

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7385 24

HUNT SOUTHLAND REFINING COMPANY LLC
177 HANEY ROAD
HEIDELBERG, MISSISSIPPI 39439

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and Hunt Southland Refining Company LLC, Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (the Facility) at its petroleum refinery located at 177 Haney Road, Heidelberg, Mississippi in Jones County. The Facility is subject to NPDES Permit No. MS0001686 (the Permit).

By letters dated June 18, 2024 and November 5, 2024, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations of the Permit:

- A. Respondent violated the effluent Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) discharge limitations during the January and February 2024 monitoring periods.
- B. Respondent violated the Total Ammonia Nitrogen discharge limitations during the January, February, and March 2024 monitoring periods.
- C. Respondent violated the Sulfide discharge limitations during the January and

September 2024 monitoring periods.

- D. Respondent violated the effluent Total Phenolic Compounds discharge limitations during the January 2024 monitoring period.
- E. Respondent violated the effluent Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) discharge limitations during the January and February 2024 monitoring periods.
- F. Respondent violated the Total Zinc discharge limitations during the January 2024 monitoring period.
- G. Respondent violated the Total Recoverable Aluminum discharge limitation during the January 2024 monitoring period.
- H. Respondent violated the Oil & Grease discharge limitations during the January 2024 monitoring period.
- I. Respondent violated the Total Suspended Solids discharge limitations during the January and February 2024 monitoring periods.

By letter dated February 28, 2024, Respondent notified MDEQ that a tanker truck containing approximately 5,000 gallons of anti-strip additive was mistakenly unloaded into a Crude Oil tank on January 6, 2024. Respondent stated that the anti-strip additive entered the wastewater treatment system, causing a significant upset of the wastewater system and resulting in the violations reported on the January 2024 Discharge Monitoring Report.

By letter dated July 18, 2024, Respondent asserted that 662 truckloads of wastewater were shipped offsite for processing at another refinery since February 19, 2024. Respondent further asserted that the system was reseeded multiple times between February 28, 2024 and July 10, 2024, and the sump and Hydrasep at the Facility were thoroughly cleaned on July 5, 2024.

Respondent subsequently demonstrated compliance with the discharge limitations required by the Permit on Discharge Monitoring Reports submitted to the NetDMR system for the April through August 2024 monitoring periods.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violations listed above, Complainant

and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$75,000.00. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 2339
Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

4.

Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver of that right.

ORDERED, this the 18th day of November, 2024.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: [Signature]

CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

HUNT SOUTHLAND REFINING COMPANY LLC

BY: [Signature]
DAVID CARROLL
SECRETARY

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF TUSCALOOSA

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named DAVID CARROLL, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the SECRETARY of HUNT SOUTHLAND REFINING COMPANY LLC and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 18th day of November, 2024.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: February 16, 2027

