

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Tony Shatat 1703 N. Calumet Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

Dear Mr. Shatat:

On April 17, 2008, the Underground Storage Tank Section issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) and Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement concerning violations found at your Clark #1304 Gas Station, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

This is to inform you that we received your signed original copy of the Settlement Agreement, dated June 3, 2008, and the check for \$450.00 in penalties. We have reviewed the original copy of the Settlement Agreement where you have indicated that the violations of the underground storage tank regulations for which you were cited have been corrected.

The Settlement Agreement states that it is effective upon EPA's final approval. This is to inform you that I have enclosed a signed and dated copy of the approved Settlement Agreement. The original Settlement Agreement will remain in U.S. EPA files. We also have accepted and processed your check as part of the settlement process. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Sandra Siler, Enforcement Officer, of my staff, at 312-886-0429.

Sincerely,

Willie H. Harris, P.E.

Chief, RCRA Branch

Land and Chemicals Division

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cc: Case Officer Enforcement File

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Region 5 - UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SECTION 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

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COMPLIANCE ORDER/SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT UIDH; R5-UST-08-004-5

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 - UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SECTION 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND COMPLIANCE ORDER / SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has authority under Section 9006 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to issue Compliance Orders and to pursue civil penalties for violations of the underground storage tank regulations. However, the EPA encourages the expedited settlement of easily verifiable violations of underground storage tank regulations, such as the violations described in the Notice of Violation, by agreeing to standard settlement terms that include expedited correction of the violation and payment of appropriate penalties.

You may resolve the cited violations quickly by correcting the violations, paying the penalty amounts and signing and returning the Settlement Agreement within 30 days of the issuance of the Notice of Violation. EPA, at its discretion, may grant one 30 day extension for the period to come into compliance where the owner or operator satisfactorily demonstrates that it is technically infeasible or impracticable to achieve compliance within 30 days.

The payment of the penalty amounts must be in the form of a <u>certified check payable</u> to the "Treasurer of the United States of America," with the number of the Notice of Violation and Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement, if shown, written on the check.

The Settlement Agreement and the check in payment of the penalty amount shall be sent to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 - Underground Storage Tank Section (DU-7J)

<u>ATTN.</u> CHIEF, UST SECTION

77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

EPA will not approve the Settlement Agreement if there is any alteration of the Notice of Violation and Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement or payment of less than the full amount of penalties, or if the Settlement Agreement is not returned in the time allowed. EPA will treat any response to the Notice of Violation other than timely acceptance of the Settlement Agreement as an indication that you are not interested in pursuing this expedited settlement procedure.

If the Settlement Agreement is not returned in proper form and full payment of penalties made within 30 days after issuance, unless an extension has been granted by EPA, the Compliance Order will be automatically withdrawn, without prejudice to EPA's ability to file additional enforcement actions for the above or any other violations. Failure to return the Settlement Agreement and pay the penalty amounts within the time allowed does not relieve you of the responsibility to comply fully with the regulations, including correcting the violations that have been specifically identified by the EPA Enforcement Officer.

This Notice of Violation and Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement is not an adjudicatory proceeding under 40 CFR Part 22, the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits. However, if EPA pursues administrative enforcement measures in order to correct the violations or to seek penalties, you will receive instructions describing your rights under those rules. By agreeing to this Settlement Agreement, you waive your right to a public hearing pursuant to Section 9006 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Final approval of the Settlement Agreement is in the sole discretion of the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 5, or authorized delegate. Upon EPA final approval, a copy of the approved Settlement Agreement will be returned to you, and EPA will take no further action against you for these violations.

If you have any questions, you may contact the EPA Region 5 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SECTION at (312) 886-6159.