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Air Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Geismar Methanol Distribution Facility Operator Enter into Settlement

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals LLC ("Kinder Morgan") entered into a Settlement to address alleged air permit violations. See SA-AE-22-073.

The Settlement provides that Kinder Morgan owns and/or operates a methanol distribution facility ("Facility") in Geismar, Louisiana.

LDEQ is stated to have issued to Kinder Morgan a Notice of Potential Penalty on May 20, 2022. Kinder Morgan denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeiture, and/or penalties.

The Facility is stated to operate pursuant to certain air permits.

An LDEQ investigation is stated to have identified the following alleged violations:

- Failure to conduct the required annual maintenance for Emergency Generator GEN2
- Failure to document the weekly pump inspections for the Railcar/Tank Truck Loading Operations and Scrubber
- Failure to conduct the required maintenance for Emergency Generator GEN1

A civil penalty of \$8,000 is assessed of which \$439.41 is stated to represent LDEQ's enforcement costs.

A copy of the Settlement can be downloaded [here](#).