

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN THE MATTER OF:

DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C.

AI # 26693, 73445, 214295

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

\* Settlement Tracking No.  
\* SA-UE-25-0040  
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\* Enforcement Tracking Nos.  
\* UE-CN-20-00505  
\* UE-PP-22-00535  
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The following Settlement Agreement is hereby agreed to between Dupre Logistics, L.L.C. (“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 fuel transporter company located in Lafayette, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana (“the Facility”).

II

On February 11, 2021, the Department issued to Respondent a Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. UE-CN-20-00505 (Exhibit 1).

On November 14, 2023, the Department issued to Respondent a Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. UE-PP-22-00535 (Exhibit 2).

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 FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$5,250.00), of which Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 01/100 Dollars (\$2,174.01) represents the Department's enforcement costs, in settlement of the claims set forth in this Settlement 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 Notice of Potential Penalty and this Settlement Agreement 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 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 Settlement Agreement in any action by the Department to enforce this Settlement Agreement.

VII

This Settlement Agreement 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 Agreement, 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 Lafayette Parish and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The advertisement, in form and wording approved by the Department, announced the availability of this Settlement Agreement 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 Agreement 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 thirty (30) days from notice of the Secretary's signature. If payment is not received within that time, this Settlement Agreement is voidable at the option of the Department. The Respondent shall provide its tax identification number when submitting payment. 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 or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Department of Environmental Quality, in accordance with instructions provided to Respondent by the Financial Services Division. Each payment shall be accompanied by a completed Settlement Payment Form attached hereto.

XI

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

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.

## DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C.

BY: Christopher Cook  
(Signature)

Christopher Cook  
(Printed)

TITLE: Director of Central Operations

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 20 25, at Lafayette, Louisiana.

Barbara M. Chardine  
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 144914)

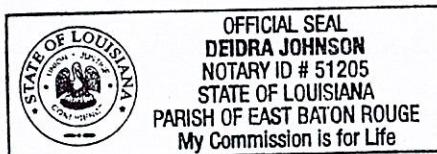
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**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
Courtney J. Burdette, Secretary

BY: Jerrie "Jerry" Lang, Assistant Secretary  
Office of Environmental Compliance

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in duplicate original before me this 7th day of January, 20 26, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Sidra Shis  
NOTARY PUBLIC (ID # 51205)

(stamped or printed)



JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR

CHUCK CARR BROWN, PH.D.  
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C.  
c/o Raoul Siclair  
Agent for Service of Process  
201 Energy Parkway, Suite 500  
Lafayette, LA 70508

RE: CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER  
& NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY  
ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. UE-CN-20-00505  
AGENCY INTEREST NOS. 26693 & 214295

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 **DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C. (RESPONDENT)** for the violation described therein.

Compliance is expected within the maximum time period established by each part of the **COMPLIANCE ORDER**. The violation 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 Ashley Manuel at (225) 219-3794 or [Ashley.Manuel@la.gov](mailto:Ashley.Manuel@la.gov).

Sincerely,

Celena J. Cage  
Administrator  
Enforcement Division

CJC/AMM/amm  
Alt ID No. N/A  
Attachment

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

IN THE MATTER OF

DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C.  
CALCASIEU PARISH  
ALT ID NO. N/A

\* ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO.

\* UE-CN-20-00505

\* AGENCY INTEREST NOS.

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

\* 26693 & 214925

CONSOLIDATED  
COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

The following **CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY** is issued to **DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C. (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 a fuel transporter company, known to the Department as Dupre Logistics, located at 201 Energy Parkway, Suite 500 in Lafayette, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana (Agency Interest (AI) No. 26693). The Respondent delivered fuel to the facility known to the Department as Tank Farm C-Store (AI# 214295), located at 7667 Elliot Road in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (facility).

II.

On or about June 16, 2020, an inspection of the facility was performed to determine the degree of compliance with the Act and the Underground Storage Tanks Regulations. While the investigation by the Department is not yet complete, the following violation was noted during the course of the inspection:

The Respondent caused and/or allowed regulated substance to be placed into a UST system that does not have a current registration certification, in violation of LAC 33:XI.301.C.12. Specifically, based on a delivery receipt dated June 11, 2020, approximately eight thousand five hundred (8,500) gallons of regular unleaded gasoline were placed into a UST system that did not have a current registration certification.

#### **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 Underground Storage Tanks Regulations.

II.

To cease, immediately upon receipt of this **COMPLIANCE ORDER**, depositing regulated substance into a UST system that does not have a current registration certificate. The Respondent shall also institute procedures to ensure regulated substance is not deposited into a UST system that does not have a current registration certificate.

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 violation 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: Ashley Manuel  
Re: Enforcement Tracking No. UE-CN-20-00505  
Agency Interest Nos. 26693 & 214295

**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. UE-CN-20-00505  
Agency Interest Nos. 26693 & 214295

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 Ashley Manuel at (225) 219-3794 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 33:1.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 11 day of February, 2021.

  
Lourdes Iturralde  
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: Ashley Manuel

## LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

## ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

POST OFFICE BOX 4312

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-4312

## CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER &amp;

## NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY

## REQUEST TO CLOSE



Enforcement Tracking No.	UE-CN-20-00505	Contact Name	Ashley Manuel
Agency Interest (AI) Nos.	26693 & 214295	Contact Phone No.	(225) 219-3794
Alternate ID No.	10-019428		
Respondent:	DUPRE LOGISTICS, L.L.C. c/o Raoul Siclair Agent for Service of Process 201 Energy Parkway, Suite 500 Lafayette, LA 70508	Facility Name: Physical Location: City, State, Zip: Parish:	Tank Farm C-Store 7667 Elliot Road Lake Charles, LA 70605 Calcasieu

## 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 necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 30 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraph(s) ? of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.	N/A	N/A
All necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 45 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraph(s) ? of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.	N/A	N/A
All necessary documents were submitted to the Department within 90 days of receipt of the COMPLIANCE ORDER in accordance with Paragraph(s) ? of the "Order" portion of the COMPLIANCE ORDER.	N/A	N/A
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)

<input type="checkbox"/>	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. Subpart 1. Chapter 7.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (UE-CN-20-00505), the Respondent is interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department and would like to set up a meeting to discuss settlement procedures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (UE-CN-20-00505), 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monetary component = \$_____</li> <li>• Beneficial Environmental Project (BEP) component (optional) = \$_____</li> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> </ul> The Respondent has reviewed the violations noted in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY (UE-CN-20-00505) 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: Ashley Manuel

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JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR



ROGER W. GINGLES  
SECRETARY

State of Louisiana  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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DUPRE LOGISTICS, LLC  
c/o Jennifer Oliver  
Agent for Service of Process  
201 Energy Parkway, Suite 500  
Lafayette, LA 70508

RE: NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY  
ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. UE-PP-22-09535  
AGENCY INTEREST NOS. 26693; 73445; 214295

Dear Madam:

On or about June 6, 2022, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) conducted an inspection of TIME LOOF #17 (AI No. 73445), located at 5140 Highway 27 South in Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (the Facility). The Facility, a retail fuel distributor, received fuel shipments from DUPRE LOGISTICS, LLC (RESPONDENT) (AI No. 26693). The inspection of the Facility was conducted in order to determine the degree of compliance with the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act (the Act) and the Underground Storage Tanks Regulations. The Respondent is located at 201 Energy Parkway, Suite 500 in Lafayette, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana (AI No. 26693).

On or about February 11, 2021, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) issued CONSOLIDATED COMPLIANCE ORDER & NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY, ENFORCEMENT TRACKING NO. UE-CN-20-09505 to the Respondent for a violation noted during an inspection conducted on or about June 16, 2020 at 7667 Elliot Road in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (AI No. 214295).

While the investigation by the Department is not yet complete, the following violation was noted during the course of the inspection:

The Respondent caused and/or allowed a regulated substance to be placed into a UST system that does not have a current registration/certification in violation of LAC 33:XL301.C.12. Specifically, the following fuel receipts were reviewed during the June 6, 2022 inspection: May 11, 2022 for approximately seven thousand thirteen gallons (7,013), May 8, 2022 for

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approximately seven thousand thirty-five gallons (7,035), May 17, 2022 for approximately eight thousand six gallons (8,006), and May 25, 2022 for approximately eight thousand (8,000) gallons. The review of the receipts revealed the Respondent placed approximately 30,054 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline into a UST system that did not have a current registration certificate at Time Loop #17. A registration certificate was issued to the Respondent on June 3, 2022.

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.

Prior to the issuance of any additional appropriate enforcement action, 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 Alex Hadskey at 225-219-3660 or [alexander.hadskey@la.gov](mailto:alexander.hadskey@la.gov) within ten (10) days of receipt of this **NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY**.

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 in order 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 violations 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 this 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.

For each violation described herein, the Department reserves the right to seek civil penalties and the right to seek compliance with its rules and regulations in any manner allowed by law, and nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the right to seek such penalties and compliance.

The Department assesses civil penalties based on LAC 33:1, Subpart 1, Chapter 7. To expedite closure of this **NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY**, 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 **"NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY REQUEST TO SETTLE"** form. The Respondent may submit the settlement offer within one hundred and eighty (180) days of receipt of this **NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY**. 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.

To reduce document handling, please refer to the Enforcement Tracking Number and Agency Interest Number on the front of this document on all correspondence in response to this action.

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**Office of Environmental Compliance**

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**AE ID No. N/A**



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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCENOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY  
REQUEST TO SETTLE (OPTIONAL)

## PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARY, TRUSTEESHIP

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION	NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY		
POST OFFICE BOX 4312	REQUEST TO SETTLE (OPTIONAL)		
PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARY, TRUSTEESHIP			
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION NO.	UE-PP-22-00535	Contact Name	Alex Hadskey
Agency Enforced (A) No.	201 ENERGY PARKWAY	Contact Phone No.	225-219-3660
Altitude ID No.	N/A		
Respondent:	Dupre logistics, LLC	Facility Name:	Dupre logistics
	C/O: Michael Oliver	Physical Location:	201 Energy Parkway, Suite 500
	Agent for Service of Process		
	ATTORNEY PARKWAY, Suite 500	City, State, Zip:	Lafayette, LA 70508
	LAFAYETTE, LA 70508	Parish:	Lafayette

(Check the applicable option)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> 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 Subpart 1 Chapter 7.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY UE-PP-22-00535, the Respondent is interested in entering into settlement negotiations with the Department and would like to set up a meeting to discuss settlement procedures.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Respondent may submit the settlement offer within one hundred and eighty (180) days of receipt of this NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY UE-PP-22-00535.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> In order to resolve any claim for civil penalties for the violations in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY UE-PP-22-00535, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monetary component = \$ _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial Environmental Project (BEP) component (optional) = \$ _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>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.</b></li> </ul> <p>The Respondent has reviewed the violations noted in NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PENALTY UE-PP-22-00535 and has attached a justification of its offer and a description of any BEP's if included in settlement offer.</p>	

I certify, under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in this document are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I do not owe any 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: Alex Hadskey

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### WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

Once the Department has determined that a penalty is warranted for a violation, the Assistant Secretary of the Department, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, may enter into a settlement agreement with the Respondent as a means to resolve the Department's claim for a penalty.

### HOW DOES THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROCESS WORK?

To begin the settlement agreement process, the Department must receive a written settlement offer. Once this offer is submitted, it is sent for approval by the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Compliance. The formal Settlement Agreement is drafted and sent to the Attorney General's office where the Attorney General has a 90 day concurrence period. During this time, the Respondent is required to run a public notice in an official journal and/or newspaper of general circulation in each affected parish. After which, a 45 day public comment period is opened to allow the public to submit comments. Once the Department has received concurrence, the settlement agreement is signed by both parties. The Department then forwards a letter to the responsible party to establish a payment plan and/or beneficial environmental project (BEP).

### WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?

The Department uses the penalty determination method defined in LAC 33:1705 as a guideline to accepting settlement offers. The penalty matrix is used to determine a penalty range for each violation based on the two violation specific factors, the nature and gravity of the violation and the degree of risk/impact to human health and property.

	MIN	MIDDLE	MAX
MAJOR	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$15,000
MINOR	\$0	\$5,000	\$11,000
MEDIUM	\$11,000	\$16,000	\$30,000
MAJOR	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500
MINOR	\$0	\$5,000	\$10,000

#### Degree of Risk to Human Health or Property

Major: (actual measurable harm or substantial risk of harm) A violation of rules impacting an environmental resource or a hazard characterized by high volume, short duration, acute, and/or high pollutant concentration.

Medium: (potential for measurable detrimental impact) A violation of moderate impact and hazard may be one characterized by occasional occurrence and/or pollutant concentration that may be expected to have a detrimental effect under certain conditions.

Minor: (no harm or risk of harm) A violation of minor impact is isolated single incidents, and that cause no measurable detrimental effect or are administrative in nature.

#### Nature and Gravity of the Violation

Major: Violations of rules, regulations, orders, permits, or permit requirements that result in neglect, the intent of the requirement(s) such an extent that there is no implementation of requirements violated.

Medium: Violations that result in substantial neglect, the intent of the requirements, but some implementation of the requirements occurred.

Minor: Violations that result in slight deviation from the intent of the requirement, however, substantial implementation is demonstrated.

The range is adjusted using the following violation specific factors:

1. history of previous violations or repeated noncompliance;
2. gross negligence generated by the respondent;
3. degree of culpability, negligence, defiance, or indifference to regulations or orders;
4. whether the Respondent has failed to mitigate or to make a reasonable attempt to mitigate the damages caused by the violation; and
5. whether the violation and the surrounding circumstances were intentionally reported to the department, and whether the violation was concealed or there was an attempt to conceal by the Respondent.

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Given the previous information, the following formula is used to obtain a penalty amount:

$$\text{Penalty Event Total} = \text{Penalty Event Minimum} + (\text{Adjustment Percentage} \times (\text{Penalty Event Maximum} - \text{Penalty Event Minimum}))$$

After this, the Department adds any monetary benefit of noncompliance to the penalty event. In the event that a monetary benefit is gained due to the delay of a cost that is ultimately paid, the Department adds the applicable judicial interest. Finally, the Department adds all response costs, including, but not limited to, the cost of conducting inspections, and the staff time devoted to the preparation of reports and issuing enforcement actions.

#### **WHAT IS A BEP?**

A BEP is a project that provides for environmental mitigation which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform, but which the defendant/respondent agrees to undertake as a component of the settlement agreement.

Project categories for BEPs include public health, pollution prevention, pollution reduction, environmental restoration and protection, assessments and audits, environmental compliance promotion, and emergency planning, preparedness and response. Other projects may be considered if the Department determines that these projects have environmental merit and is otherwise fully consistent with the intent of the BEP regulations.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY OFFER IS REJECTED?**

If an offer is rejected by the Assistant Secretary, the Legal Division will contact the responsible party, or anyone designated as an appropriate contact in the settlement offer, to discuss any discrepancies.

#### **WHERE CAN I FIND EXAMPLES AND MORE INFORMATION?**

Settlement Offers	searchable in EDMS using the following filters: Master Attorney, Function: Enforcement Settlement, Settlement
Settlement Agreements	EDC's website specific examples can be provided upon request
Penalty Determination Method	LAC 33: Chapter 2
Beneficial Environmental Projects	LAC 33: Chapter 25
Judicial interest	SEALS provided by the Louisiana State Bar Association



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