# STATE OF LOUISIANA

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF: \* Settlement Tracking No.

\* SA-WE-18-0063

TRINITY RIVER ENERGY OPERATING,

LLC

\* Enforcement Tracking No.

AI # 177711 \* WE-CN-16-01018

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PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT LA. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.

### **SETTLEMENT**

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Ensight IV Energy Management, LLC, on behalf of Trinity River Energy Operating, LLC ("Respondent") and the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ" or "the Department"), under authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq. ("the Act").

I

Respondent is a limited liability company that owns and/or operates a saltwater disposal well facility located in Haughton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana ("the Facility").

II

On January 18, 2017, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. WE-CN-16-01018 (Exhibit 1).

III

Respondent denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures and/or penalties.

Nonetheless, Respondent, without making any admission of liability under state or federal statute or regulation, agrees to pay, and the Department agrees to accept, a payment in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$7,000.00), of which One Thousand Eighty-Two and 25/100 Dollars (\$1,082.25) represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of the claims set forth in this agreement. The total amount of money expended by Respondent on cash payments to the Department as described above, shall be considered a civil penalty for tax purposes, as required by La. R.S. 30:2050.7(E)(1).

V

Respondent further agrees that the Department may consider the inspection report(s), permit record(s), the Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty and this Settlement for the purpose of determining compliance history in connection with any future enforcement or permitting action by the Department against Respondent, and in any such action Respondent shall be estopped from objecting to the above-referenced documents being considered as proving the violations alleged herein for the sole purpose of determining Respondent's compliance history. The Department acknowledges that EnSight IV Energy Management, LLC, while not the owner/operator of the facility at the time of the violations, has accepted responsibility for the violations included in this settlement.

VI

This agreement shall be considered a final order of the Secretary for all purposes, including, but not limited to, enforcement under La. R.S. 30:2025(G)(2), and Respondent hereby waives any right to administrative or judicial review of the terms of this agreement, except such review as may be required for interpretation of this agreement in any action by the Department to enforce this

agreement.

### VII

This settlement is being made in the interest of settling the state's claims and avoiding for both parties the expense and effort involved in litigation or an adjudicatory hearing. In agreeing to the compromise and settlement, the Department considered the factors for issuing civil penalties set forth in La. R. S. 30:2025(E) of the Act.

### VIII

As required by law, the Department has submitted this Settlement Agreement to the Louisiana Attorney General for approval or rejection. The Attorney General's concurrence is appended to this Settlement Agreement.

### IX

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The advertisement, in form and wording approved by the Department, announced the availability of this settlement for public view and comment and the opportunity for a public hearing. Respondent has submitted an original proof-of-publication affidavit and an original public notice to the Department and, as of the date this Settlement is executed on behalf of the Department, more than forty-five (45) days have elapsed since publication of the notice.

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Payment is to be made within ten (10) days from notice of the Secretary's signature. If payment is not received within that time, this Agreement is voidable at the option of the Department. Payments are to be made by check, payable to the Department of Environmental Quality, and mailed or delivered to the attention of Accountant Administrator, Financial Services

Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Post Office Box 4303, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4303. Each payment shall be accompanied by a completed Settlement Payment Form (Exhibit A).

XI

In consideration of the above, any claims for penalties are hereby compromised and settled in accordance with the terms of this Settlement.

# XII

Each undersigned representative of the parties certifies that he or she is fully authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of his or her respective party, and to legally bind such party to its terms and conditions.

# ENSIGHT IV ENERGY MANAGEMENT, LLC, ON BEHALF OF TRINITY RIVER ENERGY OPERATING, LLC

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(Signature)
CHOIS SINGLETARY (Printed)
TITLE: VP ENGINEERING
THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 18th day of April , 20 19 , at 8 Weerport, tous and
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 06 04 94)
SHERRI HARMON Notary Public - Loudisona Bossier Parish Notary ID 060404 (Stamped or printed)
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Chuck Carr Brown, Ph.D., Secretary
BY: Lourdes Iturralde, Assistant Secretary
Office of Environmental Compliance
THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this day of, 20, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 14/81)
Approved:  Approved:  Approved:
Lourdes Iturralde, Assistant Secretary

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION POST OFFICE BOX 4312

# CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY



BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-4312

Enforcement Tracking No.	WE-CN-16-01018	T	LOUISIANA
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Agency Interest (AI) No.	177711	Contact Name	Scott B. Pierce
Alternate ID No.	LAU007049	Contact Phone No.	225-219-3723
Respondent:	Trinity River Energy Operating, LLC	Facility Name:	
	c/o C T Corporation System	Physical Location:	USA (MM) SWD 93 Alt Facility  Barksdale Air Force Base, East Reserve Entrance, Gate 6
	Agent for Service of Process		
	3867 Plaza Tower Dr.	City, State, Zip:	The state of the s
	Baton Rouge, LA 70816	Parish:	Haughton, LA 71110 Bossier
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This CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department), under the authority granted by the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (the Act), La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq., and particularly by La. R.S. 30:2025(C), 30:2050.2 and 30:2050.3(B).

### FINDINGS OF FACT

An authorized representative of the Department inspected the abovementioned facility or conducted a file review of the facility to determine the degree of compliance with regulations promulgated in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33. The State regulatory citations for the violation(s) identified during the inspection and/or file review are indicated below.

The Respondent owns and/or operates a saltwater disposal well facility located on Barksdale Air Force Base, at the East Reserve Entrance, Gate 6, in Haughton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The Respondent does not have a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit or any other authorization to discharge waste or any other substances to waters of the state.

Date of Violation

Description of Violation

	Date of Violation	Description of Violation	
11.	Inspection(s) 8/23/16	The Respondent caused and/or allowed the discharge of wastewater without a permit and/or other authority from the Department. Specifically, the inspection revealed that the Respondent reported a release of an unknown amount of produced water and oil condensate from an overflowing gun barrel tank on August 21, 2016. The initial report estimated 300 barrels (bbls) of produced water and oil condensate was released inside secondary containment. An unknown amount of produced water and oil condensate then seeped from secondary containment and released to the ground and waters of the state. The Respondent noted produced water in a local creek feeding to Fox Skin Bayou, and during the inspection approximately 1 gallon of oil condensate was noted on the ground and in the surrouncing ditch. (La. R.S. 30:2075, LAC 33:IX.1701.B) Follow-up inspections on August 24, 25, and 30 and September 13, 2016, indicated that clean-up operations consisted of flushing the area with fresh water. The site was referred to the Department's Underground Storage Tank & Remediation Division on September 15, 2016.	
III.	Inspection(s) 8/23/16	Respondent's secondary containment was not impervious, allowing produced water and condensate to leach outside of containment. (LAC 33:IX 907 F 1)	
IV.	File Review 10/31/16	The Respondent failed to provide a written report regarding the above-referenced unauthorized discharge which exceeded a reportable quantity. (LAC 33:I.3925.B)	

### ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the requirements that are indicated below:

- To take, immediately upon receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, any and all steps necessary to meet and maintain compliance with the Water Quality Regulations. This shall include, but not be limited to; correcting all of the violations described in the "Findings of Fact" portion.
  - To submit to the Enforcement Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, a written report that includes a detailed description of the circumstances surrounding the cited violation(s) and actions taken or to be taken to achieve compliance with the "Order" portion of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, including but not limited to verification/documentation that secondary containment is impervious. This report and all other reports or information required to be submitted to the Enforcement Division by this COMPLIANCE ORDER shall be submitted to the Department at the address specified in this document.
- III. To immediately cease, upon receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, any unauthorized discharges from the Respondent's facility to waters of the state.
- To submit to the Enforcement Division, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER, a written report as outlined in LAC 33:1.3925.B.

### RIGHT TO APPEAL

- The Respondent has a right to an adjudicatory hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law arising from this COMPLIANCE ORDER. This right may be exercised by filing a written request with the Secretary no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this COMPLIANCE ORDER.
  - The request for an adjudicatory hearing shall specify the provisions of the COMPLIANCE ORDER on which the hearing is requested and shall briefly describe the basis for the request. This request should reference the Enforcement Tracking Number and Agency Interest Number, which are located in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of this document and should be directed to
  - Upon the Respondent's timely filing a request for a hearing, a hearing on the disputed issue of material fact or of law regarding this COMPLIANCE ORDER may be scheduled by the Secretary of the Department. The hearing shall be governed by the Act, the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950, et seq.). The Department may amend or supplement this COMPLIANCE ORDER prior to the hearing, after providing sufficient notice and an opportunity for the preparation of a defense for the hearing.

EXHIBIT

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- IV. This COMPLIANCE ORDER shall become a final enforcement action unless the request for hearing is timely filed. Failure to timely request a hearing constitutes a waiver of the Respondent's right to a hearing on a disputed issue of material fact or of law under Section 2050.4 of the Act for the violation(s) described herein.

  The Respondent's failure to request a hearing or to file an appeal or the Respondent's withdrawal of a request for hearing on this
- V. COMPLIANCE ORDER shall not preclude the Respondent from contesting the findings of facts in any subsequent penalty action addressing the same violation(s), although the Respondent is estopped from objecting to this COMPLIANCE ORDER becoming a permanent part of its compliance history.
- VI. Civil penalties of not more than thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500) may be assessed for each day of violation. The Respondent's failure or refusal to comply with this COMPLIANCE ORDER and the provisions herein will subject the Respondent to possible enforcement procedures under La. R.S. 30:2025, which could result in the assessment of a civil penalty n an amount of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of continued violation or noncompliance.
- VII. For each violation described herein, the Department reserves the right to seek civil penalties in any manner allowed by law, and nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the right to seek such penalties.

#### NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

- Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.3(B), you are hereby notified that the issuance of a penalty assessment is being considered for the violation(s) described herein. Written comments may be filed regarding the violation(s) and the contemplated penalty. If you elect to submit comments, it is requested that they be submitted within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice.
- II. Prior to the issuance of additional appropriate enforcement action(s), you may request a meeting with the Department to present any mitigating circumstances concerning the violation(s). If you would like to have such a meeting, please contact Scott 8. Pierce at 225-219-3723 within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY.
- III. The Department is required by La. R.S. 30:2025(E)(3)(a) to consider the gross revenues of the Respondent and the monetary benefits of noncompliance to determine whether a penalty will be assessed and the amount of such penalty. Please forward the Respondent's most current annual gross revenue statement along with a statement of the monetary benefits of noncompliance for the cited violation(s) to the above named contact person within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY. Include with your statement of monetary benefits the method(s) you utilized to arrive at the sum. If you assert that no monetary benefits have been gained, you are to fully justify that statement. If the Respondent chooses not to submit the requested most current annual gross revenues statement within ten (10) days, it will be viewed by the Department as an admission that the Respondent has the ability to pay the statutory maximum penalty as outlined in La. R.S. 30:2025.
- IV. This CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY is effective upon receipt.

# CONTACTS AND SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION

Enjorcement Division:	Hearing Requests:		
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Compliance Water Enforcement Division Post Office Box 4312 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 Attn: Scott B. Pierce	Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Secretary Post Office Box 4302 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302 Attn: Hearings Clerk, Legal Division Re: Enforcement Tracking No. WE-CN-16-01018 Agency Interest No. 177711		
Permit Division (if necessary):	Physical Address (if hand delivered):		
Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Services Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313 Attn: Water Permits Division	Department of Environmental Quality 602 N Fifth Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802		

# HOW TO REQUEST CLOSURE OF THIS CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

- To appeal the CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY, the Respondent must follow the
  guidelines set forth in the "Right to Appeal" portion of this CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL
  PENALTY.
- To request closure of the COMPLIANCE ORDER portion, the Respondent must demonstrate compliance with the "Order" portion of
  this COMPLIANCE ORDER by completing the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY
  REQUEST TO CLOSE" form and returning it to the address specified.
  - The COMPLIANCE ORDER will not be closed if the Respondent owes outstanding fees or penalties to the Department.
     Please contact the Financial Services Division at 225-219-3865 or email them at \_DEQ-WWWFinancialServices@la.gov to determine if you owe outstanding fees.
- To expedite closure of the NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY portion, the Respondent may offer a settlement amount to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violation(s) described herein.
  - The Department assesses civil penalties based on LAC 33:1.Subpart1.Chapter7.
  - The Respondent may offer a settlement amount but the Department is under no obligation to enter into settlement negotiations. It is decided upon on a discretionary basis.
  - The settlement offer amount may be entered on the attached "CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY REQUEST TO CLOSE" form. The Respondent must include a justification of the offer.
  - DO NOT submit payment of the offer amount with the form. The Department will review the settlement offer and notify the Respondent as to whether the offer is or is not accepted.
  - The NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY will not be closed if the Respondent owes outstanding fees to the Department. Please contact the Financial Services Division at 225-219-3865 or email them at \_DEQ-WWWFinancialServices@la.gov to determine if you owe outstanding fees.

If you have questions or need more information, you may contact Scott B. Pierce at 225-219-3723 or scott.pierce@cox.net. -,

Lourdes Iturralde Assistant Secretary

Office of Environmental Compliance

cc: Trinity River Energy Operating, LLC c/o Mr. Braden Rollins 777 Main St., Ste. 3600 Fort Worth, TX 76102

Attachment(s)

- Request to Close

#### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & POST OFFICE BOX 4312 NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-4312 **REQUEST TO CLOSE Enforcement Tracking No.** WE-CN-16-01018 **Contact Name** Scott B. Pierce Agency Interest (AI) No. 177711 Contact Phone No. 225-219-3723 Alternate ID No. LAU007049 Respondent: Trintiy River Energy Operating, LLC Facility Name: USA (MM) SWD 93 Alt Facility c/o C T Corporation System Physical Location: Barksdale Air Force Base, East Reserve Agent for Service of Process Entrance, Gate 6 3867 Plaza Tower Dr. City, State, Zip: Haughton, LA 71110 Baton Rouge, LA 70816 Parish: Bossier STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE **Date Completed** Copy Attached? A written report was submitted in accordance with Paragraph II of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER. All necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 30 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraph V of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER. All items in the "Findings of Fact" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER were addressed and the facility is being operated to meet and maintain the requirements of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER. Final compliance was achieved as of: SETTLEMENT OFFER (OPTIONAL) (check the applicable option) The Respondent is not interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department with the understanding that the Department has the right to assess civil penalties based on LAC 33:1.Subpart1.Chapter7. In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (WE-CN-16-01018), the Respondent is interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department and would like to set up a meeting to discuss settlement procedures In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (WE-CN-16-01018), the Respondent is interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department and offers to pay which shall include LDEQ enforcement costs and any monetary benefit of non-compliance. · Monetary component = Beneficial Environmental Project (BEP)component (optional)= DO NOT SUBMIT PAYMENT OF THE OFFER WITH THIS FORM- the Department will review the settlement offer and notify the Respondent as to whether the offer is or is not accepted. The Respondent has reviewed the violations noted in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (WE-CN-16-01018) and has attached a justification of its offer and a description of any BEPs if included in settlement offer. **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT** I certify, under provisions in Louisiana and United States law that provide criminal penalties for false statements, that based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information attached and the compliance statement above, are true, accurate, and complete. I also certify that I do not owe outstanding fees or penalties to the Department for this facility or any other facility I own or operate. I further certify that I am either the Respondent or an authorized representative of the Respondent. Respondent's Signature Respondent's Printed Name Respondent's Title

MAIL COMPLETED DOCUMENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

Respondent's Phone #

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

Respondent's Physical Address

Office of Environmental Compliance

Enforcement Division

Post Office Box 4312

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Attn: Scott B. Pierce

If you have questions or need more information, you may contact Scott B. Pierce at 225-219-3723 or scott.pierce@cox.net.

Date