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Re: Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order
Case No. LQ/LUST-NWR-16-025

This letter is to inform you that DEQ has issued you a civil penalty of $2,200 for failing to report a confirmed release from an underground storage tank. In June 2015, a release was confirmed from a tank located at 1900 N. Interstate Avenue in Portland, yet the release was not reported to DEQ until October when your consultant submitted a report to DEQ summarizing the cleanup associated with that release. Immediate reporting of confirmed releases to DEQ ensures that contaminated sites are dealt with in a timely manner.

If you wish to appeal this matter, DEQ must receive a request for a contested case hearing within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The hearing request must be in writing. Send your hearing request to DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement – Appeals:

Via mail - 811 S.W. 6th Ave., Portland, OR 97204
Via fax - 503-229-5100

Once DEQ receives your request, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss this matter. If DEQ does not receive a timely written hearing request, the penalty will become due. Alternatively, you can pay the penalty by sending a check or money order to the above address.

The attached Notice further details DEQ's reasons for issuing the penalty and provides further instructions for appealing the penalty. Please review it and refer to it when discussing this case with DEQ.

DEQ may allow you to resolve part of your penalty through the completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). SEPs are environmental improvement projects that you sponsor in lieu of paying your penalty. Enclosed is more detail on how to pursue a SEP. SEP documents are available on the internet at http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs/enforcement/SEP.htm, or by calling the number below to request a paper copy.

DEQ's rules are available on the internet at http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rules.htm, or by calling the number below to request a paper copy.

If you have any questions, please contact DEQ Environmental Law Specialist Susan Elworth, at (503) 229-5152. You may call toll-free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, extension 5152.

Sincerely,

Susan Wheeler for

Leah K. Feldon, Manager
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Jeff Schatz, NWR, DEQ

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF: CITY OF PORTLAND, Respondent.	))))	NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND ORDER CASE NO. LQ/UST-NWR-16-025

I. AUTHORITY

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues this Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order (Notice) pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468.100 and 468.126 through 468.140, 468.100 and 468.126 through 468.140, 466.994, ORS Chapter 183 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Divisions 011, 012, 122, and 150.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is the owner of a property located at 1900 N. Interstate Avenue in Portland Oregon.

2. On June 5, 2015, Respondent received the analytical results of a soil sample collected from the west end of an underground storage tank located on the property which showed the soil was contaminated with gasoline and diesel.

3. On October 23, 2015, DEQ received a report entitled "Risk Assessment and Cleanup of an Underground Gasoline Tank" which reported the confirmed release.

4. Prior to October 2015, DEQ had not received notification of the confirmed release.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Respondent violated OAR 340-122-0220(1) by failing to report a confirmed release from a petroleum underground storage tank to DEQ within 24 hours. This is a Class I violation, pursuant to OAR 340-012-0074(1)(a). DEQ hereby assesses a $2,200 civil penalty for this violation.

IV. ORDER TO PAY CIVIL PENALTY

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS, Respondent is hereby ORDERED TO pay a total civil penalty of $2,200. The determination of the civil penalty is attached as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated as part of this Notice. If you do not file a request for hearing as

set forth in Section V below, your check or money order must be made payable to "**State Treasurer, State of Oregon**" and sent to the **DEQ, Business Office, 811 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204**. Once you pay the penalty, the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order become final.

V. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You have a right to a contested case hearing on this Notice, if you request one in writing. You must ensure that DEQ receives the request for hearing **within 20 calendar days** from the date you receive this Notice. If you have any affirmative defenses or wish to dispute any allegations of fact in this Notice or attached exhibit(s), you must include them in your request for hearing, as factual matters not denied will be considered admitted, and failure to raise a defense will be a waiver of the defense. (See OAR 340-011-0530 for further information about requests for hearing.) You must mail the request for hearing to: **DEQ, Office of Compliance and Enforcement - Appeals, 811 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204**, or fax it to **503-229-5100**. An administrative law judge employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct the hearing, according to ORS Chapter 183, OAR Chapter 340, Division 011 and OAR 137-003-0501 to 0700. You have a right to be represented by an attorney at the hearing, or you may represent yourself unless you are a corporation, agency or association.

Active duty service-members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service members Civil Relief Act. For more information, please call the Oregon State Bar at 1-800-452-8260 or the Oregon Military Department at 1-800-452-7500. Additional information can be found online at the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance (AFLA) Legal Services Locator website http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php.

If you fail to file a request for hearing in writing within 20 calendar days of receipt of the Notice, the Notice will become a final order by default without further action by DEQ, as per OAR 340-011-0535(1). If you do request a hearing but later withdraw your request, fail to attend the hearing or notify DEQ that you will not be attending the hearing, DEQ will issue a final order by default

pursuant to OAR 340-011-0535(3). DEQ designates the relevant portions of its files, including information submitted by you, as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case.

March 7, 2016
Date

Sarah Mueller for
Leah K. Feldon, Manager
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

EXHIBIT 1

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONDENT'S CIVIL PENALTY
PURSUANT TO OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (OAR) 340-012-0045

VIOLATION 1: Failing to report a confirmed release of petroleum to DEQ within 24 hours, in violation of OAR 340-122-0220(1).

CLASSIFICATION: This is a Class I violation pursuant to OAR 340-012-0074(1)(a).

MAGNITUDE: The magnitude of the violation is minor pursuant to OAR 340-012-0130(4) as there is no selected magnitude specified in OAR 340-012-0135 applicable to this violation and the Department finds that the violation had no more than a de minimis adverse impact on human health or the environment, and posed no more than a de minimis threat to human health and the environment. Although the release was not reported in a timely manner, the release was addressed in a timely manner, reducing the likelihood of a threat to human health or the environment.

CIVIL PENALTY FORMULA: The formula for determining the amount of penalty of each violation is: $BP + [(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$

"BP" is the base penalty, which is $2,000 for a Class I, minor magnitude violation in the matrix listed in OAR 340-012-0140(3)(b)(A)(iii) and applicable pursuant to OAR 340-012-0140(3)(a)(H). Respondent is the owner of six underground storage tank facilities.

"P" is whether Respondent has any prior significant actions, as defined in OAR 340-012-0030(19), in the same media as the violation at issue that occurred at a facility owned or operated by the same Respondent, and receives an initial value of 2 according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(a)(C), because Respondent has one Class I violation in case no. LQ/T-NWR-06-118. Under OAR 340-012-0145(2)(d)(A)(ii), this amount may be reduced by 4 because all the formal enforcement actions in which prior significant actions were cited were issued more than five years before the date the current violation occurred, but according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(e), the value of the P factor cannot be reduced below zero. The value of "P" is zero.

"H" is Respondent's history of correcting prior significant actions and receives an initial value of -2 according to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(a), because Respondent corrected all violations cited as prior significant actions. According to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(d), this value is increased to 1 because the sum of the "P" and "H" factors may not be less than 1 unless Respondent took extraordinary efforts to correct the PSAs.

"O" is whether the violation was repeated or ongoing and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(4)(a), because there was only one occurrence of the violation. Respondent failed to report one confirmed release.

"M" is the mental state of the Respondent and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(5)(a), because there is insufficient information on which to base a finding under paragraphs (5)(b) through (5)(d). Respondent hired a licensed service provider to conduct an investigation into the underground storage tank and reasonably relied upon that service provider's expertise when conducting those services.

"C" is Respondent's efforts to correct or mitigate the violation and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(6)(a)(D), because there is insufficient information to make a finding under paragraphs (6)(a) through (6)(e), or (6)(g).

"EB" is the approximate dollar value of the benefit gained and the costs avoided or delayed as a result of the Respondent's noncompliance. It is designed to "level the playing field" by taking away any economic advantage the entity gained and to deter potential violators from deciding it is cheaper to violate and pay the penalty than to pay the costs of compliance. In this case, "EB" receives a value of $0 because DEQ is unable to make an estimate of any costs delayed or avoided.

PENALTY CALCULATION: Penalty = BP + [(0.1 x BP) x (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB
= $2,000 + [(0.1 x $2,000) x (0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 0)] + $0
= $2,000 + [$200 x 1] + $0
= $2,000 + $200 + $0
= $2,200