EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 62219 PNS Operating, dba Pump N Shop 48 RN102458270 Docket No. 2022-0459-PST-E

Order Type:

Default Shutdown Order

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location Where Violation Occurred:

5255 Davis Boulevard, North Richland Hills, Tarrant County

Type of Operation:

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

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: None Past-Due Penalties: None Past-Due Fees: None Other: None Interested Third Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: February 16, 2024

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed:\$3,750Total Paid to General Revenue:\$0Total Due to General Revenue:\$3,750

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - N/A Site/RN - HIGH

Major Source: No Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: January 28, 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date: N/A

Date of Investigation: February 7, 2022

Date of NOV: N/A

Date of NOE: March 25, 2022

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Violation Information

Failed to monitor the USTs in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days [Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action Completed:

None

Technical Requirements:

- 1. Immediately shut down operations of all USTs at the Facility:
 - a. Cease dispensing fuel from the USTs;
 - b. Cease receiving deliveries of regulated substances into the USTs;
 - c. Padlock the dispensers;
 - d. Empty the USTs of all regulated substances; and
 - e. Temporarily remove the USTs from service.
- 2. The Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements set forth in the Order, including payment of the administrative penalty in full.
- 3. The USTs shall remain out of service until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the violation has been corrected and Respondent obtains a new fuel delivery certificate for the Facility.
- 4. Immediately cease accepting fuel at the Facility until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ.
- 5. Within 10 days Respondent shall surrender the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate to the TCEQ.
- 6. Within 15 days submit a detailed written report documenting the steps taken to comply with Technical Requirement Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., 4 and 5.
- 7. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming retail sales of gasoline:
 - a. Implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility;
 - b. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate.
- 8. Upon obtaining a new fuel delivery certificate, post the fuel delivery certificate in a location at the Facility where the delivery certificate is clearly visible at all times.
- 9. Within 10 days of resuming sales of gasoline, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirement Nos. 7 and 8.

Litigation Information

Date Petition Filed:June 5, 2023 **Date of Service:**June 7, 2023

Date Answer Filed: N/A

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Respondent's Attorney: N/A

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Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

DATES

Assigned 28-Mar-2022 PCW 4-Jan-2023 Screening 12-Apr-2022 EPA Due

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION							
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Facility/Site Region 4-Dallas/Fort Worth	Major/Minor Source Minor	i					

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	62219	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2022-0459-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Stephanie McCurley
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Respondent PNS Operating, LLC dba Pump N Shop 48

Case ID No. 62219

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102458270

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Stephanie McCurley

Compliance History Worksheet Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2) Component Number of... Number Adjust. Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in 0 0% the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria) NOVs Other written NOVs 0 0% Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of n 0% orders meeting criteria) Orders Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal 0 0% government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or 0 0% **Judgments** consent decrees meeting criteria) and Consent Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated Decrees final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state n 0% or the federal government Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of Convictions n 0% counts) Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events) **Emissions** 0 0% Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 0 0% 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted) Audits Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were 0 0% disclosed) Environmental management systems in place for one year or more No 0% Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director 0% No under a special assistance program Other Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program No 0% Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal No 0% government environmental requirements Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) >> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3) Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) >> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7) N/A Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) >> Compliance History Summary Compliance No adjustment for Compliance History. History **Notes** Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0% >> Final Compliance History Adjustment Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 0%

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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 \$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a n/a	\$0 \$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	7-Feb-2022	8-Jan-2023	0.92	\$69	n/a	\$69
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Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$1,500			TOTAL		\$69

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN605945104, RN102458270, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respondent, CN605945104, PNS Operating, LLC

Classification: NOT APPLICABLE

Rating: N/A

or Owner/Operator: Regulated Entity:

RN102458270, Pump N Shop 48

Classification: HIGH

Rating: 0.00

Complexity Points:

Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group:

14 - Other

Location:

5255 Davis Boulevard, North Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas 76180-6862

TCEQ Region:

REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

ID Number(s):

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION 46569

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2016 to August 31, 2021

Rating Year: 2021

Rating Date: 09/01/2021

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: April 12, 2022

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: April 12, 2017 to April 12, 2022

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

Phone: (512) 239-6924 Name: Alain Elegbe

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?

PNS Operating, LLC OWNER OPERATOR since 10/12/2021

4) Who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?

Big Diamond Number 1, LLC, OWNER OPERATOR, 4/29/2013 to 8/15/2021

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:

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1 July 15, 2021 (1739790)

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

	N/A
н.	Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates: $\ensuremath{N/A}$
I.	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program $\ensuremath{N/A}$
J.	Early compliance:

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
PNS OPERATING,	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
DBA PUMP N SHOP 48;	§	
RN102458270	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DEFAULT AND SHUTDOWN ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2022-0459-PST-E

On ________, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition, filed pursuant to Tex. Water Code chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty, corrective action of the respondent, and revocation of the facility's fuel delivery certificate. The Commission also considered the Executive Director's Motion requesting the entry of an Order requiring the respondent to shut down and remove from service the underground storage tanks ("USTs") located at 5255 Davis Boulevard in North Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas. The respondent made the subject of this Order is PNS Operating, dba Pump N Shop 48 ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent owns and operates, as defined in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.2(78) and (75), a UST system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 5255 Davis Boulevard in North Richland Hills, Tarrant County, Texas (Facility ID No. 46569) (the "Facility"). The USTs at the Facility are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the TCEQ and contain a regulated petroleum substance as defined in the rules of the TCEO.
- 2. During an investigation conducted on February 7, 2022, an investigator documented that Respondent: failed to monitor the USTs in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days.
- 3. By letter dated March 25, 2022, Respondent was provided with written notice of the violations and of TCEQ's authority to shut down and remove from service USTs not in compliance with release detection, spill and/or overfill prevention, corrosion protection, and/or financial assurance requirements if the violations were not corrected.
- 4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of PNS Operating, dba Pump N Shop 48" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 5, 2023.
- 5. By letter dated June 5, 2023, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on June 7, 2023, as evidenced by the signature on the card.
- 6. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

- 7. By letter dated October 26, 2023, the Executive Director provided Respondent with notice of TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility to be shut down and removed from service if Respondent failed to correct the release detection violation within 30 days after Respondent's receipt of the notice.
- 8. As of the date of entry of this Order, Respondent has not provided the Executive Director with documentation demonstrating that the release detection violation alleged in Finding of Fact No. 2 has been corrected.
- 9. The USTs at the Facility do not have release detection equipment as required by Tex. Water Code § 26.3475 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 334.50(b)(1)(A) and may be releasing petroleum products to the environment. Therefore, conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare.

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 chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent failed to monitor the USTs in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days, in violation of Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1) and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A).
- 3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by Tex. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(b)(1).
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,750 is justified by the facts recited in this Order and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. WATER CODE § 7.053.
- 7. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 2, 3, 7, and 8, Respondent failed to correct documented violations of TCEQ release detection requirements within 30 days after Respondent received notice of the violations and notice of the Executive Director's intent to shut down the USTs at the Facility.
- 8. Tex. Water Code §§ 26.3475(e) and 26.352(i) authorize the Commission to order a UST owner or operator to shut down a UST system if, within 30 days after receiving notice of the violations, the owner or operator fails to correct violations of TCEQ regulatory requirements relating to release detection for tanks and/or piping, spill and/or overfill prevention for tanks, corrosion protection for tanks and/or piping, and/or acceptable financial assurance.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Pursuant to 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.8(c)(6), the Commission has authority to revoke the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate if the Commission finds that good cause exists
- 11. Good cause for revocation of the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate exists as justified by Findings of Fact Nos. 2 through 8 and Conclusions of Law Nos. 2 through 4.

12. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 8 and 9, current conditions at the Facility constitute an imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.144(a)(3), this Order is final and effective on the date it is signed by the Commission.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

- 1. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall take the following steps to shut down operations of all USTs at the Facility:
 - a. Cease dispensing fuel from the USTs;
 - b. Cease receiving deliveries of regulated substances into the USTs;
 - c. Secure the dispensers to prevent access;
 - d. Empty the USTs of all regulated substances in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.54(d); and
 - e. Temporarily remove the USTs from service in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.54.
- 2. The Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate is revoked immediately upon the effective date of this Order. Respondent may submit an application for a new fuel delivery certificate only after Respondent has complied with all of the requirements set forth in this Order, including payment of the administrative penalty in full.
- 3. The USTs at the Facility shall remain out of service, pursuant to Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(e) and as directed by Ordering Provision Nos. 1.a. through 1.e. until such time as Respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that the violation noted in Conclusion of Law No. 2 has been corrected and Respondent obtains a new fuel delivery certificate for the Facility.
- 4. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease accepting fuel at the Facility until such time as a valid delivery certificate is obtained from the TCEQ in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.7 and 334.8.
- 5. Within 10 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall send the Facility's UST fuel delivery certificate to:

Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team, MC 138 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 6. Within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit a detailed written report, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 13, below, documenting the steps taken to comply with Ordering Provision Nos. 1.a. through 1.e., 4 and 5.
- 7. If Respondent elects to permanently remove from service any portion of the UST system at the Facility, Respondent shall, immediately upon the effective date of this Order, permanently remove the UST system from service in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55, and within 15 days after the effective date of this Order, shall submit a written report documenting compliance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.55 to:

Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team, MC 138 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

8. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,750 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.

9. 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: PNS Operating, dba Pump N Shop 48; Docket No. 2022-0459-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

- 10. Prior to receiving deliveries of gasoline and resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Implement a release detection method for the USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE 334.50; and
 - b. Obtain a new fuel delivery certificate from the TCEQ.
- 11. Upon obtaining a new fuel delivery certificate, Respondent shall post the fuel delivery certificate in a location at the Facility where the delivery certificate is clearly visible at all times, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.8(c)(5)(A)(iii).
- 12. Within 10 days of resuming retail sales of gasoline, Respondent shall submit written certification, in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 13, below, to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 10 and 11.
- 13. The certifications required by these Ordering Provisions 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."

Respondent shall submit the written certifications and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions to:

Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 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

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

- 15. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 16. 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 Enforcement Division at the address listed above.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

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For the Commission	Date					

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



UNSWORN DECLARATION OF MARILYN NORROD

"On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the 'Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of PNS Operating, dba Pump N Shop 48' (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 5, 2023.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on June 5, 2023, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on June 7, 2023, as evidenced by the signature on the card.

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

By letter dated October 26, 2023, sent via first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested article no. 7021 0350 0000 4995 2050, I provided Respondent with notice of the TCEQ's intent to order the USTs at the Facility be shut down and removed from service if the violations pertaining to were not corrected within 30 days of Respondent's receipt of the letter. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received the notice on October 31, 2023.

As of the date of this declaration, I am not aware of any evidence that indicates that Respondent has corrected the violation noted during the February 7, 2022, investigation."

"My name is Marilyn A. Norrod, 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 <u>Travis</u> County,

State of Texas,

on the 25th day of January, 2024

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Declarant