

# Commonwealth of Virginia

# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Stefanie K. Taillon Secretary of Natural and Historical Resources Michael S. Rolband, PE, PWD, PWS Emeritus

July 1, 2025

Owner Address:	Other Address:
Brian Fields	Donald Mitchem
President	Registered Agent/Director of the Corporation
Ewing Oil, Inc.	178 Philos Street
P.O. Box 157	Tazewell, Virginia 24651
North Tazewell, Virginia 24630	
Operator Address:	Other Address:
Blue Grass Mart	
1020 Tazewell Avenue	
North Tazewell, Virginia 24630	

# PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER AND NOTICE OF INFORMAL FACT FINDING PROCEEDING

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Responsible Party(ies)	Ewing Oil, Inc.
Facility Name	Blue Grass Mart
Facility No.	1015097

#### Dear Sir/Madam:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") issued Notice(s) of Violation (the "NOV(s)") on the following date(s) to the Responsible Party(ies) identified above for alleged violations observed at the facility identified above.

NOV Date(s)	June 4, 2025

The Responsible Party(ies) may resolve this matter quickly by entering into the enclosed Consent Order with DEQ within forty-five days from the date of this letter. If DEQ does not receive the signed Consent Order by that date, DEQ will proceed with conducting an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding as explained in Section II below.

#### I. PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER

DEQ wishes to resolve the alleged violations in the NOV by entering into a Consent Order with the Responsible Party(ies). DEQ's proposed Consent Order is enclosed for your review. The proposed Consent Order includes:

X	A civil charge in the amount of 18,007.50
X	Injunctive relief (corrective actions) in Appendix A.

DEQ may reduce the civil charge listed above if you demonstrate inability to pay the proposed amount through submittal of a complete Ability to Pay Application. The Ability to Pay Application includes tax documentation and information regarding assets and liabilities. Please contact the Enforcement Specialist listed below within ten days from the date of this letter to request an Ability to Pay Application. DEQ will assume that you are able to pay the proposed civil charge unless you make a timely request for an Ability to Pay Application and submit a complete application in accordance with the schedule and directions provided.

If you agree with the terms of the proposed Consent Order, please sign and date the Consent Order and send it within forty-five days from the date of this letter to:

Enforcement Specialist	Jonathan Chapman
Address	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Southwest Regional Office 355-A Deadmore Street Abingdon, Virginia 24210
Email	jonathan.chapman@deq.virginia.gov

The order is subject to public notice and comment before it becomes final. A copy of the fully executed order will be returned to you for implementation upon signature on behalf of DEQ.

#### II. NOTICE OF INFORMAL FACT FINDING PROCEEDING

You are hereby notified that if DEQ does not receive the signed Consent Order within forty-five days from the date of this letter, an Informal Fact Finding Proceeding will be held via conference call at the

date and time listed below. At the scheduled time, dial the Call-In Number listed below, and enter the Access Code listed below when requested.

<b>Proceeding Date</b>	September 8, 2025	<b>Proceeding Time</b>	11:00 AM
Call-In No.	(434) 230-0065	Access Code	100789773

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

Agency Advocate	Michelle Callahan
Phone No.	(804) 664-3893

The Informal Fact Finding Proceeding will be conducted pursuant to Va. Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 10.1-1186 to determine whether the Responsible Party(ies) violated the Virginia Code and Regulations as listed in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in Section C of the enclosed Consent Order. The Informal Fact Finding Proceeding will also determine the appropriateness of a civil penalty, injunctive relief, and/or delivery prohibition.

#### DEQ staff will request:

X A Special Order requiring the Responsible Party(ies) to: Pay the maximum civil penalty authorized by law, and pay attorneys' fees of 30% of the X amount outstanding should DEQ have to refer collection of the civil penalty to the Department of Law. Comply with the Virginia Code and Regulations by completing the corrective actions X listed in Appendix A of the enclosed proposed Consent Order. A Delivery Prohibition Decision determining that Tanks 1, 2, 3, & 4 at the Facility are in violation of the Underground Storage Tanks: Technical Standards and Corrective Action X Requirements Regulation and/or the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Requirements Regulation and ineligible for delivery, deposit, or acceptance of a regulated substance based on 9 VAC 25-580-370.1

To ascertain the facts in this matter, DEQ staff may rely upon DEQ's inspection report(s) for the Facility, the NOV(s), 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 <a href="http://www.deq.virginia.gov/LawsRegulations.aspx">http://www.deq.virginia.gov/LawsRegulations.aspx</a> or <a href="http://lis.virginia.gov/">http://lis.virginia.gov/</a> (statutes and regulations) and <a href="http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GDocs.cfm">http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GDocs.cfm</a> (DEQ guidance). Copies will be provided upon request.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> You may request to be heard on the Emergency, Rural or Remote Exemption. 9 VAC 25-580-370(I) provides that if the Presiding Officer 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.

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. The Presiding Officer will prepare an independent Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a draft Special Order for the Director's review. Then the Director may issue a Special Order under Va. Code § 10.1-1186, which may include both injunctive relief and a civil penalty.

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.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the following DEQ staff who will represent DEQ at 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	Michelle Callahan
Phone No.	(804) 664-3893
Email	michelle.callahan@deq.virginia.gov

#### Sincerely,

Blalock Susan	Digitally signed by: Blalock Susan wps59806 DN: CN = Blalock Susan wps59806 OU =			
wps59806	COV-Users, End-Users, DEQ Date: 2025.07.01 14:29:13 -04'00'			

Enforcement & Air Compliance/Monitoring Manager

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (276) 608-8848 susan.blalock@deq.virginia.gov Southwest Regional Office 355-A Deadmore Street Abingdon, Virginia 24210 (276) 676-4800

Enclosure



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# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONSENT ORDER ISSUED to EWING OIL, INC.

as the Owner/Operator of an UST FACILITY (ID# 1015097 ) and the RESPONSIBLE PARTY(ies)

### **SECTION A: Purpose**

This is a Consent Order issued under the authority of Va. Code § 62.1-44.15 for the purpose of resolving certain violations of the State Water Control Law and the applicable regulations.

## **SECTION B: Definitions**

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the terms used in this Consent Order have the meanings assigned to them in Va. Code §62.1-44.2 *et seq.*, 10.1-1182 *et seq.*, and 9VAC25-580-10 *et seq.* 

#### **SECTION C: Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

Facility Ad	dress	Street A	Address	1020	Tazewell Avenue				
		City North Tazewe		azewe	ell	Virginia	Zip Code	24360	
Inspection 1	Date	Noven	nber 18,	2024	<b>Request for Compliance Action Date</b> November 18		18, 2024		
Warning L	etter Date	February 19, 2025		025	Notice of Violation Date		June 4, 20	June 4, 2025	
	UST#	Regula	ted Subst	tance	Volume of UST (Gallons)				
	1	Diesel			6000				
	2	Gasoli	ine		4000				
	3	Gasoli	ne		6000				
	4	Gasoli	ine		2000				
		Not A	pplicable	;					
Total # of UST	4		JST capacility (Gal		18000				

	Observations and Legal Requirements	Civil Char	Subtotal		
	Failed to keep required records at the Facility, readily available at an alternative site, or make them immediately available upon request.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0	
	<b>9VAC25-580-120: Reporting and Recordkeeping</b> 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.	Occurrences Potential for Harm	Moderate		
V	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	Occurrences	4	\$ 2,848	
	Failed to properly perform, repair, replace, test, or provide release detection for piping, and/or operation of electronic and mechanical components for USTs at the Facility.  9VAC25-580-82: Periodic Testing	Potential for Harm	Blank		
	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	Occurrences		\$ 0	
	Failed to provide, operate, repair, test and/or maintain corrosion protection of the UST system.  9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST Systems	Potential for Harm	Serious	Ф.5.202	
	9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading of Existing UST Systems 9VAC25-580-90: Operation and Maintenance of Corrosion Protection 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed	Occurrences	4	\$ 5,292	
	Failed to properly perform, repair, replace test, or provide equipment that will prevent a release into the environment:  Overfill equipment  Spill prevention equipment	Potential for Harm	Moderate		
	9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST Systems 9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading Existing UST System 9VAC25-580-82: Periodic Testing 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed	Occurrences	3	\$ 2,136	
	Failed to conduct or properly conduct walkthrough inspections.  9VAC25-580-85: Periodic operation and maintenance walkthrough	Potential for Harm	Moderate	\$ 712	
	inspections	Occurrences	1	Ψ /12	
	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	Potential for Harm	Moderate	\$ 712	
	emergency procedures. 9VAC25-580-125: Operator Training	Occurrences	1	Ψ / 1 Δ	
	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	Potential for Harm	Marginal	¢ 205	
	brought into use.  9VAC25-580-70: Notification Requirements	Occurrences	1	\$ 305	
	Failed to report a suspected release or unusual operating condition within 24 hours.	Potential for Harm	Blank		
П	9VAC25-580-190: Reporting of Suspected Releases 9VAC25-580-220: Reporting and Cleanup of Spills and Overfills	Occurrences		\$ 0	
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Observations and Legal Requirements	Civil Charg	ge	Subtotal
Failed to immediately investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances requiring system test/site check and reporting within seven days.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
9VAC25-580-210: Release Investigation and Confirmation Steps	Occurrences		
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		Blank	
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	Occurrences		\$ 0
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.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
9VAC25-580-260: Site Characterization	Occurrences		
UST system is not compatible with the substance stored, failed to notify 30	Potential for Harm	Blank	
days before switching to a specified regulated substance, and/or failed to demonstrate proper compatibility.  9VAC25-580-100: Compatibility	Occurrences		\$ 0
Failed to investigate off-site impacts to determine if the UST system is the source.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
9VAC25-580-200: Investigation Due to Off-Site Impacts	Occurrences		
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.	Potential for Harm	Blank	
9VAC25-580-270: Free Product Removal 9VAC25-580-280: Corrective Action Plan	Occurrences		\$ 0
failed to keep temporarily closed UST system in compliance with	Potential for Harm	Blank	- \$ O
requirements. 9VAC25-580-310: Temporary Closure	Occurrences		
Failed to repair or permanently close a UST system that does not meet the new UST or UST upgrade requirements, and/or failed to follow the requirements to permanently close a UST system.  9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST systems	Potential for Harm	Blank	
9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading of existing UST systems 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed 9VAC25-580-310: Temporary Closure 9VAC25-580-320: Permanent Closure and Change-In-Service	Occurrences		\$ 0

	Observation and Legal Requirements		Civil Charge	Subtotal		
	Delivered or accepted a regulated substance into an ineligible UST.	Potential for Harm	Blank	Φ.Ω		
	9VAC25-580-370: Requirements for Delivery Prohibition	Occurrences		\$ 0		
	Failed to demonstrate financial responsibility for taking corrective action for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage of by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs.		Blank	-\$0		
	9VAC25-590-40: Amount and Scope of Financial Responsibility 9VAC25-590-50: Allowable Mechanisms	Occurrences		\$0		
	Failed to maintain evidence of all financial assurance mechanisms use demonstrate financial responsibility.	d to Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0		
	9VAC25-590-160: Recordkeeping	Occurrences				
	Civil Charge Subtotal	·	\$ 12,005.00			
	Potential for Harr	n				
hea <b>Ma</b> reg effe	uirement or actual harm to the integrity of the regulatory program and /elth or the environment.  rginal: A violation is classified as Moderate if (1) the severity of the ulatory requirement or actual harm to the integrity of the regulatory project to human health or the environment.  tigating or Aggravating Factors:	e violation presents little o	r no deviation	from the		
		tory Harm				
Rec	reptor Nearby: ☐ Yes ☐ No Facility	Risk Ranking: ☐ High ☑ M	Medium □ Lo	w		
Adj	acent to surface water: 🗹 Yes 🗆 No Deviation	on from requirement:   Hig	h   Medium	$\square$ Low		
US'	$\Gamma$ location: $\square$ residential $\square$ industrial/commercial $\square$ rural Harm to	integrity of program:   Hi	gh 🗹 Medium	n □ Low		
	oundwater used as drinking water: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown Risk to por intrusion potential: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ Unknown	Agency: 🗆 High 🗹 Mediu	m □ Low			
Ar	Additional Information:  An unnamed tributary to the Clinch River lies within approximately 20 feet of the facility. Facility lies within an industrial/commercial area, across the road from a residential area.					
	Degree of Culpability	7				
✓ ✓ Add Ev	pability Ranking: ☐ Low ☑ Medium ☐ Serious ☐ High Sophisticated Owner/Operator ☐ History of compliance. ☑ Degr Foreseeability of the events. ☑ Evidence of unjustified delay. Reasonable precautions taken to mitigate violations. ☐ Failed to coditional Information: wing Oil, Inc. had been made aware of the violations through the Noven	mply with a consent order, on the section and	r special order Request for C	orrective		
A	ction and a February 19, 2025 Warning Letter, yet the violations remain	unresolved until after the NO	OV was issued			

Additional Civil Charge Assess	Subtotal				
Degree of Culpability	Serious	\$ 6,002.50			
Consent Order in another media Program within 36 months	No	\$ 0.00			
Consent Order in the same media program within 36 months	\$ 0.00				
Aggravating Factors Subtotal	\$ 6,002.50				
Civil Charge Subtotal and Aggravating Factor Subtotal	\$ 18,007.50				
Cooperativeness and Quick Settlement	0%	\$ 0.00			
Economic Benefit of Noncompliance	No				
Ability to Pay was evaluated and there is an ability to pay.					
Total Civil Charge \$ 18,007.					
Based on the results of staff observations, The Department concludes the Responsible Party has violated Va. Code and Regulations as identified herein.					

# **SECTION D: Agreement and Order**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority granted it in Va. Code §§ 62.1-44.15, the Department orders the Responsible Party, and the Responsible Party agrees to:

	Submit documentation demonstrating financial responsibility in accordance with 9VAC25-590-10 et sequithin 30 days of the effective date of the Consent Order, if this box is checked.
<b>v</b>	Pay the total civil charge of $\frac{$18,007.50}{}$ in settlement of the violations cited in this Order in accordance with the following:
~	Within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, or
	In accordance with the following payment schedule:

<b>Due Date</b>	Amount

If the Department fails to receive a civil charge payment pursuant to the schedule described above, the payment shall be deemed late. If any payment is late by 30 days or more, the entire remaining balance of the civil charge shall become immediately due and owing under this Consent Order, and the Department may demand in writing full payment by the Permittee. Within 15 days of receipt of such letter, Permittee shall pay the remaining balance of the civil charge. Any acceptance by the Department of a late payment or of any payment of less than the remaining balance shall not act as a waiver of the acceleration of the remaining balance under this Consent Order.

Payment shall be made by either credit card at <a href="www.deq.virginia.gov">www.deq.virginia.gov</a>, or check, certified check, money order or cashier's check payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia," and delivered to:

Receipts Control Department of Environmental Quality Post Office Box 1104 Richmond, VA 23218

The Responsible Party shall include its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), if applicable, with the civil charge payment and shall indicate that the payment is being made in accordance with the requirements of this Consent Order for deposit into the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund (VPSTF).

If the Department must refer collection of moneys due under this Order to the Department of Law, Responsible Party shall be liable for attorneys' fees of 30% of the amount outstanding.

# **SECTION E: Administrative Provisions**

- 1. The Department may modify, rewrite, or amend this Consent Order with the consent of the Responsible Party for good cause shown by the Responsible Party, or on its own motion pursuant to the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 et seq., after notice and opportunity to be heard.
- 2. This Consent Order addresses and resolves only those violations specifically identified in Section C of this Consent Order. This Consent Order shall not preclude the Department or the Director from taking any action authorized by law, including but not limited to: (1) taking any action authorized by law regarding any additional, subsequent, or subsequently discovered violations; (2) seeking subsequent remediation of the facility; or (3) taking subsequent action to enforce the Consent Order.
- 3. For purposes of this Consent Order and subsequent actions with respect to this Consent Order only, the Responsible Party admits the jurisdictional allegations, and agrees not to contest, but neither admits nor denies, the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this Consent Order.
- 4. The Responsible Party consents to venue in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond for any civil action taken to enforce the terms of this Consent Order.
- 5. The Responsible Party declares it has received fair and due process under the Administrative Process Act and the State Water Control Law and it waives the right to any hearing or other administrative proceeding authorized or required by law or regulation, and to any judicial review of any issue of fact or law contained herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the right to any administrative proceeding for, or to judicial review of, any action taken by the Department to modify, rewrite, amend, or enforce this Consent Order.
- 6. Failure by the Responsible Party to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of an order of the Department. Nothing herein shall waive the initiation of appropriate enforcement actions or the issuance of additional orders as appropriate by the Department or the Director as a result of such violations. Nothing herein shall affect appropriate enforcement actions by any other federal, state, or local regulatory authority.

- 7. If any provision of this Consent Order is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8. The Responsible Party shall be responsible for failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order unless compliance is made impossible by earthquake, flood, other acts of God, war, strike, or such other unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. The Responsible Party shall demonstrate that such circumstances were beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. The Responsible Party shall notify the DEQ Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days when circumstances are anticipated to occur, are occurring, or have occurred that may delay compliance or cause noncompliance with any requirement of the Consent Order. Such notice shall set forth:
  - a. the reasons for the delay or noncompliance;
  - b. the projected duration of any such delay or noncompliance;
  - c. the measures taken and to be taken to prevent or minimize such delay or noncompliance; and
  - d. the timetable by which such measures will be implemented, and the date full compliance will be achieved.
  - e. Failure to so notify the Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days, of learning of any condition above, which the parties intend to assert will result in the impossibility of compliance, shall constitute a waiver of any claim to inability to comply with a requirement of this Consent Order.
- 9. This Consent Order is binding on the parties hereto and any successors in interest, designees and assigns, jointly and severally.
- 10. This Consent Order shall become effective upon execution by both the Director or his designee and The Responsible Party. Nevertheless, the Responsible Party agrees to be bound by any compliance date which precedes the effective date of this Consent Order.
- 11. This Consent Order shall continue in effect until:
  - a. The Director or his designee terminates the Consent Order after the Responsible Party has completed all of the requirements of the Consent Order;
  - b. The Responsible Party petitions the Director or his designee to terminate the Consent Order after it has completed all of the requirements of the Consent Order and the Director or his designee approves the termination of the Consent Order; or
  - c. The Director or Department terminates the Consent Order in his or its sole discretion upon 30 days' written notice to the Responsible Party.
  - d. Termination of this Consent Order, or any obligation imposed in this Consent Order, shall not operate to relieve the Responsible Party from its obligation to comply with any statute, regulation, permit condition, other order, certificate, certification, standard, or requirement otherwise applicable.
- 12. Any plans, reports, schedules or specifications attached hereto or submitted by the Responsible Party and approved by the Department pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated into this Consent Order. Any noncompliance with such approved documents shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.
- 13. The undersigned representative of the Responsible Party certifies that he or she is a responsible official [or officer] authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Order and to execute and legally bind the Responsible Party to this document. Any documents to be submitted pursuant to this Consent Order shall also be submitted by a responsible official of the Responsible Party.
- 14. This Consent Order constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning settlement of the violations identified in Section C of this Consent Order, and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms or conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this Consent Order.
- 15. By its signature below, the Responsible Party voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Consent Order.

DEQ Signature	Date
DEQ Name Printed	Title
Party and acknowledge that there are no material fa	duly appointed representative/officer of the Responsibacts in dispute with respect to the violations as identifi
in this Consent Order.	
Responsible Party Signature	Date
Responsible Party Name Printed	Title
responsible rury rume rimed	
EQ Contact	
lless otherwise specified in this Order, the Responsible Sorder to:	ble Party shall submit all requirements of Appendix A
nathan Chapman	
rginia DEO Southwest Pagional Office	
rginia DEQ - Southwest Regional Office 5-A Deadmore Street	

And it is so **ORDERED**.

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

jonathan.chapman@deq.virginia.gov

# APPENDIX A SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The Responsible Party shall take the following actions:

	Correction to be Performed	<b>Due Date</b>
	Submit an updated Notification for the UST system in accordance with 9VAC25-580-70.	
	Submit documentation demonstrating financial responsibility in accordance with 9VAC25-590-10 et seq.	
	Provide passing records for months of tank release detection in accordance with the requirements set forth in 9VAC25-580-130 <i>et seq</i> .	
	Submit training documentation verify training has been conducted in accordance with 9VAC25-580-120, and - 125.  ☐ Certification for Class A ☐ Class B ☐ Class C ☐ Current list of operators ☐ ☐ Emergency procedures	
V	Provide records demonstrating adequate corrosion protection on the UST system is in accordance with 9VAC25-580-90, -110, -120.  ☑ Repair or installation records ☑ Passing cathodic protection system test results ☑ 60 day rectifier test results	90 days
	Provide passing results demonstrating compliance with equipment inspections and testing in accordance with 9 VAC25-580-82, -110, -130, -170, -180.  ☐ Release detection equipment testing: ☐ Tank ☐ Pipe ☐ Equipment testing or inspection: ☐ Spill ☐ Overfill ☐ Containment sumps ☐ Automatic line leak detector testing. ☐ Line tightness testing.	
	Submit walkthrough inspection results in accordance with 9VAC25-580-85.    Monthly walkthrough; Months	
	Submit temporary tank closure documentation in accordance with 9VAC25-580-70, and -310.  Building Permit  Notification form registering tank(s) as temporarily closed  Demonstrate the vent lines are open and functioning and ancillary equipment is secured  Demonstrate the tank(s) are empty	
	Submit permanent tank closure documentation in accordance with 9VAC25-580-70, and -320.  Building Permit  Notification form registering tank(s) as permanently closed  Site assessment report including closure soil sampling results	



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#### **SECTION C: Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

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City North Tazew		azewe	ell	Virginia	Zip Code	24360		
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Warning L	etter Date	Februa	ary 19, 20	025	Notice of Violation Date		June 4, 20	25
	UST#	Regula	ted Subst	tance	Volume of UST (Gallons)			
	1	Diesel			6000			
	2	Gasoli	ine		4000			
	3	Gasoli	ne		6000			
	4	Gasoli	ine		2000			
		Not A	pplicable	;				
Total # of UST	4		JST capacility (Gal		18000			

	Observations and Legal Requirements	Civil Char	ge	Subtotal
	Failed to keep required records at the Facility, readily available at an alternative site, or make them immediately available upon request.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
	<b>9VAC25-580-120: Reporting and Recordkeeping</b> 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.	Occurrences Potential for Harm	Moderate	
V	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	Occurrences	4	\$ 2,848
	Failed to properly perform, repair, replace, test, or provide release detection for piping, and/or operation of electronic and mechanical components for USTs at the Facility.  9VAC25-580-82: Periodic Testing	Potential for Harm	Blank	
	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	Occurrences		\$ 0
	Failed to provide, operate, repair, test and/or maintain corrosion protection of the UST system.  9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST Systems	Potential for Harm	Serious	Ф.5.202
	9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading of Existing UST Systems 9VAC25-580-90: Operation and Maintenance of Corrosion Protection 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed	Occurrences	4	\$ 5,292
	will prevent a release into the environment:  ✓ Overfill equipment ✓ Spill prevention equipment	Potential for Harm	Moderate	
		Occurrences	3	\$ 2,136
	Failed to conduct or properly conduct walkthrough inspections.  9VAC25-580-85: Periodic operation and maintenance walkthrough	Potential for Harm	Moderate	\$ 712
	inspections	Occurrences	1	Ψ /12
	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	Potential for Harm	Moderate	\$ 712
	emergency procedures. 9VAC25-580-125: Operator Training	Occurrences	1	Ψ / 1 Δ
	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	Potential for Harm	Marginal	¢ 205
	brought into use.  9VAC25-580-70: Notification Requirements	Occurrences	1	\$ 305
	Failed to report a suspected release or unusual operating condition within 24	Potential for Harm	Blank	
П	hours. 9VAC25-580-190: Reporting of Suspected Releases 9VAC25-580-220: Reporting and Cleanup of Spills and Overfills	Occurrences		\$ 0
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	Observations and Legal Requirements	Civil Charg	ge	Subtotal
	Failed to immediately investigate and confirm all suspected releases of regulated substances requiring system test/site check and reporting within seven days.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
	9VAC25-580-210: Release Investigation and Confirmation Steps	Occurrences		
	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	Potential for Harm	Blank	
	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	Occurrences		\$ 0
	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.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
	9VAC25-580-260: Site Characterization	Occurrences		
		Potential for Harm	Blank	
	days before switching to a specified regulated substance, and/or failed to demonstrate proper compatibility.  9VAC25-580-100: Compatibility	Occurrences		\$ 0
	system is the source.	Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0
	9VAC25-580-200: Investigation Due to Off-Site Impacts	Occurrences		
	according to the required schedule, or perform corrective action to address	Potential for Harm	Blank	
	contaminated soils and groundwater.  9VAC25-580-270: Free Product Removal  9VAC25-580-280: Corrective Action Plan	Occurrences		\$ 0
_	failed to keep temporarily closed UST system in compliance with	Potential for Harm	Blank	-i \$ 0
	requirements. 9VAC25-580-310: Temporary Closure	Occurrences		ΨΟ
	Failed to repair or permanently close a UST system that does not meet the new UST or UST upgrade requirements, and/or failed to follow the requirements to permanently close a UST system.  9VAC25-580-50: Performance Standards for New UST systems	Potential for Harm	Blank	
	9VAC25-580-60: Upgrading of existing UST systems 9VAC25-580-110: Repairs Allowed 9VAC25-580-310: Temporary Closure 9VAC25-580-320: Permanent Closure and Change-In-Service	Occurrences		\$ 0

	Observation and Legal Requirements		Civil Charge	Subtotal		
	Delivered or accepted a regulated substance into an ineligible UST.	Potential for Harm	Blank	Φ.Ω		
	9VAC25-580-370: Requirements for Delivery Prohibition	Occurrences		\$ 0		
	Failed to demonstrate financial responsibility for taking corrective action for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage of by accidental releases arising from the operation of petroleum USTs.		Blank	-\$0		
	9VAC25-590-40: Amount and Scope of Financial Responsibility 9VAC25-590-50: Allowable Mechanisms	Occurrences		\$0		
	Failed to maintain evidence of all financial assurance mechanisms use demonstrate financial responsibility.	d to Potential for Harm	Blank	\$ 0		
	9VAC25-590-160: Recordkeeping	Occurrences				
	Civil Charge Subtotal	·	\$ 12,005.00			
	Potential for Harr	n				
hea <b>Ma</b> reg effe	uirement or actual harm to the integrity of the regulatory program and /elth or the environment.  rginal: A violation is classified as Moderate if (1) the severity of the ulatory requirement or actual harm to the integrity of the regulatory project to human health or the environment.  tigating or Aggravating Factors:	e violation presents little o	r no deviation	from the		
		tory Harm				
Rec	reptor Nearby: ☐ Yes ☐ No Facility	Risk Ranking: ☐ High ☑ M	Medium □ Lo	w		
Adj	acent to surface water: 🗹 Yes 🗆 No Deviation	on from requirement:   Hig	h   Medium	$\square$ Low		
US'	$\Gamma$ location: $\square$ residential $\square$ industrial/commercial $\square$ rural Harm to	integrity of program:   Hi	gh 🗹 Medium	n □ Low		
	oundwater used as drinking water: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown Risk to por intrusion potential: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ Unknown	Agency: 🗆 High 🗹 Mediu	m □ Low			
Ar	Additional Information:  An unnamed tributary to the Clinch River lies within approximately 20 feet of the facility. Facility lies within an industrial/commercial area, across the road from a residential area.					
	Degree of Culpability	7				
✓ ✓ Add Ev	pability Ranking: ☐ Low ☑ Medium ☐ Serious ☐ High Sophisticated Owner/Operator ☐ History of compliance. ☑ Degr Foreseeability of the events. ☑ Evidence of unjustified delay. Reasonable precautions taken to mitigate violations. ☐ Failed to coditional Information: wing Oil, Inc. had been made aware of the violations through the Noven	mply with a consent order, on the section and	r special order Request for C	orrective		
A	ction and a February 19, 2025 Warning Letter, yet the violations remain	unresolved until after the NO	OV was issued			

Additional Civil Charge Assess	Subtotal				
Degree of Culpability	Serious	\$ 6,002.50			
Consent Order in another media Program within 36 months	No	\$ 0.00			
Consent Order in the same media program within 36 months	\$ 0.00				
Aggravating Factors Subtotal	\$ 6,002.50				
Civil Charge Subtotal and Aggravating Factor Subtotal	\$ 18,007.50				
Cooperativeness and Quick Settlement	0%	\$ 0.00			
Economic Benefit of Noncompliance	No				
Ability to Pay was evaluated and there is an ability to pay.					
Total Civil Charge \$ 18,007.					
Based on the results of staff observations, The Department concludes the Responsible Party has violated Va. Code and Regulations as identified herein.					

# **SECTION D: Agreement and Order**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority granted it in Va. Code §§ 62.1-44.15, the Department orders the Responsible Party, and the Responsible Party agrees to:

	Submit documentation demonstrating financial responsibility in accordance with 9VAC25-590-10 et sequithin 30 days of the effective date of the Consent Order, if this box is checked.
<b>v</b>	Pay the total civil charge of $\frac{$18,007.50}{}$ in settlement of the violations cited in this Order in accordance with the following:
~	Within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, or
	In accordance with the following payment schedule:

<b>Due Date</b>	Amount

If the Department fails to receive a civil charge payment pursuant to the schedule described above, the payment shall be deemed late. If any payment is late by 30 days or more, the entire remaining balance of the civil charge shall become immediately due and owing under this Consent Order, and the Department may demand in writing full payment by the Permittee. Within 15 days of receipt of such letter, Permittee shall pay the remaining balance of the civil charge. Any acceptance by the Department of a late payment or of any payment of less than the remaining balance shall not act as a waiver of the acceleration of the remaining balance under this Consent Order.

Payment shall be made by either credit card at <a href="www.deq.virginia.gov">www.deq.virginia.gov</a>, or check, certified check, money order or cashier's check payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia," and delivered to:

Receipts Control Department of Environmental Quality Post Office Box 1104 Richmond, VA 23218

The Responsible Party shall include its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), if applicable, with the civil charge payment and shall indicate that the payment is being made in accordance with the requirements of this Consent Order for deposit into the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund (VPSTF).

If the Department must refer collection of moneys due under this Order to the Department of Law, Responsible Party shall be liable for attorneys' fees of 30% of the amount outstanding.

# **SECTION E: Administrative Provisions**

- 1. The Department may modify, rewrite, or amend this Consent Order with the consent of the Responsible Party for good cause shown by the Responsible Party, or on its own motion pursuant to the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 et seq., after notice and opportunity to be heard.
- 2. This Consent Order addresses and resolves only those violations specifically identified in Section C of this Consent Order. This Consent Order shall not preclude the Department or the Director from taking any action authorized by law, including but not limited to: (1) taking any action authorized by law regarding any additional, subsequent, or subsequently discovered violations; (2) seeking subsequent remediation of the facility; or (3) taking subsequent action to enforce the Consent Order.
- 3. For purposes of this Consent Order and subsequent actions with respect to this Consent Order only, the Responsible Party admits the jurisdictional allegations, and agrees not to contest, but neither admits nor denies, the findings of fact and conclusions of law in this Consent Order.
- 4. The Responsible Party consents to venue in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond for any civil action taken to enforce the terms of this Consent Order.
- 5. The Responsible Party declares it has received fair and due process under the Administrative Process Act and the State Water Control Law and it waives the right to any hearing or other administrative proceeding authorized or required by law or regulation, and to any judicial review of any issue of fact or law contained herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the right to any administrative proceeding for, or to judicial review of, any action taken by the Department to modify, rewrite, amend, or enforce this Consent Order.
- 6. Failure by the Responsible Party to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of an order of the Department. Nothing herein shall waive the initiation of appropriate enforcement actions or the issuance of additional orders as appropriate by the Department or the Director as a result of such violations. Nothing herein shall affect appropriate enforcement actions by any other federal, state, or local regulatory authority.

- 7. If any provision of this Consent Order is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8. The Responsible Party shall be responsible for failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order unless compliance is made impossible by earthquake, flood, other acts of God, war, strike, or such other unforeseeable circumstances beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. The Responsible Party shall demonstrate that such circumstances were beyond its control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on its part. The Responsible Party shall notify the DEQ Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days when circumstances are anticipated to occur, are occurring, or have occurred that may delay compliance or cause noncompliance with any requirement of the Consent Order. Such notice shall set forth:
  - a. the reasons for the delay or noncompliance;
  - b. the projected duration of any such delay or noncompliance;
  - c. the measures taken and to be taken to prevent or minimize such delay or noncompliance; and
  - d. the timetable by which such measures will be implemented, and the date full compliance will be achieved.
  - e. Failure to so notify the Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days, of learning of any condition above, which the parties intend to assert will result in the impossibility of compliance, shall constitute a waiver of any claim to inability to comply with a requirement of this Consent Order.
- 9. This Consent Order is binding on the parties hereto and any successors in interest, designees and assigns, jointly and severally.
- 10. This Consent Order shall become effective upon execution by both the Director or his designee and The Responsible Party. Nevertheless, the Responsible Party agrees to be bound by any compliance date which precedes the effective date of this Consent Order.
- 11. This Consent Order shall continue in effect until:
  - a. The Director or his designee terminates the Consent Order after the Responsible Party has completed all of the requirements of the Consent Order;
  - b. The Responsible Party petitions the Director or his designee to terminate the Consent Order after it has completed all of the requirements of the Consent Order and the Director or his designee approves the termination of the Consent Order; or
  - c. The Director or Department terminates the Consent Order in his or its sole discretion upon 30 days' written notice to the Responsible Party.
  - d. Termination of this Consent Order, or any obligation imposed in this Consent Order, shall not operate to relieve the Responsible Party from its obligation to comply with any statute, regulation, permit condition, other order, certificate, certification, standard, or requirement otherwise applicable.
- 12. Any plans, reports, schedules or specifications attached hereto or submitted by the Responsible Party and approved by the Department pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated into this Consent Order. Any noncompliance with such approved documents shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.
- 13. The undersigned representative of the Responsible Party certifies that he or she is a responsible official [or officer] authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Order and to execute and legally bind the Responsible Party to this document. Any documents to be submitted pursuant to this Consent Order shall also be submitted by a responsible official of the Responsible Party.
- 14. This Consent Order constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning settlement of the violations identified in Section C of this Consent Order, and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms or conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this Consent Order.
- 15. By its signature below, the Responsible Party voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Consent Order.

DEQ Signature	Date
DEQ Name Printed	Title
	duly appointed representative/officer of the Responsibacts in dispute with respect to the violations as identifi
in this Consent Order.	
Responsible Party Signature	Date
Responsible Party Name Printed	Title
responsible rury rume rimed	
EQ Contact	
lless otherwise specified in this Order, the Responsible Sorder to:	ble Party shall submit all requirements of Appendix A
nathan Chapman	
rginia DEO Southwest Pagional Office	
rginia DEQ - Southwest Regional Office 5-A Deadmore Street	

And it is so **ORDERED**.

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

jonathan.chapman@deq.virginia.gov

# APPENDIX A SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The Responsible Party shall take the following actions:

Correction to be Performed		
	Submit an updated Notification for the UST system in accordance with 9VAC25-580-70.	
	Submit documentation demonstrating financial responsibility in accordance with 9VAC25-590-10 <i>et seq</i> .	
	Provide passing records for months of tank release detection in accordance with the requirements set forth in 9VAC25-580-130 <i>et seq</i> .	
	Submit training documentation verify training has been conducted in accordance with 9VAC25-580-120, and - 125.  ☐ Certification for Class A ☐ Class B ☐ Class C ☐ Current list of operators ☐ ☐ Emergency procedures	
V	Provide records demonstrating adequate corrosion protection on the UST system is in accordance with 9VAC25-580-90, -110, -120.  ☑ Repair or installation records ☑ Passing cathodic protection system test results ☑ 60 day rectifier test results	90 days
	Provide passing results demonstrating compliance with equipment inspections and testing in accordance with 9 VAC25-580-82, -110, -130, -170, -180.  ☐ Release detection equipment testing: ☐ Tank ☐ Pipe ☐ Equipment testing or inspection: ☐ Spill ☐ Overfill ☐ Containment sumps ☐ Automatic line leak detector testing. ☐ Line tightness testing.	
	Submit walkthrough inspection results in accordance with 9VAC25-580-85.	
	Submit temporary tank closure documentation in accordance with 9VAC25-580-70, and -310.  Building Permit   Notification form registering tank(s) as temporarily closed  Demonstrate the vent lines are open and functioning and ancillary equipment is secured  Demonstrate the tank(s) are empty	
	Submit permanent tank closure documentation in accordance with 9VAC25-580-70, and -320.  Building Permit  Notification form registering tank(s) as permanently closed  Site assessment report including closure soil sampling results	