Executive Summary - Enforcement Matter - Case No. 65439 CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC. RN101875375 Docket No. 2024-0260-PST-E

Order Type: 1660 Agreed Order **Findings Order Justification:** N/A Media: PST **Small Business:** No Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred: Stripes 144, 1001 West 4th Street, Sterling City, Sterling 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:** November 29, 2024 Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$8,263 Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$1,652 Total Paid to General Revenue: \$6,611 Total Due to General Revenue: \$0 Payment Plan: N/A Compliance History Classifications: Person/CN - High Site/RN - N/A Major Source: Yes 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: December 8, 2023 Date(s) of NOE(s): January 31, 2024

Violation Information

1. Failed to monitor the USTs installed prior to January 1, 2009 in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days. Specifically, Tank Nos. 1

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through 5 were installed on April 1, 1986, and the Respondent was not monitoring them in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].

2. Failed to monitor the USTs and associated pressurized piping installed on or after January 1, 2009 in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days by using interstitial monitoring. Specifically, Tank Nos. 6 and 7A and the associated piping were installed on October 26, 2015, and the Respondent was not monitoring them using interstitial monitoring as the primary form of release detection [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(B) and (b)(2)(A)(iii) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1)].

3. Failed to conduct effective manual or automatic inventory control procedures for the USTs at the Facility. Specifically, inventory control procedures were not properly conducted for Tank Nos. 6 and 7A [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.48(c) and 334.50(d)(1)(B) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Respondent implemented the following corrective measures:

a. Inventory control procedures are no longer required for Tank Nos. 6 and 7A as of February 15, 2024; and

b. No longer operates the Facility as of April 16, 2024.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Adriana Fuentes, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC R-15, (956) 430-6057; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548 **Respondent:** Jackie Whitney, President, CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC., 1815 Gallagher Road, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462 Mark G. Meleski, Environmental Compliance Manager, CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC., 1815 Gallagher Road, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462 **Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

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DATES	Assigned	5-Feb-2024								
	PCW	27-Feb-2024	Screening	13-Feb-2024	EPA Due					
RESPO	NDENT/FACILI	TY INFORMATI	ON						<u></u>	
	Respondent	CAL'S CONVENI								
	g. Ent. Ref. No.								4	
Facili	ty/Site Region	8-San Angelo			Major/M	inor Source	Major			
CASE INFORMATION										
En	f./Case ID No.				No. a	f Violations				
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Adr	min. Penalty \$ I	Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000					
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ΤΟΤΑ	L BASE PENA	LTY (Sum of	ⁱ violation	base penalt	ies)		Subtotal 1		\$7,500	
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Notes Deferral offered for expedited settlement.										
ΡΑΥΑ	BLE PENALT	Y							\$6,611	

Compliance	Compliance History Worksheet History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)							
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NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those i the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	n O	0%					
	Other written NOVs	0	0%					
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number o orders meeting criteria)	f 0	0%					
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement order without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federa government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	al O	0%					
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Decree	Any adjudicated final court judaments and default judaments, or non-adjudicate		0%					
Convictio	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number o counts</i>)	f 0	0%					
Emissio	S 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 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)		0%					
Addits	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Aud Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were</i> <i>disclosed</i>)		0%					
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%					
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive directo under a special assistance program	r No	0%					
e ci i ci	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%					
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federa government environmental requirements	No	0%					
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Repeat Viola	tor (Subtotal 3)							
	N/A Adjustment Pe		ototal 3)	(
Compliance	History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)							
High Performer Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) -1								
>> Compliance History Summary								
Complia Histor Notes	Reduction for High Performer classification.]					
Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) -10%								
Sinal Compliance History Adjustment Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% -10%								

Case ID No. 65439 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101875375

Media Petroleum Storage Tank

Respondent CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC.

Enf. Coordinator Adriana Fuentes

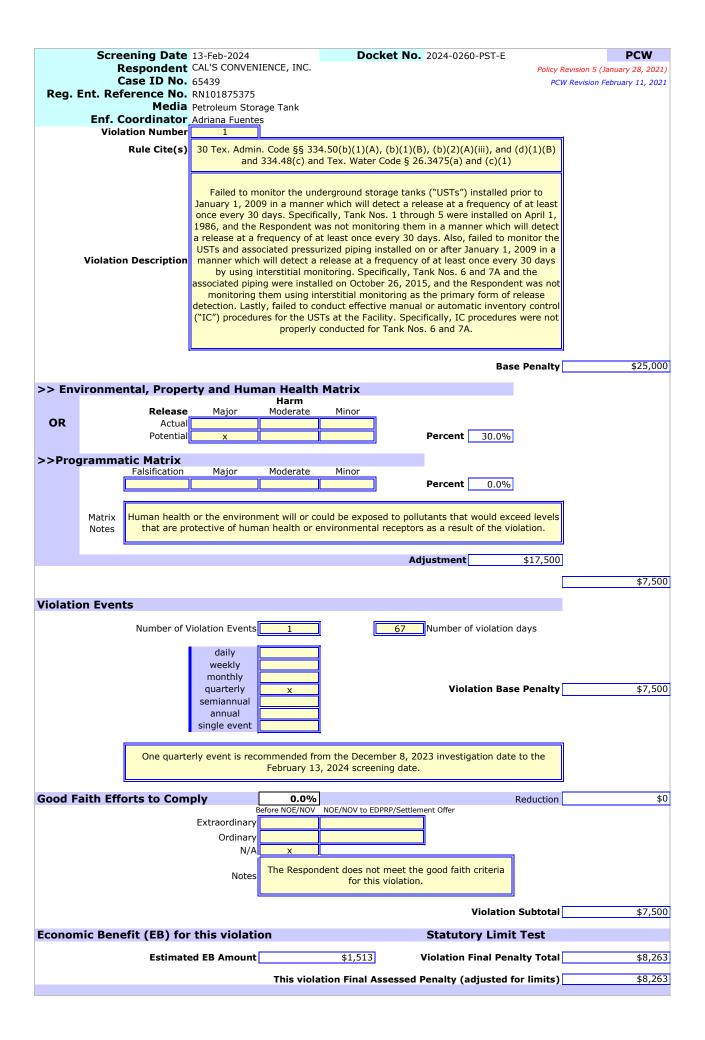
Screening Date 13-Feb-2024

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PCW



Economic Benefit Worksheet							
Respondent	CAL'S CONVER	NIENCE, INC.					
Case ID No.	65439						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101875375						
<u> </u>	Petroleum Sto						Years of
Violation No.		5	Percent Interest	Depreciation			
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	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Vrc	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description		Bute Required	That Date		Interest Suveu		LD 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		Ì		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
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs							
Avoided Costs	ANNU	ALIZE avoided co	osts before en		item (except for	one-time avoided	l 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)	\$1,500		13-Feb-2024		\$13	\$1,500	\$1,513
Notes for AVOIDED costs Rotes for AVOIDED costs Estimated avoided cost to implement effective manual or automatic IC procedures for Tank Nos. 6 and 7A and to implement a method of release detection for Tank Nos. 1 through 5 and interstitial monitoring release detection for Tank Nos. 6 and 7A and the associated piping, respectively. The Date Required is the investigation date, and the Final Date is the screening date.							
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$1,500			TOTAL		\$1,513



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN605603265, RN101875375, Rating Year 2024 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2024.

	stomer, Respondent, or ner/Operator:	CN605603265, CAL'S CONVENIENCE, I	NC. Classification: HIGH	Rating: 0.00						
Reg	egulated Entity: RN101875375, Stripes 144		Classification: NOT APPLICABLE	Rating: N/A						
Cor	nplexity Points:	N/A	Repeat Violator: N/A							
СН	Group:	14 - Other								
Loc	.ocation: 1001 West 4th Street in Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas 76951									
TCE	Q Region:	REGION 08 - SAN ANGELO								
ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 10010 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ID NUMBER R08101875375										
Cor	mpliance History Period	September 01, 2019 to August 31	, 2024 Rating Year: 2024 Ra	ating Date: 09/01/2024						
Dat	e Compliance History F	Report Prepared: September 2	25, 2024							
Age	ency Decision Requiring	g Compliance History: Enfor	cement							
Cor	nponent Period Selecte	d: September 25, 2019 to Septem	nber 25, 2024							
TCE	Q Staff Member to Con	tact for Additional Information	Regarding This Compliance History.							
	Name: Adriana Fuentes		Phone: (956) 430-6057							
<u>Sit</u>	e and Owner/Operat	or History:								
1) H	las the site been in existence	and/or operation for the full five year o	compliance period? YE	S						
2) H	las there been a (known) cha	inge in ownership/operator of the site d	luring the compliance period? YE	S						
3) V	Who is the current owner/ope	·	R OPERATOR since 6/1/2011							
4) V	Who was/were the prior owne		NER OPERATOR since 4/16/2024 RETAIL LLC, OWNER, 1/5/2019 to 4/15/2024							
., .			venience, Inc., OPERATOR, 1/5/2019 to 4/15/							
Col	mnonents (Multimed	ia) for the Site Are Listed in	Sections A - 1							
		-	Sections A - J							
Α.	Final Orders, court jud	Igments, and consent decrees:								
В.	Criminal convictions: N/A									
C.	Chronic excessive emi N/A	ssions events:								
D.	The approval dates ofItem 1November 2	investigations (CCEDS Inv. Trac 24, 2020 (1690865)	ck. No.):							
E.	 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 									

Customer was not affiliated to Regulated Entity at time of Compliance History Rating.

- F. Environmental audits: N/A
- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs): $_{\mbox{N/A}}$
- 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

Compliance History Report for CN605603265, RN101875375, Rating Year 2024 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 25, 2019, through September 25, 2024. Ratings are pending Mass Classification.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC. RN101875375 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2024-0260-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 CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent operated, as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.2(75), an underground storage tank ("UST") system and a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline located at 1001 West 4th Street in Sterling City, Sterling 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 \$8,263 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$6,611 of the penalty and \$1,652 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.
- 5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or

required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.

- 6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 7. This Order represents the complete and fully integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
- 8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 9. The Executive Director recognizes the following:
 - a. Inventory control procedures are no longer required for Tank Nos. 6 and 7A as of February 15, 2024; and
 - b. The Respondent no longer operates the Facility as of April 16, 2024.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During an investigation at the Facility conducted on December 8, 2023, an investigator documented that the Respondent:

- 1. Failed to monitor the USTs installed prior to January 1, 2009 in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1). Specifically, Tank Nos. 1 through 5 were installed on April 1, 1986, and the Respondent was not monitoring them in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days.
- 2. Failed to monitor the USTs and associated pressurized piping installed on or after January 1, 2009 in a manner which will detect a release at a frequency of at least once every 30 days by using interstitial monitoring, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(B) and (b)(2)(A)(iii) and Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1). Specifically, Tank Nos. 6 and 7A and the associated piping were installed on October 26, 2015, and the Respondent was not monitoring them using interstitial monitoring as the primary form of release detection.
- 3. Failed to conduct effective manual or automatic inventory control procedures for the USTs at the Facility, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 334.48(c) and 334.50(d)(1)(B) and Tex. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1). Specifically, inventory control procedures were not properly conducted for Tank Nos. 6 and 7A.

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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: CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC., Docket No. 2024-0260-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 3. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

7. 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.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

For the Executive Director

Date

4/4/2025 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.

MARK G. MELES Name (Printed or typed)

Authorized Representative of CAL'S CONVENIENCE, INC.

Date

ENUIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE Title MANAGER

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

CROMPCO/OWL SERVICES C/OSUNDCO 1815 GALLAGHER ROAD PLYMOUTH MEETING PA 19462

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.