



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**REGION 5**

**77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD**

**CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590**

**December 2, 2020**

**ELECTRONIC MAIL  
DELIVERY RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Carol Westling  
Federated Co-Op  
925 Highway 47 South  
Isle, Minnesota 56342  
[cwestling@federatedcoops.com](mailto:cwestling@federatedcoops.com)

Re: Notice of Violation and Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement for the Federated  
Co-Op facility located at 925 Highway 47 South, Isle, Minnesota **RUST-05-2021-0002**

Dear Ms. Westling:

On November 4, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section issued a Notice of Violation and a Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement (Field Citation) concerning an UST violation (i.e., failure to designate at least one Class B operator) found at the Federated Co-Op facility located at 925 Highway 47 South, Isle, Minnesota.

On November 17, 2020, we have received your signed copy of the Settlement Agreement and a copy of the check for a total of \$670.00 in penalties. We also received the final supporting documentation on recent "B" operator training, addressing the UST violation.

The Settlement Agreement states that it is effective upon EPA's final approval. I have enclosed a signed and dated copy of the approved Settlement Agreement. The original Settlement Agreement will remain in the EPA's files. We also have accepted and processed your check (#236676) as part of the settlement process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Arturo Cisneros, of my staff, at (312) 886-7447.

Sincerely,

**Kuefler,  
Patrick**

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Kuefler, Patrick  
Date: 2020.12.02  
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Patrick Kuefler, Chief  
Land Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

cc: [Andrew.Boyd@millelacsband.com](mailto:Andrew.Boyd@millelacsband.com)  
[trausch@federatedcoops.com](mailto:trausch@federatedcoops.com)

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), REGION 5**  
**77 West Jackson Boulevard (LR-17J), Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590**  
**UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) FIELD CITATION FORM FOR EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT NO. R5-UST-21-003-AC**

**Part I: INSPECTION SUMMARY**

On 10/06/2020 Time 5:00 pm  
 (Date of Violation) (a.m. or p.m.)

At Federated Co-Op  
 (Name of Facility)

Address: 925 Highway 47 South  
Isle, MN 56342

(Name of On site Representative if not the Owner or Operator)

Name and address of the UST  Owner or  Operator

Name: Carol Westling

Address: 925 Highway 47 South  
Isle, MN 56342

A duly designated officer, employee, or representative of the EPA or a duly designated officer or employee of the State or Tribe inspected this facility. EPA has reviewed the inspection report and other relevant materials and has identified the following violation(s) of the UST regulations promulgated or approved by EPA under Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. § 6991 et seq.).

1. Violation: Failure to designate at least one Class B operator.

Cite: 40 CFR §280.241(a) Proposed Penalty: \$ 670  
 x Tanks Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtotal: \$ 670

2. Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cite: 40 CFR Proposed Penalty: \_\_\_\_\_  
 x Tanks Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cite: 40 CFR Proposed Penalty: \_\_\_\_\_  
 x Tanks Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cite: 40 CFR Proposed Penalty: \_\_\_\_\_  
 x Tanks Multiplier: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTY: \$ 670**

EPA finds the Owner or Operator in violation of the above referenced UST regulations.

**ARTURO CISNEROS**

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 ARTURO CISNEROS  
 Date: 2020.10.28  
 16:30:29 -05'00'

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of EPA Inspector)

**Part II: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT/COMPLIANCE ORDER**

**A. Settlement Agreement:** The Owner or Operator by signing this Settlement Agreement (or by having an authorized representative sign it) agrees to settle the violations identified in Part I, subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Owner or Operator certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the U. S. Government, that he or she has corrected the violations, submitted true and accurate documentation of their correction, and submitted payment to the U.S. Treasury for the amount of \$ 670 in payment of the full proposed penalty amount, as described in Part I of this Form.

The Owner or Operator agrees to comply with the terms of the Compliance Order in Part II.B. Without admitting liability for the violations cited in Part I, the Owner or Operator signing below waives any objections to EPA's jurisdiction with respect to the Compliance Order and this Settlement Agreement, and consents to EPA's final approval of this Settlement Agreement without further notice. The Owner or Operator waives the opportunity for a public hearing pursuant to RCRA section 9006.

Once EPA signs the Settlement Agreement, EPA will take no further enforcement action against the Owner or Operator for the civil violations described in Part I, provided the violations have been timely corrected and the penalty has been paid. EPA does not waive its right to enforce against the Owner or Operator for any other violations not described in Part I and violations of the UST requirements or other requirements listed in Part I that were not corrected in a timely manner.

This Settlement Agreement and Compliance Order will become effective once signed by EPA and is binding on EPA and the Owner or Operator upon signature by both parties. Final approval of the Settlement Agreement and Compliance Order is in the sole discretion of the Regional Administrator, Region 5, EPA, or his or her authorized delegate. Upon final approval, EPA shall mail a copy of this document to the Owner or Operator signing below.

**SIGNATURE BY OWNER, OPERATOR, OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:**

Name (Print): Tom Rausch  
 Title (Print): Safety Director  
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 11-17-2020

**B. Compliance Order:** This Compliance Order is issued under the authority of RCRA section 9006 to resolve the civil violations identified in Part I. The Owner or Operator is ordered to correct the violations, submit true and accurate documentation that the violations were corrected, and pay the total penalty amount listed in Part I of this Form. This Compliance Order shall become final and enforceable only upon signature by an EPA official with the authority to sign this document.

**SIGNATURE BY EPA APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ORDER:**

Name (Print): Patrick Kuefler  
 Title (Print): Chief LCECAB  
 Signature: Kuefler, Patrick Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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