

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 64138
HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas
RN101678647
Docket No. 2023-0748-PST-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Hino Gas, 503 State Highway 100, Port Isabel, Cameron 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: February 2, 2024

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$20,302

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$4,060

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$457

Total Due to General Revenue: \$15,785

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$451 each

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: March 17, 2023 through March 30, 2023

Date(s) of NOE(s): May 26, 2023

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Violation Information

1. Failed to designate, train, and certify at least one named individual for each class of operator - Class A, Class B, and Class C. Specifically, the Respondent had not designated, trained, and certified an individual as Class A, Class B, and Class C operator for the Facility [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.602(a)].
2. Failed to investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances within 30 days. Specifically, statistical leak detection records for the UST No. 1 from June 2022 through February 2023 and for the UST No. 2 from July 2022 through December 2022 indicated suspected releases that were not investigated [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74].
3. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery. Specifically, statistical leak detection records for the UST No. 1 from June 2022 through February 2023 and for the UST No. 2 from July 2022 through December 2022 indicated suspected releases that were not reported [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72].
4. Failed to test the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps at least once every three years [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.48(g)(1)(A)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(2)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 30 days:
 - i. Designate, train, and certify one named individual as Class A, Class B, and Class C operator;
 - ii. Develop and implement a process for reporting suspected releases timely;
 - iii. Conduct an investigation of the suspected releases and implement appropriate corrective measures; and
 - iv. Conduct the triennial testing of the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps.
- b. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

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Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Tiffany Chu, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC R-04, (817) 588-5891; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Alejandro Hinojosa, Jr., President, HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED, 5509 Palm Valley Drive South, Harlingen, Texas 78550

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

DATES	Assigned PCW	30-May-2023	Screening	5-Jun-2023	EPA Due	
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RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101678647
Facility/Site Region	15-Harlingen
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	64138	No. of Violations	4
Docket No.	2023-0748-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Tiffany Chu
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 3
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$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.

Compliance History	-10.0%	Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	-\$2,250
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Notes: Reduction for High Performer classification.

Culpability	No	0.0%	Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$303
 Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$3,250
 *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$20,250
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.3%	Adjustment	\$52
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with Violation No. 3.

Final Penalty Amount	\$20,302
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$20,302
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DEFERRAL	20.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	-\$4,060
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$16,242
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PCW

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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101678647

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Tiffany Chu

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%

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Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.602(a)

Violation Description Failed to designate, train, and certify at least one named individual for each class of operator - Class A, Class B, and Class C - for the Facility. Specifically, the Respondent had not designated, trained, and certified an individual as Class A, Class B, and Class C operator for the Facility.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				5.0%
	Potential		x		

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

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

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 80 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

One quarterly event is recommended from the March 17, 2023 investigation date to the June 5, 2023 screening date.

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 \$1,250

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

Estimated EB Amount \$5 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$1,128

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,128

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas
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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling	\$100	17-Mar-2023	25-Mar-2024	1.02	\$5	n/a	\$5
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs	Estimated delayed cost to designate, train, and certify one named individual as Class A, Class B (\$90), and Class C (\$10) operator for the Facility. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.						

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$100

TOTAL \$5

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Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="15.0%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0%"/>

Matrix Notes

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events Number of violation days

daily	<input type="text"/>
weekly	<input type="text"/>
monthly	<input type="text"/>
quarterly	<input type="text" value="x"/>
semiannual	<input type="text"/>
annual	<input type="text"/>
single event	<input type="text"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Good Faith Efforts to Comply Reduction

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>

Notes

Violation Subtotal

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

Estimated EB Amount **Violation Final Penalty Total**

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas
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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 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)	\$1,400	14-Aug-2022	25-Mar-2024	1.61	\$113	n/a	\$113
Notes for DELAYED costs	Estimated delayed cost [\$800 for testing (\$400 per UST plus line x2) and \$600 for the Release Determination Report] to conduct investigations of the suspected releases and implement appropriate corrective measures. The Date Required is the earliest suspected release investigation due date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.						

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							

Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,400	TOTAL	\$113
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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Enf. Coordinator Tiffany Chu

Violation Number 3
Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.72
Violation Description Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery. Specifically, statistical leak detection records for the UST No. 1 from June 2022 through February 2023 and for the UST No. 2 from July 2022 through December 2022 indicated suspected releases that were not reported.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				0.0%
	Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Matrix Notes	Falsification	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
		x			10.0%
100% of the rule requirement was not met.					

Adjustment \$22,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2 322 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

Two single events are recommended for each UST with unreported suspected releases.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 0.0% Reduction \$0

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

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

Violation Subtotal \$5,000

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

Estimated EB Amount \$170 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$4,512

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,512

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas
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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 3

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)	\$1,400	18-Jul-2022	25-Mar-2024	1.69	\$118	n/a	\$118

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated delayed cost to implement a process for reporting suspected releases timely. The Date Required is the earliest suspected release investigation due date, and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs	\$25	18-Jul-2022	5-Jun-2023	0.88	\$1	\$25	\$26
Other (as needed)	\$25	18-Aug-2022	5-Jun-2023	0.80	\$1	\$25	\$26

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to report the suspected releases. The Dates Required are the dates the suspected releases should have been reported, and the Final Dates are the screening date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,450

TOTAL

\$170

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Violation Number 4
Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.48(g)(1)(A)(ii) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(2)
Violation Description Failed to test the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps at least once every three years.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				5.0%
Potential		x		

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0.0%

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

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 80 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 0.0% Reduction \$0

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

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

Violation Subtotal \$1,250

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

Estimated EB Amount \$15 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$1,128

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,128

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas
Case ID No. 64138
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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 4

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)	\$300	17-Mar-2023	25-Mar-2024	1.02	\$15	n/a	\$15

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated delayed cost to conduct the triennial testing of the spill buckets and the containment sump for all UST compartments at the Facility. The Date Required is the investigation date, and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$300

TOTAL

\$15



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600906929, RN101678647, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN600906929, HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED	Classification: HIGH	Rating: 0.00
Regulated Entity:	RN101678647, Hino Gas	Classification: HIGH	Rating: 0.00
Complexity Points:	2	Repeat Violator: NO	
CH Group:	14 - Other		
Location:	503 STATE HIGHWAY 100 PORT ISABEL, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS 78578-2423		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 15 - HARLINGEN		
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 69134		
Compliance History Period:	September 01, 2018 to August 31, 2023	Rating Year: 2023	Rating Date: 09/01/2023
Date Compliance History Report Prepared:	September 12, 2023		
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement		
Component Period Selected:	September 12, 2018 to September 12, 2023		
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.			
Name:	Tiffany Chu	Phone:	(817) 588-5891

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 November 27, 2019 (1611567)

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
HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED
DBA HINO GAS
RN101678647

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BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2023-0748-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 HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas (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 owns and operates, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(78) and (75), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 503 State Highway 100 in Port Isabel, Cameron 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 \$20,302 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$457 of the penalty and \$4,060 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 \$15,785 of the undeferred penalty shall be paid in 35 monthly payments of \$451 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.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During an investigation at the Facility conducted from March 17, 2023 through March 30, 2023, an investigator documented that the Respondent:

1. Failed to designate, train, and certify at least one named individual for each class of operator - Class A, Class B, and Class C - for the Facility, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.602(a). Specifically, the Respondent had not designated, trained, and certified an individual as Class A, Class B, and Class C operator for the Facility.
2. 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, statistical leak detection records for the UST No. 1 from June 2022 through February 2023 and for the UST No. 2 from July 2022 through December 2022 indicated suspected releases that were not investigated.
3. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72. Specifically, statistical leak detection records for the UST No. 1 from June 2022 through February 2023 and for the UST No. 2 from July 2022 through December 2022 indicated suspected releases that were not reported.
4. Failed to test the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps at least once every three years, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.48(g)(1)(A)(ii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(2).

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: HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas, Docket No. 2023-0748-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. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order:
 - i. Designate, train, and certify one named individual as Class A, Class B, and Class C operator for the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.602;
 - ii. Develop and implement a process for reporting suspected releases timely, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72;
 - iii. Conduct an investigation of the suspected releases and implement appropriate corrective measures, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74; and
 - iv. Conduct the triennial testing of the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.48.
 - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false

information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

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

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager
Harlingen Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
1804 West Jefferson Avenue
Harlingen, Texas 78550-5247

3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Enforcement Division at the address listed above.
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

For the Commission

Date



2/20/2024

For the Executive Director

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the OAG 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 OAG of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

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

Signature

January 3, 2024

Date

Alex Hinojosa, Jr.

President

Name (Printed or typed)

Title

Authorized Representative of

HINO GAS SALES, INCORPORATED dba Hino Gas

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

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