Air Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment -Division of Environmental Quality and Bono Petroleum Storage Tank Terminal Operator Enter into Consent Administrative Order

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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment -Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and Murphy Oil USA, Inc. ("Murphy Oil") entered into a December 9th Consent Administrative Order ("CAO") addressing a violation of an Air Permit. See Case #: SD-25-0008.

The CAO provides that Murphy Oil operates a bulk petroleum storage terminal in Bono, Arkansas.

The terminal operates pursuant to an Air Permit.

Murphy Oil is stated to have requested consideration under ADEQ's Environmental Self-Disclosure Incentive Policy for disclosure of non-compliance issues associated with the terminal. The self-disclosure is stated to have not met the requirements for penalty mitigation under ADEQ's Environmental Self-Disclosure Incentive Policy, because it was not submitted within 21 calendar days of discovery of the violation.

Murphy Oil is stated to have submitted a permit application on May 6, 2025, and it was deemed administratively complete on May 7, 2025. The application seeks to allow the storage of ethyl tert-butyl ether ("ETBE") in storage tank B-1.

The CAO alleges the following violation:

- Emitting an unpermitted pollutant.

Murphy Oil had self-disclosed that it failed to submit a permit modification application before storing ETBE in storage tank B-1.

The CAO provides that in such time that Permit 2105-AR-9 is issued, Murphy Oil shall operate in accordance with the permit application submitted on May 6, 2025.

A civil penalty of $800 is assessed which could have been reduced to $400 if the document was signed and returned to ADEQ within 20 calendar days of its receipt.

A copy of the CAO can be downloaded here.