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# October 15, 2025

Columbus 2 Food Mart LLC Attn: Guljinder Singh, Registered Agent 3520 W Jonathan Moore Pike Columbus, IN 47201 Columbus 2 Food Mart LLC Attn: Guljinder Singh, Registered Agent Via email: garylobana@yahoo.com

Re: Violation Letter
Marathon Food Mart
3350 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, Bartholomew County
UST Facility ID # 239

# Dear Owner and Operator:

An inspector from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section, conducted an inspection of the site referenced above on September 22, 2025.

The inspection was conducted pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 13-14-2-2 to determine compliance with the provisions of IC 13-23 and 329 IAC 9. In accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection: Initial

Results of Inspection: Violations were discovered and require a submittal.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, documentation demonstrating compliance with each of the requirements listed in the attached Inspection Report and Description of Violations (DOV) must be submitted to IDEM. Failure to submit this documentation may lead to this facility being referred for enforcement.

An enforcement action may include civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per UST. Enforcement actions may also affect the owner's and/or operator's eligibility for reimbursement from the Excess Liability Trust Fund (ELTF). Additionally, IDEM may deem the USTs at this facility ineligible for delivery, deposit or acceptance of regulated substances pursuant to IC 13-23-1-4. Finally, federal and criminal penalties may apply for failure to provide required notification; or submitting false information pursuant to IC 13-23-14-2 and liable under IC 13-30-10.



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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please submit the required documents to the UST Section via email at <a href="USTCompliance@idem.in.gov">USTCompliance@idem.in.gov</a>. Include in the subject line of the response the UST Facility ID # 239.

Inspector: Brock Goodman Phone: (812) 582-5699

Direct any questions regarding the inspection to:

Compliance Manager: Loic Maniet

Phone: (317) 232-3592

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Newcomb, Chief UST Compliance Section Office of Land Quality

cc: Loic Maniet
Brock Goodman

UST Facility ID File # 239

# **DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATIONS**

This inspection or records review revealed that the owner and/or operator of this facility is in violation of Indiana UST Rule 329 IAC 9. 329 Indiana Administrative Code ("IAC") 9 incorporates certain federal underground storage tank requirements found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 280, including those identified below. The Description of Violations (DOV) and corrective measures are as follows:

FACILITY NAME: Marathon Food Mart UST FACILITY ID: 239

ADDRESS: 3350 Jonathan Moore Pike INSPECTION DATE: 09/22/2025

Columbus, IN 47201 Bartholomew County

### **VIOLATIONS NOTED IN THIS INSPECTION**

# IC 13-23-12-1 Failure to Pay UST Fees

### Citation:

Pursuant to IC 13-23-12-1, each year, if an underground storage tank has not been closed before January 1 of the year under rules adopted under IC 13-23-1-2; or a requirement imposed by the commissioner before the adoption of rules under IC 13-23-1-2; the owner of the underground storage tank shall pay to the department an annual registration fee.

The annual registration fee required by this section is ninety dollars (\$90) for each underground petroleum storage tank or two hundred forty-five dollars (\$245) for each underground storage tank containing regulated substances other than petroleum.

If an underground storage tank consists of a single tank in which there are separate compartments, a separate fee shall be paid under subsection (b) for each compartment within the single tank. If an underground storage tank consists of a combination of tanks, a separate fee shall be paid under subsection (b) for each compartment within each tank in the combination of tanks.

For tanks that contain separate compartments and that were in use before July 1, 2014, the payment of a single annual fee of ninety dollars (\$90) for a tank containing separate compartments shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of subsection (b).

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because tank fees from 2015 to 2025 are past due and are required to be paid in full.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall pay the required fees to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this notice.

# § 280.41(a)(2) – Failure to monitor (IM) tanks every 30 days if installed on or after 9/2/2009

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.41(a)(2), as incorporated, and previously 329 IAC 9-3-1.3 (repealed 2018), tanks installed on or after September 2, 2009 must be monitored for releases at least every 30 days using the method listed in § 280.43(g).

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because twelve (12) months of UST interstitial monitoring records were not provided.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any UST or line that contains a regulated amount of product and found to not have been monitored every thirty (30) days by not having records of interstitial monitoring tightness tested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. The owner and/or operator shall continue to perform proper monthly release detection and submit the results monthly for a period of six (6) months after the receipt of this notice.

# **§ 280.41(b)(2)** – Failure to perform monthly monitoring on piping installed on or after 9/2/2009, except proper European

# Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.41(b)(2), as incorporated, piping installed or replaced after April 11, 2016 (previously cited as September 2, 2009 under 329 IAC 9-2-1(2)(D)) must meet one of the following:

- (i) Pressurized piping must be monitored for releases at least every 30 days in accordance with § 280.43(g) and be equipped with an automatic line leak detector in accordance with § 280.44(a)
- (ii) Suction piping must be monitored for releases at least every 30 days in accordance with § 280.43(g).

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because twelve (12) months of piping interstitial monitoring records were not provided.

# Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any UST or line that contains a regulated amount of product and found to not have been monitored every thirty (30) days by not having records of interstitial monitoring tightness tested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. The owner and/or operator shall continue to perform proper monthly release detection and submit the results monthly for a period of six (6) months after the receipt of this notice.

# § 280.43(g) – Failure to perform Interstitial Monitoring to standard

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.43(g), as incorporated, interstitial monitoring between the UST system and a secondary barrier immediately around or beneath it may be used, but only if the system is designed, constructed, and installed to detect a leak from any portion of the tank that routinely contains product and also meets one of the following requirements:

- (1) For double walled UST systems, the sampling or testing method can detect a leak through the inner wall in any portion of the tank that routinely contains product;
- (2) For UST systems with a secondary barrier within the excavation zone, the sampling or testing method used can detect a leak between the UST system and the secondary barrier.

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because interstitial monitoring is non-compliant due to sensor alarms in the PREM and DSL sumps and improper sensor placement in the REG sump, where liquid is accumulating.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any UST or piping that contains a regulated amount of product and found to not have been monitored every thirty (30) days correctly while using interstitial monitoring tightness tested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. The owner and/or operator shall continue to perform proper monthly release detection and submit the results monthly for a period of six (6) months after the receipt of this notice.

# § 280.40(a)(3)(iii) - Failure to perform annual tests of ALLD

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.40(a)(3)(iii), as incorporated, owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on June 28, 2021, is operated and maintained, and electronic and mechanical components are tested for proper operation, in accordance with one of the following: manufacturer's instructions; a code of practice developed by a nationally recognized association or independent testing laboratory; or requirements determined by the implementing agency to be no less protective of human health and the environment than the two options listed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section. A test of the proper operation must be performed at least annually and, at a minimum, as applicable to the facility, cover the following components and criteria:

(iii) Automatic line leak detector: test operation to meet criteria in § 280.44(a) by simulating a leak.

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because validation of the provided testing documents was not possible. The documents lacked complete information and did not include conclusive pass or fail results, making them insufficient for review.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have the automatic line leak detectors tested for proper operation by simulating a leak within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

# § 280.20(c)(1)(i) - Failure to have spill prevention equipment that will prevent release

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.20(c)(1)(i), as incorporated, to prevent spilling and overfilling associated with product transfer to the UST system, owners and operators must use the following spill and overfill prevention equipment: (i) Spill prevention equipment that will prevent release of product to the environment when the transfer hose is detached from the fill pipe (for example, a spill catchment basin).

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because the PREM & DSL spill bucket contained a significant amount of liquid and debris, which may prevent the device from functioning as designed during fill operations.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, provide documentation and/or photographs showing both spill buckets are free of liquid and/or debris.

# § 280.35(a)(1) – Failure to perform periodic testing of spill prevention equipment and containment sumps used for IM

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.35(a)(1), as incorporated, owners and operators of UST systems with spill and overfill prevention equipment and containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of piping must meet these requirements to ensure the equipment is operating properly and will prevent releases to the environment: (1) Spill prevention equipment (such as a catchment basin, spill bucket, or other spill containment device) and containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of piping must prevent releases to the environment.

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because validation of the provided testing documents was not possible. The documents lacked complete information and did not include conclusive pass or fail results, making them insufficient for review.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, contract with a certified contractor to inspect, repair and test all spill prevention equipment and containment sumps. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection, repair and testing results, showing the spill prevention equipment and containment sumps are liquid tight must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.

# § 280.35(a)(2) – Failure to perform periodic testing of overfill prevention equipment

# Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.35(a)(2), as incorporated, overfill prevention equipment must be inspected at least once every three years. At a minimum, the inspection must ensure that overfill prevention equipment is set to activate at the correct level specified in § 280.20(c) and will activate when regulated substance reaches that level. Inspections must be conducted in accordance with one of the criteria in paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) through (C) of this section.

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because validation of the provided testing documents was not possible. The documents lacked complete information and did not include conclusive pass or fail results, making them insufficient for review.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, contract with a certified contractor to inspect, repair and test all overfill prevention equipment. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection, repair, measurements and testing results, showing the overfill prevention equipment is fully functional and set at the correct level must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.

# § 280.40(a)(3)(i) – Failure to perform annual tests of ATG

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.40(a)(3)(i), as incorporated, owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on June 28, 2021, is operated and maintained, and electronic and mechanical components are tested for proper operation, in accordance with one of the following: manufacturer's instructions; a code of practice developed by a nationally recognized association or independent testing laboratory; or requirements determined by the implementing agency to be no less protective of human health and the environment than the two options listed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section. A test of the proper operation must be performed at least annually and, at a minimum, as applicable to the facility, cover the following components and criteria:

(i) Automatic tank gauge and other controllers: test alarm; verify system configuration; test battery backup.

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because validation of the provided testing documents was not possible. The documents lacked complete information and did not include conclusive pass or fail results, making them insufficient for review.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have all components of the automatic tank gauge or other controllers tested for proper operation within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

### § 280.40(a)(3)(ii) – Failure to perform annual tests of probes & sensors

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.40(a)(3)(ii), as incorporated, owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on June 28, 2021, is operated and maintained, and electronic and mechanical components are tested for proper operation, in accordance with one of the following: manufacturer's instructions; a code of practice developed by a nationally recognized association or independent testing laboratory; or requirements determined by the implementing agency to be no less protective of human health and the environment than the two options listed in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section. A test of the proper operation must be performed at least annually and, at a minimum, as applicable to the facility, cover the following components and criteria:

(ii) Probes and sensors: inspect for residual buildup; ensure floats move freely; ensure shaft is not damaged; ensure cables are free of kinks and breaks; test alarm operability and communication with controller.

### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because validation of the provided testing documents was not possible. The documents lacked complete information and did not include conclusive pass or fail results, making them insufficient for review.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have all components of the automatic tank gauging probes and sensors tested for proper operation within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

# § 280.36(a)(1)(i) – Failure to perform 30 day walkthrough inspections

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.36(a)(1)(i), as incorporated, to properly operate and maintain UST systems, not later than June 28, 2021, owners and operators must conduct a walkthrough inspection every 30 days that, at a minimum, checks spill prevention equipment and release detection equipment (Exception: spill prevention equipment at UST systems receiving deliveries at intervals greater than every 30 days may be checked prior to each delivery).

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because monthly walk through inspection documentation was not provided.

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of this notice, perform the 30 day walkthrough inspection for all UST systems at the site in accordance with a standard of practice referenced in the rule. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection forms, repair documents, and waste disposal records, showing the walkthrough inspection has been completed must be submitted within forty five (45) days of the receipt of this notice.



# UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSPECTION REPORT

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

UST FAC ID: 239

Inspector's Name:	Brock Goodman						
Date:	September 22, 2025						
Time In:	09:45						
Time Out:	11:07						
Inspection Type:	Initial						

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### Site Maintains:

- Two (2) actual FG DW UST installed in August 2016 (per property card 8/17/2016)
- One (1) 15K REG GSL
- One (1) 6K PREM GSL (T2 C1)
- One (1) 4K DSL (T2 C2)
- Piping is OPW Flex DW and pressurized

RD UST = INT

RD Piping = LLD, INT

Overfill/Spill = Spill Buckets + Auto Shutoff (consistent)

ATG Certification = N

Overfill Protection Test = N

Spill bucket Test = N

Containment Sumps Test (required) = N

# Site History:

Site is an active service station. One (1) UST was removed in 1990 (Closure NF in VFC) and four (4) were removed in 2015 (Closure Report in VFC). Owner installed new USTs and dispensers at site in August 2016 but to date has failed to register the new system.

Contact Information

Guljinder Singh garylobana@yahoo.com

Documentation provided at the time of the file review:

- (No notification form on file for the new system)
- NF submitted 4/15/2025 FG DW Xerxes USTs
- Documentation not provided

# Inspector notes:

- Upon arrival, the inspector requested that the owner, operator, or manager provide all relevant on-site documentation for the UST inspection.
- The STP areas were inspected for fuel, and no concerns were observed.
- The REG and DSL STP sump interstitial (INT) access points were found open, while the UDC INT access points were closed, with interstice continuity maintained via cross-over tubing.

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The following are AREAS OF CONCERN found during the inspection that will need to be addressed by the owner and/or operator:

- All spill buckets, STP sumps, and UDC 3/4 contain liquid and are recommended to be cleaned and maintained regularly.
- The inspector was unable to confirm the status (open or closed) of the INT access points in the PREM STP sump due to a large amount of liquid.

The following are VIOLATIONS discovered and RECORDS that need to be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report to avoid further action and achieve compliance with the state underground storage tank program:

- 1.) Tank fees are past due for 2015-2025.
- 2.) Twelve (12) months of UST INT release detection records were not provided.
- 3.) Twelve (12) months of piping INT release detection records were not provided.
- 4.) Interstitial monitoring is non-compliant due to sensor alarms in the PREM and DSL sumps and improper sensor placement in the REG sump, where liquid is accumulating.
- 5.) Line leak detector testing did not include pass/fail results.
- 6.) The PREM & DSL spill bucket contains a significant amount of liquid and debris, which may prevent the device from functioning as designed during fill operations.
- 7.) Spill bucket test did not include pass/fail results and UDC, and STP sump testing was not provided.
- 8.) Overfill prevention equipment test did not include pass/fail results.
- 9.) ATG functionality testing did not include pass/fail results
- 10.) Current ATG probes/sensor testing was not provided.
- 11.) Current monthly inspections were not provided.