

BEFORE THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL  
STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF )  
VIOLATION AND ORDER ISSUED TO: )

Bryan Hinze )  
Hinze, Inc. )  
P.O. Box 2468 )  
Cody, WY 82414 )

DOCKET NUMBER 4045-07

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

AND

ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. Facility number 0-000352 (Ralston Food Mart) is located at 557 Main Street, Ralston, Wyoming. There are two (2) underground storage tank systems registered as temporarily out of use (TOU) since August 14, 2001, at this facility.
2. Bryan Hinze has failed to provide: 1) passing cathodic protection readings for the tanks and lines providing insurance that the impressed current system is operating correctly; 2) a minimum site assessment; and 3) an operator's annual inspection for the entire facility; or 4) notification of a change of service or removal of the tanks.
3. Wyoming Water Quality Rules & Regulations (WWQR&R) Chapter 17, Section 11, states: "**Operation and Maintenance of Corrosion Protection (CP)**. All owners and/or operators of steel storage tank systems with CP shall comply with the following requirements to ensure that releases due to corrosion are prevented for as long as the storage tank system is used to store regulated substances: (b) *Periodic Inspections*: All storage tank systems equipped with CP systems shall be inspected for proper operation by a qualified CP tester in accordance with the following requirements: (i) All CP systems shall be tested within six (6) months of installation and at least once every three (3) years thereafter. (ii) The criteria that are used to determine that CP is adequate shall be in accordance with the NACE Standard RP0285-2002, "Control of External Corrosion on Metallic Buried, Partially Buried, or Submerged Liquid Storage Systems."(c) *Impressed Current Systems*: Storage tank systems with impressed current CP systems shall also be inspected by the owner and/or operator every sixty (60) days to ensure the equipment is running properly. The owner and/or operator shall make a record of these inspections, including the date of the inspection, the voltage reading on the rectifier, the amperage reading on the rectifier, and the hour reading on a properly connected hour meter showing how long the system has operated since the last inspection. The owner and/or operator shall compare those readings to the readings determined to be correct during the last inspection required under paragraph (b) of this section. Large changes in the voltage or amperage readings, or zero readings, shall be investigated by the owner and/or operator.

WWQR&R, Chapter 17, Section 30(c), states: "**Temporary Closure**. (a) *General Requirement*: When a storage tank system is temporarily closed, owners and/or operators shall continue operation and maintenance of CP systems in accordance with Section 11. Owners and/or operators shall continue release detection in accordance with Part D as long as the tank contains more than one inch of regulated substance at the measuring point directly under the fill tube. (c) *Three years or more*. When a storage tank system is temporarily closed for more than three (3) years, the owner and/or operator shall complete a minimum site assessment in accordance with Section 29.

WWQR&R, Chapter 17, Section 13(e), states: **Inspection and Right of Entry, Reporting, and Recordkeeping (e) Operator's Annual Inspection.** Storage tank system owners and/or operators shall provide an annual report of inspection for the entire facility. An annual inspection is to be conducted either by the owner, the operator, or a qualified consultant. The inspector shall meet all of the qualifications as a CP tester if he or she inspects a CP system."

4. By failing to properly operate and test the cathodic protection system, Bryan Hinze has violated WWQR&R Chapter 17, Section 11(b)(i) and (c). By failing to submit a minimum site assessment, Bryan Hinze has violated WWQR&R Chapter 17, Section 30(c). By not submitting documentation of an operator's annual inspection, Mr. Hinze has violated WWQR&R Chapter 17, Section 13(e).
5. This Notice is being sent to you pursuant to W.S. 35-11-701(c)(i), which requires that in any case of the failure to correct or remedy an alleged violation, the director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall cause a written notice to be issued and served upon the person alleged to be responsible.

ORDER

BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL-STATE OF WYOMING

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT BRYAN HINZE SHALL:

1. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of this notice, submit a passing cathodic protection test performed by a qualified cathodic protection tester.
2. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of this notice, complete a Minimum Site Assessment of the facility.
3. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of this notice, submit an operator's annual inspection of the entire facility.
4. Within ninety (90) days of receipt of this Notice and Order, submit to this department a written description of policies that have been implemented to insure future compliance.

OR


5. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of this notice, remove the tanks, decommission them at a licensed facility, and notify the department thirty (30) days in advance so that a department inspector can witness the removals.

THIS ORDER is final unless, not later than ten (10) days after the date this notice is received, it is appealed by filing a written petition for a hearing before the Environmental Quality Council. If a hearing is requested, the petition shall be mailed to Thomas Dunn, Chairman, Wyoming Environmental Quality Council, Room 1714 Herschler Building, 1st Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. The second petition shall be mailed to the Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Herschler Building, 4th Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Both petitions must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

NOTHING IN THIS ORDER shall be interpreted to in any way limit or contravene any other remedy available under the Environmental Quality Act, nor shall this Order be interpreted as being a condition precedent to any other enforcement action.

ORDERED this 26th day of March, 2007.

  
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John V. Corra  
Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

  
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LeRoy C. Feusner, P.E. BCEE  
Administrator  
Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division

PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRES TO: Robert Lucht, P.E. & P.G. Storage Tank Program Compliance Supervisor at 122 West 25th Street, Fourth Floor, West Wing, Cheyenne, WY 82002, (307) 777-7095 or (307) 777-5973 FAX for technical matters.