

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Inspection
Findings, Alleged Violations, and Proposed Penalty Form

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Company Name

Acorn Petroleum

Docket Number

Facility Name

Acorn Petroleum

Date

7/3/2024

Address

809 Erie Avenue

Facility ID Number

C22013

City

Pueblo

Inspector's Name

Darla Hohman

State

CO

Zip Code

81001

EPA Approving Official

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Darla Hohman

Total Storage Capacity

87,500 Gallons



Summary of Findings
(Bulk Storage Facilities)

GENERAL TOPICS: 40 C.F.R.112.3(a), (d), (e); 112.5(a), (b), (c); 112.7 (a), (b), (c), (d)

- ☐ Failure to have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan 112.3 (\$1,750)
- ☐ Plan or sections of the hybrid plan are not certified by a professional engineer * 112.3(d) (\$500)
*Not applicable to Qualified facilities unless a hybrid (PE/QF plan) see Qualified facility 112.6 section
- ☐ Certification lacks one or more required elements 112.3(d)(1) (\$125)
- ☐ Plan not maintained on site (if manned at least four hrs/day) or not available for review 112.3(e)(1) (\$350)
- ☐ No evidence of five-year review of plan by owner/operator 112.5(b) (\$100)
- ☐ No plan amendment(s) if the facility has had a change in: design, construction, operation, or maintenance which affects the facility's discharge potential 112.5(a) (\$100)
- ☐ Amendment(s) not certified by a professional engineer 112.5(c) (\$175)
- ☐ No management approval of plan 112.7 (\$500)
- ☐ Plan does not follow sequence of the rule and/or cross-reference not provided 112.7 (\$175)
- ☐ Plan does not discuss additional procedures/methods/equipment not yet fully operational 112.7 (\$100)

- ☐ Plan does not discuss alternative environmental protection to SPCC requirements 112.7(a)(2) (\$225)
- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no facility diagram 112.7(a)(3) (\$100)
- ☐ Inadequate or no listing of type of oil and storage capacity of containers 112.7(a)(3)(i) (\$75)
- ☐ Inadequate or no discharge prevention measures 112.7(a)(3)(ii) (\$75)
- ☐ Inadequate or no description of drainage controls 112.7(a)(3)(iii) (\$75)
- ☐ Inadequate or no description of countermeasures for discharge discovery, response and cleanup 112.7(a)(3)(iv) (\$75)
- ☐ Methods of disposal of recovered materials not in accordance with legal requirements 112.7(a)(3)(v) (\$75)
- ☐ No contact list & phone numbers for response & reporting discharges 112.7(a)(3)(vi) (\$75)
- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no information and procedures for reporting a discharge 112.7(a)(4) (\$125)
- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no description and procedures to use when a discharge may occur 112.7(a)(5) (\$175)
- ☐ Inadequate or no prediction of equipment failure which could result in discharges 112.7(b) (\$175)
- ☐ Plan does not discuss and facility does not implement appropriate containment/diversionary structures/equipment 112.7 (\$450)
- ☐ Inadequate containment or drainage for Loading Area- 112.7(c) (\$450)
- ☐ Plan has no or inadequate discussion of any applicable more stringent State rules, regulations, and guidelines- 112.7(j) (\$100)
- ☐ Plan does not include a signed copy of the Certification of Applicability of the Substantial Harm Criteria per 40 CFR Part 112.20(e) (\$175)
- If claiming impracticability of containment and appropriate diversionary structures:**
- ☐ Impracticability has not been clearly denoted and demonstrated in plan 112.7(d) (\$125)
- ☐ No periodic integrity and leak testing 112.7(d) (\$175)
- ☐ No contingency plan 112.7(d)(1) (\$175)
- ☐ No written commitment of manpower, equipment, and materials 112.7(d)(2) (\$175)
- ☐ No periodic integrity and leak testing , if impracticability is claimed 112.7(d) (\$175)
- ☐ Plan has no or inadequate discussion of general requirements not already specified 112.7(j) (\$100)

QUALIFIED FACILITY REQUIREMENTS: 40 C.F.R. 112.6

- ☐ Qualified Facility: No Self certification 112.6(a) (\$500)
- ☐ Qualified Facility: Self certification lacks required elements 112.6(a) (\$125)
- ☐ Qualified Facility: Technical amendments not certified 112.6(b) (\$175)
- ☐ Qualified Facility: Qualified Facility Plan includes alternative measures not certified by liscensed Professional Engineer 112.6(b) \$175
- ☐ Qualified Facility: Environmental Equivalence or Impracticability not certified by PE 112.6(b)(4) (\$400)

WRITTEN PROCEDURES AND INSPECTION RECORDS: 40 C.F.R. 112.7(e)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plan does not include inspections and test procedures in accordance with 40 CFR Part 112 112.7(e) (\$100) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inspections and tests required are not in accordance with written procedures developed for the facility 112.7(e) (\$100) | \$100 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No Inspection records were available for review 112.7(e) (\$225) | \$225 |
| | (Written procedures and/or a record of inspections and/or customary business records) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inspection records are not signed by appropriate supervisor or inspector 112.7(e) (\$100) | \$100 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Inspection records are not maintained for three years 112.7(e) (\$100) | \$100 |

PERSONNEL TRAINING AND DISCHARGE PREVENTION PROCEDURES: 40 C.F.R. 112.7(f)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No training on the operation and maintenance of equipment to prevent discharges and/or facility operations 112.7(f)(1) (\$100) | \$100 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No training on discharge procedure protocols 112.7(f)(1) (\$100) | \$100 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No training on the applicable pollution control laws, rules and regulations, and/or SPCC plan 112.7(f)(1) (\$100) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No designated person accountable for spill prevention 112.7(f)(2) (\$100) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Spill prevention briefings are not scheduled and conducted at least once a year 112.7(f)(3) (\$100) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plan has inadequate or no discussion of personnel and spill prevention procedures 112.7(a)(1) (\$100) | |

SECURITY (excluding Production Facilities): 40 C.F.R. 112.7(g)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plan does not describe how the facility secures and controls access to the oil handling, processing and storage areas 112.7(g)(1) (\$175) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Master flow and drain valves not secured 112.7(g)(2) (\$350) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Starter controls on pumps not secured to prevent unauthorized access- 112.7(g) (\$100) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Out-of-service and loading/unloading connection(s) of piping/pipelines not adequately secured 112.7(g)(4) (\$100) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Plan does not address the appropriateness of security lighting to both prevent acts of vandalism and assist in the discovery of oil discharges 12.7(g) (\$175) | \$175 |

FACILITY TANK CAR AND TANK TRUCK LOADING/UNLOADING: 40 C.F.R. 112.7(c) and/or (h-j)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Inadequate secondary containment, and/or rack drainage does not flow to catchment basin treatment system, or quick drainage system 112.7(h)(1) (\$850) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Containment system does not hold at least the maximum capacity of the largest single compartment of any tank car or tank truck 112.7(h)(1) (\$525) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no interlocked warning lights, or physical barrier system, or warning signs, or vehicle brake interlock system to prevent vehicular departure before complete disconnect from transfer lines- 112.7(h)(2) (\$350) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no inspection of lowermost drains and all outlets prior to filling and departure of any tank car or tank truck- 112.7(h)(3) (\$175) | |

- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no discussion of facility tank car and tank truck loading/unloading rack 112.7(a)(1) (\$100)

QUALIFIED OIL OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT: 40 C.F.R. 112.7(k)

- ☐ Failure to establish and document procedures for inspections or a monitoring program to detect equipment failure and/or a discharge 112.7(k)(2)(i) (\$175)
- ☐ Failure to provide an oil spill contingency plan 112.7(k)(2)(ii)(A) (\$175)
- ☐ No written commitment of manpower, equipment, and materials 112.7(k)(2)(ii)(B) (\$175)

FACILITY DRAINAGE: 40 C.F.R 112.8(b) & (c) and/or 112.12(b) & (c)

- ☐ Secondary Containment circumvented due to containment bypass valves left open and/or pumps and ejectors not manually activated to prevent a discharge 112.8(b)(1)and(2), and 112.8(c)(3)(i) (\$700)
- ☐ Dike water is not inspected prior to discharge and/or valves not open & resealed under responsible supervision 112.8(c)(3)(ii)and(iii) (\$525)
- ☐ Adequate records (or NPDES permit records) of drainage from diked areas not maintained 112.8(c)(3)(iv) (\$100)
- ☐ Drainage from undiked areas do not flow into catchment basins ponds or lagoons, or no diversion system to retain or return a discharge to the facility 112.8(b)(3)and(4) (\$525)
- ☐ Two “lift” pumps are not provided for more that one treatment unit 112.8(b)(5) (\$75)
- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no discussion of facility drainage 112.7(a)(1) (\$100)

BULK STORAGE CONTAINERS: 40 C.F.R. 112.7(i), 112.8(c) and/or 112.12(c)

- ☐ Failure to conduct evaluation of field-constructed aboveground containers for risk of discharge or failure due to brittle fracture or other catastrophe 112.7(i) \$350
- ☐ Material and construction of containers not compatible to the oil stored and the conditions of storage such as pressure and temperature 112.8(c)(1) (\$525)
- ☐ Secondary containment is inadequate 112.8(c)(2) (\$850)
- ☐ Secondary containment systems are not sufficiently impervious to contain oil 112.8(c)(2) (\$425)
- ☐ Completely buried tanks installed after August 16, 2002 are not protected from corrosion or are not subjected to regular pressure testing 112.8(c)(4) (\$175)
- ☐ Buried sections of partially burried metallic tans are not prootected from corrosion 112.8(c)(5) (\$175)
- ☐ Aboveground tanks are not subject to visual inspections 112.8(c)(6) (\$525)
- ☐ Aboveground tanks are not subject to periodic integrity testing techniques such as visual inspections hydrostatic testing, or other nondestructive methods 112.8(c)(6) (\$525)
- ☐ Records of inspections (or customary business records) do not include inspections of container supports/ foundation, signes of container deterioration, discharges and/or accumulations of oil inside diked areas 112.8(c)(6)
- ☐ Steam return/exhaust of internal heating coils which discharge into an open water course are not monitored, passed through a settling tank, skimmer or other separation system 112.8(c)(7) (\$175)
- ☒ Container installations are not engineered or updated in accordance with good engineering practice because none of the following are present: 112.8(c)(8) (\$525)
- high liquid level alarm with audible or visual signal,or audible air vent 112.8(c)(8)(i)

\$525

-high liquid level pump cutoff devices set to stop flow at a predetermined level 112.8(c)(8)(ii)
 -direct audible or code signal communication between container gauger and pumping station 112.8(c)(8)(iii)
 -fast response system for determining liquid level of each bulk storage container, or direct vision gauges
 with a person present to monitor gauges and the overall filling of bulk storage containers 112.8(c)(8)(iv)

- ☐ No testing of liquid level sensing devices to ensure proper operation 112.8(c)(8)(v) (\$100)
- ☐ Effluent treatment facilities not observed frequently to detect possible system upsets that could cause a discharge as described in §112.1(b)- 112.8(c)(9) (\$175)
- ☐ Causes of leaks resulting in accumulations of oil in diked areas are not promptly corrected 112.8(c)(10) (\$525)
- ☐ Mobile or portable storage containers are not positioned or located to prevent discharged oil from reaching navigable water or have inadequate secondary containment 112.8(c)(11) (\$175)
- ☐ Secondary containment inadequate for mobile or portable storage tanks 112.8(c)(11) (\$600)
- ☐ Plan has inadequate or no discussion of bulk storage tanks 112.7(a)(1) (\$100)

FACILITY TRANSFER OPERATIONS, PUMPING, AND FACILITY PROCESS: 40 C.F.R. 112.8(d) and 112.12(d)

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- ☐ Buried piping is not corrosion protected with protective wrapping, coating or cathodic protection protection 112.8(d)(1) (\$175)
 - ☐ Corrective action is not taken on exposed sections of buried piping when deterioration is found 112.8(d)(1) (\$525)
 - ☐ Not-in-service or standby piping is not capped or blank-flanged and marked as to origin 112.8(d)(2) (\$100)
 - ☐ Pipe supports are not properly designed to minimize abrasion and corrosion, and allow for expansion and contraction 112.8(d)(3) (\$100)
 - ☐ Aboveground valves, piping and appurtenances are not inspected regularly 112.8(d)(4) (\$350)
 - ☐ Periodic integrity and leak testing of buried piping is not conducted at time of installation, modification, construction, relocation, or replacement 112.8(d)(4) (\$175)
 - ☐ Vehicle traffic is not warned of aboveground piping or other oil transfer operations 112.8(d)(5) (\$175)
 - ☐ Plan has inadequate or no discussion of facility transfer operations, pumping, and facility process 112.7(a)(1) (\$100)

SUB TOTAL \$1,625

Multiplier 1.25

Total \$2,031