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August 15, 2023

JLG 4 Food Mart LLC Attn: Guljinder Singh, Registered Agent 405 10th Street Columbus. IN 47201 JLG 4 Food Mart LLC Attn: Guljinder Singh, Registered Agent Via email: garylobana@yahoo.com

Re: Violation Letter
Corner Food Mart
541 W Walnut Street
N Vernon, IN 47265, Jennings County
UST Facility ID # 24287

Dear Mr. Singh:

An inspector from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section, conducted an inspection of the site referenced above on July 25, 2023.

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 # **24287**.

Inspector: Adam James Phone: (317) 408-7187

Direct any questions regarding the inspection to:

Compliance Manager: Carrie Maniet Phone: (317) 233-3533

Sincerely,

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

cc: Carrie Maniet Adam James

UST Facility ID File # 24287

#### **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: Corner Food Mart UST FACILITY ID: 24287

ADDRESS: 541 Walnut St, North Vernon INSPECTION DATE:

Jennings County 07/25/2023

### **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.

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because UST fees of \$1800.00 are past due.

#### 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.

# 329 IAC 9-8-11(b) - Failure to demonstrate the ability to pay the deductible amount

### Citation:

Pursuant to 329 IAC 9-8-11(b), an owner or operator of:

- (1) twelve (12) or fewer USTs shall demonstrate the ability to pay the applicable deductible amount under IC 13-23-9-1.3; or
- (2) more than twelve (12) USTs shall demonstrate the ability to pay two (2) times the applicable deductible amount under IC 13-23-9-1.3.

# Violation Details:

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

# Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall submit a copy of the instrument proving they have the coverage required by this rule within thirty (30) days of 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), owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on October 13, 2018, 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 REG, PREM and DSL line leak detector test was not provided.

#### 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.

# § 280.41(b)(1)(i)(B) – Failure to perform annual piping LTT or monthly monitoring

## Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.41(b)(1)(i)(B), pressurized underground piping installed on or before April 11, 2016 (previously cited as September 2, 2009 under 329 IAC 9-2-1(2)(D)) that routinely contains regulated substances must have an annual line tightness test conducted in accordance with § 280.44(b) or have monthly monitoring conducted in accordance with § 280.44(c).

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because REG, PREM and DSL line tightness test was not provided.

# Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any piping that contains a regulated amount of product and found to not have had appropriate monthly monitoring or an annual line tightness test within the 12 months prior to inspection 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.

# **§ 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), 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 a crack was observed in the KERO spill bucket preventing the equipment from performing as designed in the event of a spill or overfill.

#### 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 install or replace absent or substandard spill prevention equipment that will prevent the release of product to the environment. The UST owner and/or operator must submit proof that the spill prevention equipment has been installed within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

# § 280.43(d) – Failure to perform Automatic Tank Gauging to standard

# Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.43(d), equipment for automatic tank gauging that tests for the loss of product and conducts inventory control must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The automatic product level monitor test can detect a 0.2 gallon per hour leak rate from any portion of the tank that routinely contains product;
- (2) The automatic tank gauging equipment must meet the inventory control (or other test of equivalent performance) requirements of § 280.43(a); and
- (3) The test must be performed with the system operating in one of the following modes:
- (i) In-tank static testing conducted at least once every 30 days; or
- (ii) Continuous in-tank leak detection operating on an uninterrupted basis or operating within a process that allows the system to gather incremental measurements to determine the leak status of the tank at least once every 30 days.

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because the UST volumes programmed in the ATG were exact values which would invalidate the release detection records. UST volumes must be programmed in accordance with the tank charts

### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any UST system found to have had automatic tank gauging not performed to the standard 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 of the UST systems at this site shall have a contractor certified by the Indiana Office of the State Fire Marshall inspect, reprogram, repair or otherwise correct the deficiencies of the automatic tank gauging system within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice.

# § 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), 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 spill bucket test was not provided.

#### 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. Documentation, to include photographs, inspection, repair and testing results, showing the spill prevention equipment 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), 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 overfill prevention test was not provided.

# 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), owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on October 13, 2018, 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 documentation of test results of the ATG unit was not provided.

#### 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), owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that beginning on October 13, 2018, 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 documentation of test results of the probes was not provided.

## 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)(ii) – Failure to perform annual walkthrough inspections

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.36(a)(1)(ii), to properly operate and maintain UST systems, not later than June 28, 2021 owners and operators must conduct a walkthrough inspection annually that, at a minimum, checks containment sumps and hand held release detection equipment.

#### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because annual walkthrough inspection 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 annual 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.

# § 280.245 – Failure to maintain list of designated operators and/or training records

# Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.245, owners and operators of underground storage tank systems must maintain a list of designated Class A, Class B, and Class C operators and maintain records verifying that training and retraining, as applicable, have been completed, in accordance with § 280.34.

# Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because Operator Certificates A, B and C were not provided.

### Corrective Action:

The owner or operator of the UST systems at this site shall submit a list of those employees designated to be Class A, Class B and Class C operators. Those so designated must be trained and certification of that training submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.



# UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSPECTION REPORT

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

UST FAC ID: 24287

Inspector's Name:	Adam James
Date:	July 25, 2023
Time In:	09:55
Time Out:	11:00
Inspection Type:	Initial

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#### COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND COMMENTS

The information contained on this page is based upon a review of files related to this site and/or observations from an underground storage tank inspector. This page may contain information not specifically related to possible violations found during the review or inspection and is meant to give the owners and/or operator specific information to assist them.

Site Maintains Four (4) FG SW USTs installed in November 1999

One (1) 15K REG GSL

One (1) 10K PREM GSL

One (1) 10K DSL

One (1) 4K KER

Section Chief Note: The normal operational lifespan of a UST before failing is 25 to 30 years old. The USTs at this site are now 24 years old and the owner should already be planning on removing or replacing them soon.

Piping is - Flex - pressurized (KER European)

RD UST = ATG

RD Piping = ATG - LTT - LD

Overfill/Spill = Spill Buckets - Flapper

ATG Certification = N

Overfill Protection Test = N

Spill bucket Test = N

Containment Sumps Test Required N

Site is an active service station. There is no prior UST history at this site.

Site history or concerns - File review found no discrepancies.

Documentation received -

Notification form - 10/13/2017 (Review not noted)

No additional documents received at time of review

Inspector Notes: Multiple active alarms. Short alarm and high fluid levels alarm within the STP sumps. Sensors could not be visually confirmed due to the STP sumps being completely flooded.

- No additional records were available on site.
- Compliance documentation submitted post inspection included monthly walkthrough inspections. Cracked KERO spill bucket is first noted on 07/21/2022.

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

- 1. Fluids were observed in spill buckets, sumps and UDCs. Fluids should be removed from spill buckets, sumps and UDCs along with being periodically monitored.
- 2. UDC chase booting are showing signs of cracking/tears. Booting should be replace and tight to prevent fluids from entering the piping chase.

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

- 3. UST fees of \$1800.00 are past due.
- 4. Financial responsibility documentation was not provided.
- 5. REG, PREM and DSL line leak detector and line tightness tests were not provided.
- 6. A crack was observed in the KERO spill bucket preventing the equipment from performing as designed in the event of a spill or overfill.
- 7. The UST volumes programmed in the ATG were exact values which would invalidate the release detection records. UST volumes must be programmed in accordance with the tank charts
- 8. Spill bucket test was not provided.
- 9. Overfill prevention test was not provided.
- 10. Documentation of test results of the ATG unit and probes was not provided.
- 11. Annual walkthrough inspection for 2022 2023 was not provided.
- 12. Operator Certificates A, B and C were not provided.

The following are RECORDS to be submitted to USTCompliance@idem.IN.gov with FID in subject line within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report to avoid further action and achieve compliance with the state underground storage tank program:

- UST fees
- Financial responsibility documentation
- Line leak detector and line tightness tests
- Spill bucket test
- Overfill prevention test
- ATG/probe/sensor test
- Annual walkthrough inspection 2022 2023
- Operator Certificate A, B and C
- Confirmation of KERO spill bucket repair/replacement
- Confirmation that ATG is programmed with the correct vol/ulg in accordance with the tank charts and tank tightness testing.