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July 1, 2024

Family Express Corporation Attn: Danielle Carlson, Registered Agent 213 State Road 49 Valparaiso, IN 46383 Family Express Corporation
Attn: Keith Slater and Haley Feiler
Via email: petro@familyexpress.com
hfeiler@familyexpress.com

Re: Violation Letter
Family Express Purdue #33
1812 Northwestern Avenue
West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County
UST Facility ID # **25442** 

Dear Mses. Carlson, Feiler, and Mr. Slater:

An inspector from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Section, conducted an inspection of the site referenced above on June 4, 2024.

The inspection was conducted pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 13-14-2-2 to determine compliance with the provisions of IC 13-23 and 329 IAC 9. In accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection: Initial

Results of Inspection: Violations were discovered and require a submittal.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, documentation demonstrating compliance with each of the requirements listed in the attached Inspection Report and Description of Violations (DOV) must be submitted to IDEM. Failure to submit this documentation may lead to this facility being referred for enforcement.

An enforcement action may include civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per UST. Enforcement actions may also affect the owner's and/or operator's eligibility for reimbursement from the Excess Liability Trust Fund (ELTF). Additionally, IDEM may deem the USTs at this facility ineligible for delivery, deposit or acceptance of regulated substances pursuant to IC 13-23-1-4. Finally, federal and criminal penalties may apply for failure to provide required notification; or submitting false information pursuant to IC 13-23-14-2 and liable under IC 13-30-10.



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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please submit the required documents to the UST Section via email at <a href="USTCompliance@idem.in.gov">USTCompliance@idem.in.gov</a>. Include in the subject line of the response the UST Facility ID # **25442**.

Inspector: Tristan Voge Phone: (317) 719-2574

Direct any questions regarding the inspection to:

Compliance Manager: Jordan Ware Phone: (317) 232-2045

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Newcomb, Chief UST Compliance Section Office of Land Quality

cc: Jordan Ware Tristan Voge

UST Facility ID File # 25442

#### **DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATIONS**

This inspection or records review revealed that the owner and/or operator of this facility is in violation of Indiana UST Rule 329 IAC 9. 329 Indiana Administrative Code ("IAC") 9 incorporates certain federal underground storage tank requirements found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 280, including those identified below. The Description of Violations (DOV) and corrective measures are as follows:

FACILITY NAME: Family Express Purdue #33	UST FACILITY ID:25442				
ADDRESS: 1812 Northwestern Ave West Lafayette Tippecanoe County	INSPECTION DATE: 06/04/2024				

#### **VIOLATIONS NOTED IN THIS INSPECTION**

# § 280.43(g) – Failure to perform Interstitial Monitoring to standard

### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.43(g), interstitial monitoring between the UST system and a secondary barrier immediately around or beneath it may be used, but only if the system is designed, constructed, and installed to detect a leak from any portion of the tank that routinely contains product and also meets one of the following requirements:

- (1) For double walled UST systems, the sampling or testing method can detect a leak through the inner wall in any portion of the tank that routinely contains product;
- (2) For UST systems with a secondary barrier within the excavation zone, the sampling or testing method used can detect a leak between the UST system and the secondary barrier.

#### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because the double walled piping appeared to be capped and would not function as designed.

#### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any UST or piping that contains a regulated amount of product and found to not have been monitored every thirty (30) days correctly while using interstitial monitoring tightness tested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. The owner and/or operator shall continue to perform proper monthly release detection and submit the results monthly for a period of six (6) months after the receipt of this notice.

# § 280.40(a)(2) – Failure to provide release detection that is installed and calibrated to manufacturer's instructions

#### Citation:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 280.40(a)(2), owners and operators of UST systems must provide a method, or combination of methods, of release detection that is installed and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

#### Violation Details:

The owner and/or operator of the UST system(s) at this site are in violation of this rule because the submitted ATG sensor functionality testing resulted in a fail for the premium/E85 and diesel UST interstitial sensors. The sensors would not be capable of detecting a leak if needed

#### Corrective Action:

The owner and/or operator of the UST systems at this site shall have any UST or line that contains a regulated amount of product tightness tested within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. The owner and/or operator must also have a certified UST contractor inspect, repair and certify the release detection equipment is installed and calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and submit the results within forty five (45) days of receipt of this notice. The owner and/or operator shall continue to perform proper monthly release detection and submit the results monthly for a period of six (6) months after the receipt of this notice.



# UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSPECTION REPORT

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

UST FAC ID: 25442

Inspector's Name:	Tristan Voge
Date:	June 4, 2024
Time In:	08:50
Time Out:	09:15
Inspection Type:	Initial

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#### **COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

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#### Site Maintains:

- Three (3) actual FG DW USTs installed in June 2015 (14K split 8K/6K)
- One (1) 14K REG
- One (1) 6K PREM (T2 C1)
- One (1) 8K E85 (T2 C2)
- One (1) 10K DSL
- Piping is FG DW and pressurized

RD UST = INT, SIR

RD Piping = INT, SIR, LLD

Overfill/Spill = Spill Buckets + Auto Shutoff + Alarm

ATG Certification = Y (8/15/23)

Overfill Protection Test = Y (8/15/23, 3/18/24)

Spill bucket Test = Y(3/18/24)

Containment Sumps Test Required = Y (3/18/24)

Last known CP (Impressed/Galvanic) - N/A

Last known Liner inspection - N/A

Site History:

Site is an active service station. There is no prior UST history at this site.

NF 8/4/20, approval 3/3/22

Contact Information

Keith Slater, petro@familyexpress.com

Haley Feiler, hfeiler@familyexpress.com

Documentation provided at the time of the file review:

- Certificate of Financial Responsibility 1/19/24 1/19/25
- Operator Certificates A, B, C
- UST RD (INT) 6/23 5/24
- Piping RD (INT) 6/23 5/24
- SIR 5/23 4/24
- LLD 8/15/23
- ATG/Probe + Sensors 8/15/23 : DSL & PREM interstitial sensor failed
- Spill Bucket Test 3/18/24
- Overfill Test 8/15/23 (All Alarms)
- Overfill Test 3/18/24 (All Auto : REG & PREM failed)
- STP/UDC 3/18/24
- Monthly Walkthroughs 5/23 4/24
- Annual Walkthrough 8/15/23

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# **Inspection Notes**

- During the inspection 06/2024 UST/piping INT RD records collected from the ATGs. No other documentation was collected or provided on site.

The following are AREAS OF CONCERN found during the inspection that will need to be addressed by the owner and/or operator:

- Overfill Test report date 3/18/24 had failed test results for the REG & PREM auto shutoff.
   Passing alarm tests were provided. The auto shutoff should be repaired or replaced as needed.
- All spill buckets contained fluid that should be cleaned out and monitored as needed.
- All STP containment sumps contained fluid that should be cleaned out and monitored as needed. The source of the fluid should be determined and remediated as needed.

The following are VIOLATIONS discovered during the inspection that will need to be corrected within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report to avoid further action and achieve compliance with the state underground storage tank program:

- 1. The double walled piping appeared to be capped and would not function as designed
- 2. ATG sensor functionality testing resulted in a fail for the premium/E85 and diesel UST interstitial sensors. The sensors would not be capable of detecting a leak if needed

The following are RECORDS to be submitted to the inspector within 30 days of receipt of this inspection report to avoid further action and achieve compliance with the state underground storage tank program:

- Documentation of proper interstitial monitoring release detection installation for the piping and USTs