

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC

AI # 1708

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

* Settlement Tracking No.
* SA-HE-22-0012
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* Enforcement Tracking No.
* HE-CN-19-00417
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SETTLEMENT

The following Settlement is hereby agreed to between Chevron Oronite Company 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 lube oil and fuel additive manufacturer located in Belle Chasse, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (“the Facility”).

II

On November 8, 2019, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. HE-CN-19-00417 (Exhibit 1).

III

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

IV

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 FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00), of which One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty and 14/100 Dollars (\$1,220.14) 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), 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.

VI

This Settlement 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 Settlement, except such review as may be required for interpretation of this Settlement in any action by the Department to enforce this Settlement.

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 to the Louisiana Attorney General for approval or rejection. The Attorney General's concurrence is appended to this Settlement.

IX

The Respondent has caused a public notice advertisement to be placed in the official journal of the parish governing authority in Plaquemines 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.

X

Payment is to be made within forty-five (45) 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 on behalf of his or her respective party, and to legally bind such party to its terms and conditions.

CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC

BY: _____
(Signature)

(Printed)

TITLE: _____

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____, at _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # _____)

(stamped or printed)

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Chuck Carr Brown, Ph.D., Secretary

BY: _____
Celena J. Cage, 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 # _____)

(stamped or printed)

Approved: 

Celena J. Cage, Assistant Secretary

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



CHUCK CARR BROWN, PH.D.
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

November 8, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL (7018 0360 0001 5039 1567)
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC
c/o Corporation Service Company
Agent for Service of Process
501 Louisiana Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**RE: CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER
& NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY
ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. HE-CN-19-00417
AGENCY INTEREST NO. 1708**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq.), the attached **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY** is hereby served on **CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC (RESPONDENT)** for the violations described therein.

Compliance is expected within the maximum time period established by each part of the **COMPLIANCE ORDER**. The violations cited in the **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY** could result in the issuance of a civil penalty or other appropriate legal actions.

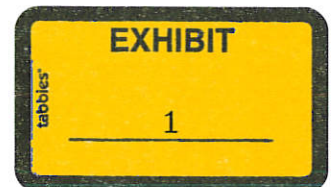
Any questions concerning this action should be directed to Adrienne Landry at (225) 219-3805.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celena J. Cage".

Celena J. Cage
Administrator
Enforcement Division

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Alt ID No. LAD034199802
Attachment



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

IN THE MATTER OF	*	
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CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC	*	ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO.
PLAQUEMINES PARISH	*	
ALT ID NO. LAD034199802	*	HE-CN-19-00417
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	*	AGENCY INTEREST NO.
PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LOUISIANA	*	
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT,	*	1708
La. R.S. 30:2001, ET SEQ.	*	

CONSOLIDATED
COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

The following **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY** is issued to **CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC (RESPONDENT)** 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

I.

The Respondent owns and/or operates Chevron Oronite Company LLC, a lube oil and fuel additive manufacturer. The facility is located at 10285 Highway 23 in Belle Chase, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The facility is registered as a large quantity generator of hazardous waste and operates under EPA identification number LAD034199802.

II.

On or about March 18, 2019, the Department conducted an inspection at the above referenced facility to determine the degree of compliance with the Act and the supporting Regulations. While the investigation by the Department is not yet complete, the following violations were noted during the course of the inspection:

A. The Respondent failed to keep hazardous waste containers being stored at or near the point of generation closed during storage, except when necessary to add or remove hazardous waste, as specified in LAC 33:V.2107.A, in violation of LAC 33:V.1109.E.4. Specifically, the Department observed the following during the course of the inspection:

- i. a five (5) gallon satellite accumulation container of waste paint (D001, D035, F003, F005) missing its plastic cover, located in the painting satellite accumulation area;
- ii. a twenty (20) gallon satellite accumulation container of waste phosphorus pentasulfide (D001, D003, U189) without a retaining ring, located in the phosphorus pentasulfide satellite accumulation area;
- iii. a twenty (20) gallon satellite accumulation container of waste paraformaldehyde (D001, D003) without a retaining ring, located in the paraformaldehyde satellite accumulation area;
- iv. a five (5) gallon satellite accumulation container containing hazardous waste absorbent pads (D001, D002, F003, F005, U002, U154, I188, U220, U239) which did not have a secure lid, located in the lab satellite accumulation area.

On or about March 25, 2019, a representative of the Respondent provided a photograph showing the satellite accumulation container storing hazardous waste absorbent pads, as referenced in Finding of Facts paragraph II.A.iv, was properly closed. On or about April 2, 2019, a representative of the Respondent provided photographs, via email, showing the satellite accumulation containers storing waste phosphorus pentasulfide and waste paraformaldehyde, as referenced in Finding of Facts paragraph II.A.ii & iii, were properly closed. On or about August 5, 2019, a representative of the Respondent provided manifests showing the containers of waste paint, as described in Finding of Facts paragraph II.A.i, were sent off-site for disposal.

B. The Respondent failed to label a container of hazardous waste being stored at or near the point of generation with the words "Hazardous Waste" or other words that identified the contents, in violation of LAC 33:V.1109.E.4. Specifically, located in the painting satellite accumulation area, the inspector observed two (2) pallets containing numerous five (5) gallon containers of waste paint (D001, D035, F003, F005), none of

which were label with any identifying words. On or about August 5, 2019, a representative of the Respondent provided manifests showing the containers of waste paint were sent off-site for disposal.

- C. The Respondent failed to clean up and dispose of hazardous waste spills in a timely manner, in violation of LAC 33:V.1121.A. Specifically, located in the fuel additive satellite accumulation area, the inspector observed hazardous waste on top of a fifty-five (55) gallon satellite accumulation drum. This drum contained hazardous waste fuel additives which may include, but is not limited to the following hazardous waste codes: D001, D002, D003, D004, D005, D007, D008, D009, D010, D011, D018, F003, F005, U002, U154, U188, U220, U239. Additionally, located in the lab satellite accumulation area, the Department observed lab waste on the lid of a five (5) gallon satellite accumulation container. The lab satellite accumulation container may include, but is not limited to the following hazardous waste codes: D001, D002, F003, F005, U002, U154, I188, U220, U239. On or about March 25, 2019, a representative of the Respondent provided photographs, via email, showing the hazardous waste on top of the satellite accumulation containers have been properly cleaned.
- D. The Respondent failed to describe, in the facility's contingency plan, arrangements agreed to by local police departments, fire departments, hospitals, contractors, and state and local emergency response teams to coordinate emergency services, as specified in LAC 33:V.1513.B.3, in violation of LAC 33:V.1109.E.1.e.
- E. The Respondent failed to conduct and implement a training program to ensure personnel who handle hazardous waste do so in accordance with regulatory procedure as specified in LAC 33:V.1515.A.1, in violation of LAC 33:V.1109.E.1.e. Specifically, at the time of the inspection, the facility's painting contractors have not received any type of hazardous waste training. On or about August 12, 2019, a representative of the Respondent provided documentation demonstrating the painting contractors have received hazardous waste training.

COMPLIANCE ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Respondent is **hereby ordered**:

I.

To take, immediately upon receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**, any and all steps necessary to meet and maintain compliance with the Hazardous Waste Regulations.

II.

To list and/or describe, immediately upon receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**, in the facility's contingency plan, arrangements agreed to by the local emergency services, as specified in LAC 33:V.1513.B.3, in accordance with LAC 33:V.1109.E.1.e.

III.

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 violations and actions taken or to be taken to achieve compliance with the Order. Portion of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**. This report and all other reports or information required to be submitted to the Enforcement Division by this **COMPLIANCE ORDER** shall be submitted to:

Office of Environmental Compliance
Post Office Box 4312
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4312
Attn: Adrienne Landry
Re: Enforcement Tracking No. HE-CN-19-00417
Agency Interest No. 1708

THE RESPONDENT SHALL FURTHER BE ON NOTICE THAT:

I.

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**.

II.

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 the following:

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. HE-CN-19-00417
Agency Interest No. 1708

III.

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.), and the Division of Administrative Law (DAL) Procedural Rules. 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.

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.

V.

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 **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 twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) for each day of violation for the violation(s) described herein may be assessed. For violations which occurred on August 15, 2004, or after, 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 in

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

I.

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 Adrienne Landry at (225) 219-3805 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.


The Department assesses civil penalties based on LAC 33:I.Subpart1.Chapter7. To expedite closure of this **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 Respondent may

offer a settlement amount, but the Department is under no obligation to enter into settlement negotiations. The decision to proceed with a settlement is at the discretion of the Department. 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.

V.

This **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY** is effective upon receipt.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 8th day of November, 2019.



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Assistant Secretary
Office of Environmental Compliance

Copies of a request for a hearing and/or related correspondence should be sent to:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Compliance
Enforcement Division
P.O. Box 4312
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4312
Attention: Adrienne Landry



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.	HE-CN-19-00417	Contact Name	Adrienne Landry
Agency Interest (AI) No.	1708	Contact Phone No.	225-219-3805
Alternate ID No.	LAD034199802		
Respondent:	CHEVRON ORONITE COMPANY LLC	Facility Name:	Chevron Oronite Company LLC
	c/o Corporation Service Company	Physical Location:	10285 Highway 23
	Agent for Service of Process		
	501 Louisiana Avenue	City, State, Zip:	Belle Chasse, LA 70037
	Baton Rouge, LA 70802	Parish:	Plaquemines

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE	Date Completed	Copy Attached?
A written report was submitted in accordance with Paragraph III 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:I.Subpart1.Chapter7.
- In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY HE-CN-19-00417, 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 HE-CN-19-00417, 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 HE-CN-19-00417 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	
Respondent's Physical Address		Respondent's Phone #	Date
MAIL COMPLETED DOCUMENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:			
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Compliance Enforcement Division P.O. Box 4312 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 Attn: Adrienne Landry			