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February 23, 2023

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Anant Pacific LLC  
c/o Jit Charan, Registered Agent  
1580 W. Highland Avenue  
Hermiston, OR 97838

Re: Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order  
Case No. AQ/ACDP-ER-2022-070

This letter is to inform you that DEQ has issued you a civil penalty of \$412.50 for failing to timely submit a 2021 annual report to DEQ for your gasoline dispensing facility at 1580 W. Highland Avenue, Hermiston, Oregon, as required by your Air Contaminant Discharge Permit.

DEQ issued this penalty because annual reports are an important mechanism for DEQ to determine whether sources of air contaminants are operating within the conditions and limits of permits. Without the report, DEQ is unable to determine the compliance status of your gasoline dispensing facility to ensure emissions are within levels that do not pose harm to the public's health or the environment.

DEQ appreciates your effort to correct the violation by submitting your 2021 annual report to DEQ on May 26, 2022. DEQ considered this effort when determining the amount of civil penalty.

You may pay the penalty by mailing a check or money order to the below address. If you wish to appeal this matter, DEQ must receive a request for a hearing within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The hearing request must be in writing. Send your request to DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement:

Via mail – 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232

Via email – [DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov)

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.

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

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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 instead of paying a portion of the penalty. Further information is available by calling the number below or at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx>.

DEQ's rules are available at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/Statutes.aspx> or by calling the number below.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Root at 503-229-5874 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-4011, extension 5874.

Sincerely,



Kieran O'Donnell, Manager  
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Tom Hack, Eastern Region, Pendleton Office, DEQ  
Mark Bailey, Eastern Region, Bend Office, DEQ  
Donald Hendrix, AQ, DEQ  
Accounting, DEQ  
Erica Miller, Store Manager, Anant Pacific LLC  
1580 W. Highland Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838



1 February 15, 2022, as further described in Section II, Paragraphs 4 and 5 above. This is a Class II  
2 violation according to OAR 340-012-0054(2)(f). DEQ has assessed a \$412.50 civil penalty for this  
3 violation.

#### 4 IV. ORDER TO PAY CIVIL PENALTY

5 Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSION, Respondent is  
6 hereby ORDERED TO:

7 Pay a total civil penalty of \$412.50. The determination of the civil penalty is attached as  
8 Exhibit 1 and is incorporated as part of this Notice.

9 If you do not file a request for hearing as set forth in Section V below, your check or money  
10 order must be made payable to "**State Treasurer, State of Oregon**" and sent to the **DEQ,**  
11 **Business Office, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232.**

#### 12 V. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING


13 You have a right to a contested case hearing on this Notice, if you request one in writing.  
14 DEQ must receive your request for hearing **within 20 calendar days** from the date you receive  
15 this Notice. If you have any affirmative defenses or wish to dispute any allegations of fact in this  
16 Notice or attached exhibit, you must do so in your request for hearing, as factual matters not  
17 denied will be considered admitted, and failure to raise a defense will be a waiver of the defense.  
18 (See OAR 340-011-0530 for further information about requests for hearing.) You must send your  
19 request to: **DEQ, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite**  
20 **600, Portland, Oregon 97232**, fax it to **503-229-5100** or email it to  
21 [DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov). An administrative law judge employed by the Office of  
22 Administrative Hearings will conduct the hearing, according to ORS Chapter 183, OAR Chapter  
23 340, Division 011 and OAR 137-003-0501 to 0700. You have a right to be represented by an  
24 attorney at the hearing, however you are not required to be. If you are an individual, you may  
25 represent yourself. If you are a corporation, partnership, limited liability company,  
26 unincorporated association, trust or government body, you must be represented by an attorney or  
27 a duly authorized representative, as set forth in OAR 137-003-0555.



1 Active-duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service  
2 Members Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 1-800-  
3 452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed  
4 Forces Legal Assistance Office through <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>. The Oregon Military  
5 Department does not have a toll-free telephone number.

6 If you fail to file a timely request for hearing, the Notice will become a final order by  
7 default without further action by DEQ, as per OAR 340-011-0535(1). If you do request a hearing  
8 but later withdraw your request, fail to attend the hearing or notify DEQ that you will not be  
9 attending the hearing, DEQ will issue a final order by default pursuant to OAR 340-011-0535(3).  
10 DEQ designates the relevant portions of its files, including information submitted by you, as the  
11 record for purposes of proving a prima facie case.

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13 2 / 23 / 2023  
14 Date

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14 Kieran O'Donnell, 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: Failing to timely submit to DEQ, the 2021 annual report for Respondent's GDF, in violation of Condition 11.4 of AQGP-022 and OAR 340-214-0114(1) and (2).
- CLASSIFICATION: This is a Class II violation pursuant to OAR 340-012-0054(2)(f).
- 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 DEQ finds that the violation, by itself, 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 or the environment. In making this finding, DEQ considered the following reasonably available information: once Respondent submitted the annual report, DEQ was able to determine Respondent operated in compliance with its permit limits during the 2021 operating year.
- 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 \$375 for a Class II, minor magnitude violation in the matrix listed in OAR 340-012-0140(4)(b)(B)(iii) and applicable pursuant to OAR 340-012-0140(4)(a)(C) because Respondent must operate the GDF under a General Air Contaminant Discharge Permit only because the GDF is subject to Area Source NESHAP regulations.
- "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 Respondent, and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(a)(A), because there are no prior significant actions.
- "H" is Respondent's history of correcting prior significant actions and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(c), because there is no prior history.
- "O" is whether the violation was repeated or ongoing and receives a value 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(4)(a), because there was one occurrence of the violation. Respondent was late submitting one (2021) annual report for the GDF.
- "M" is the mental state of the Respondent and receives a value of 4 pursuant to OAR 340-012-0145(5)(c) because Respondent's conduct was negligent. Respondent's Permit expressly requires Respondent to submit an annual report to DEQ by February 15th of each year. On

August 26, 2020, DEQ issued Respondent a Warning Letter for failing to submit its 2019 annual report to DEQ by the February 15, 2020, due date. By failing to take adequate measures to ensure the 2021 annual report would be submitted timely to DEQ, Respondent failed to take reasonable care to avoid a foreseeable risk that Respondent would violate the Permit and Oregon law.

"C" is Respondent's efforts to correct or mitigate the violation and receives a value of -3 according to OAR 340-012-0145(6)(c) because Respondent made reasonable efforts to correct the violation by submitting the 2021 annual report to DEQ on May 26, 2022.

"EB" is the approximate dollar value of the benefit gained and the costs avoided or delayed as a result of 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 as any economic benefit derived is likely to be de minimis.

PENALTY CALCULATION:  $\text{Penalty} = \text{BP} + [(0.1 \times \text{BP}) \times (\text{P} + \text{H} + \text{O} + \text{M} + \text{C})] + \text{EB}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \$375 + [(0.1 \times \$375) \times (0 + 0 + 0 + 4 - 3)] + \$0 \\ &= \$375 + (37.50 \times 1) + \$0 \\ &= \$375 + \$37.50 + \$0 \\ &= \$412.50 \end{aligned}$$