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Mr. Amos Tracy Shea  
Shea's Farm Center  
13575 Highway 160  
Hayden, Alabama 35079

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11-140-UST**

**Re: Shea's Farm Center  
13575 Highway 160  
Hayden Blount County, Alabama  
UST Facility ID No. 22346-009-11717  
11-140-UST**

Dear Mr. Shea:

Enclosed please find **Administrative Order No. 11-140-UST**, which requires you to take certain actions in regard to alleged violations of the Alabama Underground Storage Tank (UST) and Wellhead Protection Act. In issuing this Order, the Department took into consideration all available information concerning these violations, including any written response or oral comments submitted on behalf of the operator/owner.

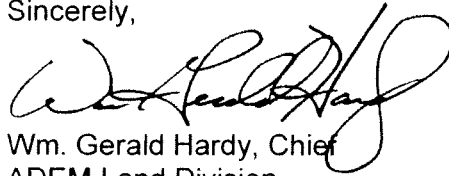
Please be advised that failure to comply with the terms of this Order can result in penalties of up to \$25,000.00 per day for each violation as well as possible criminal penalties. Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §22-22A-7(c)(1), as amended, this Order may be appealed by filing a request for a hearing before the Environmental Management Commission which should comply with the requirements of ADEM Admin. Code Chapter 335-2-1. Copies of ADEM Admin. Code, Div. 2, Environmental Management Commission regulations can be viewed or downloaded from ADEM's webpage at <http://www.adem.state.al.us> or may be obtained by submitting a request in writing to ADEM – Permits and Services Division.

Please note the issuance date of September 29, 2011. **Payment of the civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 is due on or before November 14, 2011** and should be submitted to the ADEM Office of General Counsel at the Above Montgomery address.

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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Lee Davis, Chief of the UST Compliance Section, in Montgomery at (334) 271-7759.

Sincerely,



Wm. Gerald Hardy, Chief  
ADEM Land Division

WGH/SSM/MLD/ATC/rh

Enclosure

cc: Sonja M. Massey, Chief  
ADEM Groundwater Branch, Land Division

Lee Davis, Chief  
UST Compliance Section, Groundwater Branch

ADEM Office of General Counsel

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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

In The Matter Of:

Mr. Amos Tracy Shea  
Shea's Farm Center  
UST Facility ID No. 22346-009-011717  
Hayden, Blount County, Alabama

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**No. 11-140-UST**

**FINDINGS**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Environmental Management Act, §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-16, Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.); the Alabama Underground Storage Tank and Wellhead Protection Act, §§ 22-36-1 to 22-36-10, Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.); and the ADEM Administrative Code of Regulations (hereinafter "ADEM Admin. Code r.") promulgated pursuant thereto, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (hereinafter the "Department" or "ADEM") makes the following FINDINGS:

1. Amos Tracy Shea is the registered owner of a regulated underground storage tank (UST) facility located at Shea's Farm Center, 13575 Highway 160, Hayden, Blount County, Alabama, designated as ADEM Facility I.D. Number 22346-009-011717.
2. ADEM is a duly constituted agency of the State of Alabama pursuant to §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-16, Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.).
3. Pursuant to § 22-22A-4(n), Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.), ADEM is the State Environmental Control Agency for the purposes of federal environmental law, including 42 U.S.C. §§ 6991 to 6991(m), as amended.
4. ADEM is authorized to administer and enforce the provisions of the Alabama Underground Storage Tank and Wellhead Protection Act, §§ 22-36-1 to 22-36-10, Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.).
5. Based upon an inspection dated May 9, 2011 of the UST facility and/or a review of facility records, the Department has documented the violations alleged herein.
6. Pursuant to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-6-15-.45(3), upon implementation of delivery prohibition, it shall be unlawful for any regulated substance deliverer to deliver a regulated substance, and it shall be unlawful for owners and operators of UST systems to accept delivery of a regulated substance to an underground storage tank facility that is under delivery prohibition.

7. The Owner accepted delivery of a regulated substance to an underground storage tank facility that was under delivery prohibition.

8. A Notice of Delinquency (NOD) dated January 24, 2011, was issued by the Department requiring the owner/operator to provide spill catchment basin tests, results of corrosion protection test, a passing 0.2 gallon per hour leak test printout for each tank from the automatic tank gauge and outstanding regulatory fees.

9. On February 25, 2011, upon the Owner's failure to respond to the NOD dated January 24, 2011, the Department issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) requiring the owner to submit spill catchment basin tests, results of corrosion protection test, a passing 0.2 gallon per hour leak test printout for each tank from the automatic tank gauge and outstanding regulatory fees.

10. On April 4, 2011, upon the Owner's failure to respond to the NOD dated January 24, 2011, the NOV dated February 25, 2011, the Department issued a Notice of Proposed Delivery Prohibition for failure to submit spill catchment basin tests, a passing 0.2 gallon per hour leak test printout for each tank from the automatic tank gauge and outstanding regulatory fees.

11. On May 4, 2011, the Department placed the facility on delivery prohibition.

12. On May 9, 2011, a Department inspection revealed that the facility had received fuel on May 4, 2011 while still on delivery prohibition.

13. Pursuant to § 22-22A-5(18)(c), Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.), in determining the amount of any penalty, the Department must give consideration to the seriousness of the violation, including any irreparable harm to the environment and any threat to the health or safety of the public; the standard of care manifested by such person; the economic benefit which delayed compliance may confer upon such person; the nature, extent and degree of success of such person's efforts to minimize or mitigate the effects of such violation upon the environment; such person's history of previous violations; and the ability of such person to pay such penalty. Any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this authority shall not exceed \$25,000.00 for each violation, provided however, that the total penalty assessed in an order issued by the Department shall not exceed \$250,000.00. Each day such violation continues shall be a separate violation.

In arriving at the civil penalty assessed in this matter, the Department has considered the following:

A. Seriousness of the Violation:

The Owner/Operator did not ensure that the facility was not on delivery prohibition. The violations impede the Department's regulatory authority over

USTs for threats to public health, safety and the environment.

B. Standard of Care:

The Owner/Operator did not exhibit a standard of care commensurate with applicable regulatory requirements.

C. Economic Benefit Which Delayed Compliance May Have Conferred:

The Department has been unable to ascertain if there has been a significant economic benefit conferred on the Owner.

D. Efforts to Minimize or Mitigate the Effects of the Violation Upon the Environment:

There are no known environmental effects as a result of the alleged violations.

E. History of Previous Violations:

The Owner/Operator does not have a history of previous violations.

F. Ability to Pay:

The Owner/Operator has not alleged an inability to pay the civil penalty.

G. Other Factors: The Department has carefully considered the six statutory penalty factors enumerated in Ala. Code § 22-22A-5(18)c (2006 Rplc. Vol.), as well as the need for timely and effective enforcement, and has concluded that a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 is appropriate, in keeping with a penalty range imposed by the Department for similar violations at other UST facilities, as follows (see attachment A):

Violation Type

Penalty Range for Violation Type

Accepted unauthorized delivery to a facility on delivery prohibition	\$0 - \$25,000
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**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing FINDINGS and pursuant to §§ 22-22A-5(1), 22-22A-5(10), 22-22A-5(12) and 22-22A-5(18), Ala. Code (2006 Rpl.Vol.), it is hereby ORDERED:

A. That, within forty-five days of the effective date of this Administrative Order, the Owner shall pay to the Department a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the violations cited herein. Failure to pay the civil penalty within forty-five days of the effective date of this Administrative Order shall constitute cause for the Department to file a civil action in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. Payment shall be made by Cashier's Check or Money Order, payable to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and addressed as follows:

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B. That, within thirty days of the effective date of this Administrative Order the Owner shall provide to the Department a cathodic protection test, which shall include documentation of any repairs made to the cathodic protection system by a certified cathodic protection system tester.

C. That, should any provisions of this Administrative Order be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Environmental Management Commission to be inconsistent with Federal or State law, and therefore unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

D. That, except as otherwise set forth herein, this Administrative Order is not and shall not be interpreted to be a permit or modification of a permit under Federal, State or local law, and shall not be construed to waive or relieve the Owner of the obligation to comply in the future with all applicable law.

E. That the issuance of this Administrative Order does not preclude the Department from seeking criminal fines or other appropriate sanctions or relief against the Owner of the violations cited herein.

F. That failure to comply with the provisions of this Administrative Order shall constitute cause for commencement of legal action by the Department against the Owner for recovery of additional civil penalties, criminal fines, or other appropriate sanctions or relief.

ORDERED and ISSUED this the 28 day of September, 2011.



Lance R. LeFleur  
Director

# ATTACHMENT A

## Penalty Calculation Worksheet

Amos Tracy Shea  
13575 Hwy. 160  
Hayden, AL 35079  
Shea's farm Center  
22346-009-011717

Violation*	Number of Violations*	Seriousness of Violation & Base Penalty*	Standard of Care*	History of Previous Violations*
ADEM Admin Code r. 335-6-15- 45(3) states that it shall be unlawful for any regulated substance deliverer to deliver a regulated substance, and it shall be unlawful for owners and operators of UST systems to accept delivery of a regulated substance to a UST facility that is under delivery prohibition.	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
<b>Totals:</b>	1	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0

Economic Benefit\*: \$0  
Mitigating Factors\*: \$0  
Ability to Pay\*: \$0  
Other Factors\*: \$0

**Total Civil Penalty: \$5,000**

### Footnotes

\* See the "Findings" of the Order for a detailed description of each violation and the penalty factors