

Storage Tank Enforcement: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Order and Assessment Addressing Selmer, Tennessee Facility



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The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (“TDEC”) issued a July 3rd Order and Assessment (“Order”) to the Selmer Quick Stop for alleged violations of certain Tennessee underground storage tank (“UST”) regulations. See Case No. UST 16-0060.

The Order was issued to Edwin M. Sparkman d/b/a Selmer Quick Stop (“Quick Stop”).

Quick Stop is indicated to be a facility located in Selmer, Tennessee. The Order states that the previously referenced individual is registered as the owner of three USTs at the facility.

A compliance inspection at the Quick Stop is stated to have been conducted by TDEC personnel on June 19, 2015. The inspection allegedly identified the following violations:

1. Failure to conduct line tightness test or do monthly monitoring on pressurized underground piping in accordance with Rule 0400-18-01-04(2)(b)1(ii). Annual line tightness test results for three tanks systems were allegedly not available at the time of the inspection.
2. Failure to test line leak detectors annually in accordance with Rule 0400-18-01-.04(4)(a). Annual line leak detector results for the three tank systems were allegedly not available at the time of the inspection.

The Order states that on June 22, 2015, TDEC personnel sent a Results Compliance Inspection – Action Required certified letter to the previously referenced individual. The letter is stated to have cited the findings allegedly discovered during the inspection and required the individual to submit documentation to TDEC by July 23, 2015, to demonstrate compliance.

TDEC is stated to have received compliance documentation addressing the correctable violation on or about July 21, 2015. The documentation included a:

- Precision Line Tightness and Leak Detector Test report dated July 20, 2015

The Order assesses a civil penalty of \$6,000 and includes associated options for reducing the penalty amount which include:

- Full Civil Penalty Payment Option
- Twenty Percent Civil Penalty Option
- Underground Storage Tank Training Option

[A copy of the Order can be downloaded here.](#)