"My name is David Keagle, and I am an employee of the following governmental agency: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I am executing this declaration as part of my assigned duties and responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed in Travis County, State of Texas,

on this 17th day of May, 2024

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Declarant