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Operator Address:	Other Address:
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL FACT FINDING PROCEEDING

RE:	Named Party(ies)	Mr Amil Dorra, Owner
	Facility	Shop In 7865 Jordantown Rd. Stewartsville, VA 24179
	Facility ID No.	2002330

Dear Sir/Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Department of Environmental Quality will conduct an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding ("Proceeding") regarding the Facility identified above. The Proceeding will be held via conference call at the date and time listed below. At the scheduled time, dial the Call-In Number and enter the Access Code listed below.

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Proceeding Date	June 10, 2025	Proceeding Time	11:00
Call-In No.	1 434-230-0065	Access Code	445 395 262#

If you have any difficulty accessing the conference call, please call:

Agency Advocate	Sharon Allen
Phone No.	703-583-3882

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Proceeding is to determine whether the underground storage tank(s) (UST(s)) located at this Facility and listed in this Notice are ineligible for delivery, deposit, or acceptance of a regulated substance based on violation(s) of the Underground Storage Tanks: Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements Regulation (the Regulation), 9VAC25-580-10 *et seq.*, as described below.

INFORMATION TO BE USED BY DEQ

To ascertain the facts in this matter, DEQ staff may rely upon DEQ's inspection report(s) for the Facility, any Notice(s) of Violation, the Form 7530-2 Notification for USTs for the Facility, other public documents in DEQ files, and the information presented by witnesses. DEQ staff will also rely on applicable statutes, regulations, and DEQ guidance. Full texts of statutes, regulations, and DEQ guidance can be obtained at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/LawsRegulations.aspx> or <http://lis.virginia.gov/> (statutes and regulations) and <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GDocs.cfm> (DEQ guidance). Copies will be provided upon request.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The following alleged violations are based on inspection(s) conducted on the date(s) listed below. These alleged violations remain unresolved and will be the subject of the Proceeding.

Inspection Date(s)	February 15, 2023 and February 26, 2025	
Alleged Violation	Observations and Legal Requirements	UST No(s).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed to keep required records at the Facility, readily available at an alternative site, or make them immediately available upon request. 9VAC25-580-120: Reporting and Recordkeeping	T1

Alleged Violation	Observations and Legal Requirements	UST No(s).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed to properly perform, repair, replace, test, or provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection for tanks, and/or operation of electronic and mechanical components for USTs at the Facility. 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed 9VAC25-580-130: General Requirements for all UST Systems 9VAC25-580-140: Requirements for Petroleum UST Systems 9VAC25-580-160: Methods of Release Detection for Tanks	T1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed to properly perform, repair, replace, test, or provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection for piping, and/or operation of electronic and mechanical components for USTs at the Facility. 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed 9VAC25-580-130: General Requirements for all UST Systems 9VAC25-580-140: Requirements for Petroleum UST Systems 9VAC25-580-170: Methods of Release Detection for Piping	T2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed to provide, operate, repair, test and/or maintain corrosion protection of the UST system. 9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST Systems 9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading of Existing UST Systems 9VAC25-580-90: Operation and Maintenance of Corrosion Protection 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed	T1, 2, 3, and 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Failed to provide overfill and/or spill prevention / equipment that will prevent a release into the environment. 9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST Systems 9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading of existing UST Systems	T1, 2, 3, and 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to conduct or properly conduct walkthrough inspections. 9VAC25-580-85: Periodic operation and maintenance walkthrough inspections	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to submit a UST notification form or an amended notification form regarding a change in ownership, tank status, tank/piping systems, or substance stored within 30 days after such change or upgrade occurs or is brought into use. 9VAC25-580-70: Notification Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to complete the required training and/or designate Class A, Class B, and/or Class C operators and/or failed to provide written instructions or emergency procedures. 9VAC25-580-125: Operator Training	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to properly conduct testing and/or test spill prevention equipment, overfill equipment, and/or containment sumps. 9VAC25-580-82: Periodic Testing	

Alleged Violation	Observations and Legal Requirements	UST No(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to report a suspected release or unusual operating condition within 24 hours. 9VAC25-580-190: Reporting of Suspected Releases 9VAC25-580-220: Reporting and Cleanup of Spills and Overfills	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to immediately investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances requiring system test/site check and reporting within seven days. 9VAC25-580-210: Release Investigation and Confirmation Steps	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to contain and immediately clean up a spill or overfill that results in a release to the environment that exceeds 25 gallons or that causes a sheen on nearby surface water; and/or take immediate action to prevent further release or migration of a regulated substance; and/or failed to identify and mitigate fire, explosion and vapor hazards; and/or failed to remedy hazards posed by contaminated soils; and/or measure for a release where contamination is most likely; and/or failed to submit an initial abatement report; and/or failed to investigate and remove free product. 9VAC25-580-220: Reporting and Cleanup of Spills and Overfills 9VAC25-580-240: Initial Response 9VAC25-580-250: Initial Abatement Measure and Site Check 9VAC25-580-270: Free Product Removal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to assemble information about the site and the nature of the release, including information gained while confirming the release or completing the initial abatement measures. 9VAC25-580-260: Site Characterization	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to notify 30 days before switching to a specified regulated substance and/or failed to demonstrate proper compatibility. 9VAC25-580-100: Compatibility	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to investigate off-site impacts to determine if the UST system is the source. 9VAC25-580-200: Investigation Due to Off-Site Impacts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to submit a corrective action plan, with all necessary information, according to the required schedule, or perform corrective action to address contaminated soils and groundwater. 9VAC25-580-270: Free Product Removal 9VAC25-580-280: Corrective Action Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to demonstrate financial responsibility for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs. 9VAC25-590-40: Amount and Scope of Financial Responsibility Requirement 9VAC25-590-50: Allowable Mechanisms	

Alleged Violation	Observations and Legal Requirements	UST No(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to maintain evidence of all financial assurance mechanisms used to demonstrate financial responsibility. 9VAC25-590-160: Recordkeeping	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failed to return a tank to compliance that has been classified as ineligible for delivery for more than 90 days, and the tank has not been closed in accordance with 9VAC25-580-310 or 9VAC25-580-320. 9VAC25-580-370.F: Requirements for Delivery Prohibition	

PROCEDURES

You may participate in the conference call yourself or by counsel or other qualified representative pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-4019. At this proceeding, the Responsible Party(ies) will be able to present factual data, argument, or proof in connection with this case. A presiding officer will hear the evidence in this case and prepare a case decision to resolve any issues presented with respect to delivery prohibition.

Based upon DEQ's file and the record of this Proceeding, DEQ will be requesting that the Presiding Officer find that the referenced UST(s) at the Facility identified above are in violation of the Regulation and ineligible for delivery, deposit or acceptance of a regulated substance based on 9VAC25-580-370 of the Regulation.¹

Be advised that if you fail to attend or appear without good cause to an informal fact-finding proceeding conducted pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-4019, the presiding officer may issue a default order regarding the subject of this notice. If a default order is issued, the presiding officer may conduct all further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudication and shall determine all issues in the adjudication, including those affecting you. Further, an order may be issued against you based on any admissions or other evidence without notice to you.

You will be notified of the results of the proceeding in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4019 and have the right to appeal any adverse decision in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4026.

RESOLUTION

Please contact the DEQ staff listed below if you wish to resolve the alleged violations prior to the Informal Fact Finding Proceeding.

¹ You may request to be heard on the Emergency, Rural or Remote Exception. 9VAC25-580-370(I) provides that if the Presiding Officer, acting on behalf of DEQ, determines that a delivery prohibition violation exists he or she can consider whether the threat posed by the violation is outweighed by the need for fuel from the UST(s) to meet an emergency situation or to meet the needs of a rural and remote area. If it is determined that such a condition outweighs the immediate risk of the violation, the Presiding Officer may defer imposition of delivery prohibition for up to 180 days. In every such case the director shall consider (i) issuing a special order under the authority of subdivision 10 of § 10.1-1186 of the Code of Virginia prescribing a prompt schedule for abating the violation and (ii) imposing a civil penalty.

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DEQ Staff	Sharon Allen
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If you complete the necessary work to resolve the potential violations prior to the date of the Proceeding, contact the above DEQ staff immediately so that compliance can be verified. You must provide a written report and appropriate documentation demonstrating that compliance has been achieved 3 business days prior to the Proceeding. If compliance is verified, the Proceeding will be cancelled and the UST(s) will be eligible for receipt of a regulated substance. If compliance is not verified, the Proceeding will go forward as scheduled.

You may waive your right to an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding by submitting a request for waiver prior to the date of the Proceeding. The request shall be in writing and signed by the owner of the UST and include a statement that no material facts are in dispute and that the owner waives his right to an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding and to any other administrative proceeding regarding the potential violations described herein.

FUTURE ACTIONS

If you waive your right to an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding or if these tanks are determined to be in violation of 9VAC25-580-10 *et seq.* and ineligible for delivery, a delivery prohibition notice ("red tag") will be placed on the fill port of the ineligible UST(s) and delivery, deposit or acceptance of a regulated substance into the UST(s) will be prohibited until such time as the UST(s) are returned to compliance. Please be advised that removal of the red tag is prohibited by 9VAC25-580-370 unless authorized, in writing, by DEQ. In addition, for each alleged violation, DEQ is authorized to pursue enforcement actions, seek civil penalties and seek compliance with its rules and regulations in any manner allowed by law.

Please contact the following DEQ staff within 5 business days of the date of this letter to confirm whether you and/or a representative will attend the Proceeding or with any questions related to this Proceeding. Please contact the Agency Advocate listed below at least ten days before the Proceeding Date to request accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, translation services in a language other than English, or other reasonable accommodations to facilitate your meaningful participation in the proceeding.

Agency Advocate	Sharon Allen
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Sincerely,

Hooper Renee lio67069

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Office of Spill Response and Remediation

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2002330 Shop In Exhibit list

Exh 1 – 7530-2 Amelio's ELEI LLC tank owner

Exh 2 –Property card for 7865 Jordontown Rd, Amil Dorra and Ragheda Wanes, owners

Exh 3 – Email from contractor with equipment testing records mentioning CP problems Jan 30 2021

Exh 4 –Failed CP survey (tank 1) January 30 2021

Exh 5 – Inspection notification letter

Exh 6 - Formal UST Inspection report 2/15/2023

Exh 7 – Request for Corrective Action letter with 30 day response time sent to Amil Dorra

Exh 8 – Compliance documents submitted 3/14/2023

Exh 09 – March 23 2023 NOV signed by DEQ PPM to Amil Dorra

Exh 10 – Contractor analysis of compliance issues 5/27/2023 - inconclusive results for T1 CSLD and bonding clamp on tank 1 failing to provide continuity with other tanks and rectifier. (prob damaged during construction for new dispenser island and vent pipe) and need for corrosion expert "to certify site and help maintain the integrity of the tanks"

Exh 11 –June 14 2023 T. Fletcher request to Mr. Dorra for response to Consent Order and penalty documents (sent to him on May 26 2023). Due to non-responsiveness of owner, case was sent to CO Enforcement on June 18 2023.

Exh 12 – Passing results of equipment testing conducted May 30, 2023 - ALLD and LTT for regular, super, and diesel tanks

Exh 13 - VA SCC – Amelio ELEI LLC inactive (cannot reinstate) as of 12/1/2023

Exh 14 –9/11/23 Enforcement Case Closure Memo due incorrect RP/to change of owner – sent back to RO for reinspection of new owner.

Exh 15 – Annual walk-through inspection (9/12/2023); SB (diesel and off road diesel passed, regular and super gas failed), OF (reg, super, and diesel flappers failed, off road diesel not tested/inaccessible), ATG certification (passed, but not probe for regular tank inconsistent during monthly test and off road diesel probe wiring problems), LTT (passed regular, super and on-road diesel) and ALLD (regular, super, and on-road diesel)

Exh 16 – ATG fullest passed test for all tanks March 2024 - Feb 2025.

Exh 17 – Formal UST Inspection Report 2/26/2025

Exh 18 - Warning Letter with 45-day response time (due Apr 18, 2025) sent to Amil Dorra (owner) and Bal Thaps (operator) sent 3/4/2025

Exh 19 - Operator response to WL with new email address for owner Marc 5 2025

Exh 20 – Report annual equipment testing by BRE conducted 2/25/2025; atg (all passed) ALLD (reg, on road diesel passed, unable to test super) LTT (reg and on road passed, unable to test super) OF- ball float valves (regular, super, and off road failed (unable to remove) ; on road diesel passed) SB (all 4 failed),

Exh 21 – 7530-3C new owner Amil Dorra dated 4/1/2025.

Exh 22 – Compliance follow up events