<b>Order Type:</b> Agreed Order	
<b>Media:</b> PST	
<b>Small Business:</b> Yes	
<b>Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:</b> 2376 Lavon Drive, Garland, Dallas County	
<b>Type of Operation:</b> temporarily out-of-service underground stora	ge tank ("UST") system
Other Significant Matters: Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: Past-Due Penalties: Past-Due Fees: Other: Interested Third Parties:	None None None None None
Texas Register Publication Date:	July 29, 2022
Comments Received:	None
<u>Pena</u>	<u>ilty Information</u>
Total Penalty Assessed:	\$9,103
Total Paid to General Revenue:	\$283
<b>Total Due to General Revenue:</b> Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$252 each	\$8,820
<b>Compliance History Classifications:</b> Person/CN – Satisfactory Site/RN – Satisfactory	
Major Source:	No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: **Applicable Penalty Policy:** 

April 2014

# Investigation Information

None

Complaint Date(s):	N/A
Date(s) of Investigation:	December 17, 2019
Date(s) of NOV(s):	N/A
Date(s) of NOE(s):	June 15, 2019

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 59483 VEER GANESH INC RN101434330 Docket No. 2020-0852-PST-E

### Violation Information

- 1. Failed to ensure the USTs were empty no later than 90 days after financial assurances were terminated [Tex. WATER CODE § 26.352(e-2) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 37.867(a)].
- 2. Failed to inspect the impressed current corrosion protection system at least once every 60 days to ensure the rectifier and other system components are operating properly [Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.49(c)(2)(C) and 334.54(b)(3)].
- 3. Failed to monitor the temporarily out-of-service UST system for releases [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.50(b)(1)(A) and 334.54(c)(1)].

# Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

### Corrective Action(s) Completed:

None

# **Technical Requirements:**

- 1. Within 30 days properly temporarily remove the UST system from service, which includes providing release detection, providing financial assurance, and conducting inspections of the rectifier and other components of the corrosion protection system at least once every 60 days, or emptying the USTs of all regulated substances and conducting a site check.
- 2. In lieu of Technical Requirement No. 1., within 90 days permanently remove the UST system from service, which includes submitting a Construction Notification at least 30 days prior to any removal activities and employing a Licensed UST Contractor to perform all removal activities.
- 3. Within 105 days submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirement Nos. 1 or 2.

# Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed:	July 14, 2021
Date Green Card(s) Signed:	July 17, 2021
Settlement Date:	June 10, 2022

# **Contact Information**

**TCEQ Attorneys:** Casey Kurnath, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400 Garrett Arthur, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

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**Respondent Contact:** Deepesh Shrestha, President, VEER GANESH INC, P.O. Box 541895, Grand Praire, Texas 75054-1895

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

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Convicti	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissio	s Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audit	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
Addit	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were</i> <i>disclosed</i> )	0	0%
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Othe	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
Othe	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%
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# >> Compliance History *Site* Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

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

Adjust.

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Number

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Screening Date 23-Jun-2020 Respondent VEER GANESH INC

Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in

the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101434330

**Case ID No.** 59483

Component Number of...

NOVs

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

# **Compliance History Worksheet**

Enf. Coordinator Ken Moller

		ening Date		Docket No. 2020-0852-PST-E	PCW
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			Petroleum Storage Tank		
		Coordinator			
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Case ID No.	59483						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101434330	1					
Media Violation No.	Petroleum Sto 1	rage Tank				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	\$100	17-Dec-2019	18-Apr-2021	1.34	\$7	n/a	\$7
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
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# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN604535104, RN101434330, Rating Year 2020 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2020.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN604535104, VEER GANESH INC	Classification: SATISFACTORY	<b>Rating:</b> 11.25				
Regulated Entity:	RN101434330, Lavon Beer & Wine Food Store	Classification: SATISFACTORY	<b>Rating:</b> 11.25				
<b>Complexity Points:</b>	4	Repeat Violator: NO					
CH Group:	14 - Other						
Location:	2376 Lavon Drive, Garland, Dallas County	r, Texas 75040-9037					
TCEQ Region:	REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX						
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 55341 Compliance History Period: September 01, 2015 to August 31, 2020 Rating Year: 2020 Rating Date: 09/01/2020							
Date Compliance Histor	<b>y Report Prepared:</b> September 11, 2	020					
Agency Decision Requir	ing Compliance History: Enforceme	nt					
Component Period Selec	<b>cted:</b> June 23, 2015 to June 23, 2020						
TCEQ Staff Member to C	ontact for Additional Information	Regarding This Compliance His	story.				
Name: Terrany Binford	1	<b>Phone:</b> (512) 567-3302					
Site and Owner/Oper	ator 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:

 1
 Effective Date:
 05/22/2018
 ADMINORDER
 2017-0261-PST-E
 (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

 Classification:
 Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.3475(c)(1)

30 TAC Chapter 334, SubChapter C 334.50(b)(1)(A)

Description: Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring)

#### 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):  $_{\mbox{$N/A$}}$
- H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:  $_{\mbox{N/A}}$
- 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



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#### IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING VEER GANESH INC; RN101434330

**BEFORE THE** 

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

# AGREED ORDER

# DOCKET NO. 2020-0852-PST-E

# I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On \_\_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding VEER GANESH INC ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, represented by the Litigation Division, and Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. Respondent owns and operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(78) and (75), an outof-service underground storage tank ("UST") system located at 2376 Lavon Drive in Garland, Dallas County, Texas (Facility ID No. 55341) (the "Facility"). 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. The Executive Director and Respondent agree that TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that 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 Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of nine thousand one hundred three dollars (\$9,103.00) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II. Respondent paid two hundred eighty-three dollars (\$283.00) of the penalty. The remaining amount of eight thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$8.820.00) shall be paid in thirty-five (35) monthly payments of two hundred fifty-two dollars (\$252.00) 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 Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may, at his option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, Respondent's failure to meet the payment schedule of this Order and/or the acceleration of any remaining balance constitutes the failure by Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Order.
- 5. The Executive Director and Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters addressed in this Order, 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 Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions contained 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 full compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.

# II. ALLEGATIONS

- 1. During an investigation conducted on December 17, 2019, an investigator documented that Respondent failed to meet the following requirements for a temporarily out-of-service UST:
  - a. Failed to ensure the USTs were empty no later than 90 days after financial assurances were terminated, in violation of Tex. WATER CODE § 26.352(e-2) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 37.867(a);
  - b. Failed to inspect the impressed current corrosion protection system at least once every 60 days to ensure the rectifier and other system components are operating properly, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d) and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.49(c)(2)(C) and 334.54(b)(3); and
  - c. Failed to monitor the temporarily out-of-service UST system for releases, in violation of Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.50(b)(1)(A) and 334.54(c)(1).

# **III. DENIALS**

Respondent generally denies each Allegation in Section II.

# **IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS**

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

1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 4. The payment of this penalty and 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 actions 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: VEER GANESH INC, Docket No. 2020-0852-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

- 2. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, properly temporarily remove the UST system from service, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.54, which includes providing release detection, providing financial assurance, and conducting

inspections of the rectifier and other components of the corrosion protection system at least once every 60 days, or emptying the USTs of all regulated substances and conducting a site check, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.49, 334.50, and 334.54.

- b. In lieu of Ordering Provision No. 2.a., within 90 days after the effective date of this Order, permanently remove the UST system from service, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55, which includes submitting a Construction Notification at least 30 days prior to any removal activities and employing a Licensed UST Contractor to perform all removal activities.
- c. Within 105 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 2.a. or 2.b. 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 certification 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 76118-6951

- 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 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.
- 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. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
- 6. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction

that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

- 7. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against 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 TCEQ's jurisdiction or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the TCEQ under such a statute.
- This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall 8. 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

FRINE Chanallop

For the Executive Director

8/23/22

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 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:
- 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 .
- TCEO seeking other relief as authorized by law. .

In addition, I understand that any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

on

06/10/2022 Date

Signature - Deepesh Shrestha, President VEER GANESH INC P.O. Box 541895 Grand Prairie, Texas 75054-1895

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

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