

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER**  
**DOCKET NO.:** 2006-0414-WR-E    **TCEQ ID:** RN103144929    **CASE NO.:** 29055  
**RESPONDENT NAME:** Amistad Ready Mix, Inc.

**ORDER TYPE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	

**CASE TYPE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/> USED OIL
<input type="checkbox"/> USED OIL FILTER	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATER RIGHTS	

**SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED:** Amistad Aggregate Plant 1, Qualia Road, 1.5 miles southwest of the intersection of Qualia Drive and Hudson Drive, Val Verde County

**TYPE OF OPERATION:** Rock crushing and grinding

**SMALL BUSINESS:**     Yes     No

**OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:** There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.

**COMMENTS RECEIVED:** The *Texas Register* comment period expired on September 18, 2006. No comments were received.

**CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:**

**TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator:** None

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Ms. Anita Keese, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Section I, MC R-15, (956) 430-6034; Mr. Steven Lopez, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1896

**TCEQ Field Investigator:** Mr. Edward Vela, Harlingen Regional Office, MC R-15, (956) 430-6043

**Respondent:** Mr. Sergio Galindo, Owner, Amistad Ready Mix, Inc., P.O. Box 420789, Del Rio, Texas 78842-0789

**Respondent's Attorney:** Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter

**VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:**

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p><b>Type of Investigation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine  <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p><b>Date of Complaint Relating to this Case:</b> None</p> <p><b>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:</b> February 26, 2006</p> <p><b>Date of NOE Relating to this Case:</b> April 4, 2006 (NOE)</p> <p><b>Background Facts:</b> This was a routine investigation. One violation was documented.</p> <p><b>WATER</b></p> <p>Failed to obtain written certification from the Watermaster prior to diverting water [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 303.11(b) and TEX. WATER CODE § 11.081].</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$5,675</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$0  <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement  <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p><b>SEP Conditional Offset:</b> \$0</p> <p><b>Total Paid (Due) to General Revenue:</b> \$675 (remaining \$5,000 due in 20 monthly payments of \$250 each)</p> <p><b>Site Compliance History Classification:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avg. <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Person Compliance History Classification:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Avg. <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><b>Major Source:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Applicable Penalty Policy:</b> September 2002</p> <p><b>Findings Order Justification:</b> Three repeated enforcement actions over the prior five year period for the same violation.</p>	<p><b>Ordering Provisions:</b></p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the water right amendment application within 30 days after the date of such requests or by any other deadline specified in writing;</p> <p>b. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease all unauthorized diversions of state water until such time that written authorization to use state water is obtained from the Rio Grande Watermaster;</p> <p>c. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit an administratively complete water right amendment application; and</p> <p>d. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification that either authorization to use the water right has been obtained or that operation has ceased until such time that appropriate authorization is obtained. The certification shall include detailed supporting documentation including the water right deed, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance.</p>



Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

PCW Revision May 19, 2005

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	05-Apr-2006	<b>Screening</b>	12-Apr-2006	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	15-May-2006				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Respondent</b>	Amistad Ready Mix, Inc.
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN103144929
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	15-Harlingen
<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor Source

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	29055	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1
<b>Docket No.</b>	2006-0414-WR-E	<b>Order Type</b>	Findings
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Water Rights	<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Anita Keese
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 2
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$5,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

**TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)** **Subtotal 1**

**ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1**

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

**Compliance History**  **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

**Notes**

**Culpability**   **Subtotal 4**

**Notes**

**Good Faith Effort to Comply**  **Subtotal 5**

	Before NOV	NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(mark with a small x)

**Notes**

**Economic Benefit**  **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts	<input type="text" value="\$16,958"/>	<small>*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount</small>
Approx. Cost of Compliance	<input type="text" value="\$17,100"/>	

**SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** **Final Subtotal**

**OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE**  **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. -30 for -30%.)

**Notes**

**Final Penalty Amount**

**STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT** **Final Assessed Penalty**

**DEFERRAL**  **Adjustment**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

**Notes**

**PAYABLE PENALTY**

**Screening Date** 12-Apr-2006 **Docket No.** 2006-0414-WR-E **PCW**  
**Respondent** Amistad Ready Mix, Inc. *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*  
**Case ID No.** 29065 *PCW Revision May 19, 2005*  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN103144929  
**Media [Statute]** Water Rights  
**Enf. Coordinator** Anita Keese

**Compliance History Worksheet**

>> **Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)**

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	10	50%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which notices were</i>	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)** 52%

>> **Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)**

No

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)** 0%

>> **Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)**

Average Performer

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)** 0%

>> **Compliance History Summary**

**Compliance History Notes** Compliance history site enhancement due to ten NOVs with same or similar violations and one NOV with dissimilar violations.

**Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)** 52%

<b>Screening Date</b>	12-Apr-2006	<b>Docket No.</b>	2006-0414-WR-E	<b>PCW</b>
<b>Respondent</b>	Amistad Ready Mix, Inc.	<i>Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)</i>		
<b>Case ID No.</b>	29055	<i>PCW Revision May 19, 2005</i>		
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b>	RN103144929			
<b>Media [Statute]</b>	Water Rights			
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Anita Keese			
<b>Violation Number</b>	1			
<b>Primary Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 303.11(b)			
<b>Secondary Rule Cite(s)</b>	Tex. Water Code § 11.081			
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failure to obtain written certification from the Watermaster prior to diverting water by identifying the specific certificate of adjudication to be used and the pump number of the pump to be used. Specifically, the respondent diverted an estimated total of 16.234 acre feet of water from the Rio Grande River at pump site 6M1-1K without valid authorization.			

>> **Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix**

<b>Harm</b>				
	<b>Release</b>	Major	Moderate	Minor
<b>OR</b>	Actual		<b>x</b>	
	Potential			
				<b>Percent</b> <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="25%"/>

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

<b>Programmatic Matrix</b>				
	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
				<b>Percent</b> <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
<b>Matrix Notes</b>	Unauthorized diversion, taking, or storage of a significant amount of state water or a significant unauthorized change in flood elevation of a stream which does not detrimentally affect aquatic life or result in a safety hazard, property damage, or economic loss.			

**Adjustment**

**Base Penalty Subtotal**

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events

	daily	
	monthly	<b>x</b>
<i>mark only one</i>	quarterly	
<i>use a small x</i>	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

**Violation Base Penalty**

Two monthly events are recommended from the date of the investigation on February 26, 2006 to the date of case screening on April 12, 2006.

**Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation**

**Statutory Limit Test**

**Estimated EB Amount**

**Violation Final Penalty Total**

**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)**

### Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Amistad Ready Mix, Inc.  
 Case ID No. 29055  
 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103144929  
 Media [Statute] Water Rights  
 Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
<b>Delayed Costs</b>							
Equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs	\$1,000	07-Dec-2005	31-Dec-2006	1.1	\$53	n/a	\$53
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs: Estimated cost to obtain a water use permit. Date Required is the date of the first investigation and the Final Date is the estimated date of return to compliance.

Item Description	ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	Date	Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	EB Amount
<b>Avoided Costs</b>						
ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)						
Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$100	07-Dec-2005	10-Mar-2006	1.0	\$5	\$105
Other (as needed)	\$16,000	07-Dec-2005	10-Mar-2006	1.0	\$800	\$16,800

Notes for AVOIDED costs: The avoided costs include the purchase price and the watermaster assessment fee for the water that was diverted without authorization calculated from the first date the unauthorized diversion was observed to the last date the unauthorized diversion was observed.

Approx. Cost of Compliance **\$17,100** **TOTAL** **\$16,958**

# Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN601061104 Amistad Ready Mix, Inc.	Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 1.50
Regulated Entity:	RN103144929 AMISTAD AGGREGATE PLANT 1	Classification: AVERAGE BY Site Rating: 3.01 DEFAULT
ID Number(s):	AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT	56103
Location:	QUALIA ROAD, 1.5 MILES SW OF THE INTERSECTION OF QUALIA DRIVE & HUDSON DRIVE, VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS	Rating Date: September 01 05 Repeat Violator: NO
TCEQ Region:	REGION 16 - LAREDO	
Date Compliance History Prepared:	May 16, 2006	
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance	Enforcement	
Compliance Period:	May 16, 2001 to May 16, 2006	

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Anita Keese Phone: (956) 430-6034

## Site Compliance History Components

- |                                                                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? | Yes |
| 2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance            | No  |
| 3. If Yes, who is the current owner?                                                         | N/A |
| 4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)?                                                  | N/A |
| 5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur?                                                | N/A |

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.

N/A

- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

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|----|------------|----------|
| 1  | 03/02/2006 | (451671) |
| 2  | 05/08/2006 | (465130) |
| 3  | 05/08/2006 | (465120) |
| 4  | 05/08/2006 | (465121) |
| 5  | 05/08/2006 | (465123) |
| 6  | 05/08/2006 | (465124) |
| 7  | 04/04/2006 | (459531) |
| 8  | 05/08/2006 | (465126) |
| 9  | 05/08/2006 | (465127) |
| 10 | 03/02/2006 | (456247) |
| 11 | 05/08/2006 | (465129) |

- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

Date: 01/13/2006 (465124)

Self Report? NO

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081

30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without prior authorization.

Date: 01/06/2006 (465121)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without prior authorization.  
 Date: 01/31/2006 (465127)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without prior authorization.  
 Date: 03/10/2006 (465129)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without prior authorization.  
 Date: 01/04/2006 (451671)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Major  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.12(c)

Descriptio Diverting state water without proper authorization.  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(e)

Descriptio Each diverter shall install and maintain measuring devices at the authorized point of diversion which will provide for accurate measurement and accounting of the quantities of water diverted.  
 Date: 01/06/2006 (456247)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Major  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.12(c)

Descriptio Diverting state water without proper authorization.  
 Date: 01/11/2006 (465123)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without proper authorization.  
 Date: 03/29/2006 (465130)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without proper authorization.  
 Date: 01/26/2006 (465126)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
 30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)

Descriptio Diverting State water without prior authorization.  
 Date: 09/08/2005 (400507)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 106, SubChapter E 106.142(2)

Descriptio Failure to achieve control of dust from all permanent in-plant roads.  
 Date: 12/07/2005 (465120)  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate



Citation: 2B TWC Chapter 11, SubChapter A 11.081  
30 TAC Chapter 303, SubChapter B 303.11(b)  
Descriptio Diverting State water without proper authorization.

- F. Environmental audits.  
N/A
- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).  
N/A
- H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.  
N/A
- I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.  
N/A
- J. Early compliance.  
N/A

Sites Outside of Texas  
N/A



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
AMISTAD READY MIX, INC.  
RN103144929

§ BEFORE THE  
§  
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
§  
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2006-0414-WR-E

At its \_\_\_\_\_ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Amistad Ready Mix, Inc. ("Amistad") under the authority TEX. WATER CODE ch. 11. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and Amistad presented this agreement to the Commission.

Amistad understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, Amistad agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon Amistad.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Amistad owns and operates a rock crushing and grinding operation located on Qualia Road, 1.5 miles southwest of the intersection of Qualia Drive and Hudson Drive, Val Verde County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. Amistad's operation adjoins, is contiguous with or surrounds state water as defined in TEX. WATER CODE § 11.021 and 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 297.1(46).

# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DIVISION OF THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
5708 SOUTH CAMPUS DRIVE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

## RESEARCH REPORT

REPORT NO. 1234  
TITLE: Studies in the Chemistry of the Elements  
AUTHOR: J. D. Doe  
DATE: 1965

This report is a preliminary report on the results of a study of the chemical properties of the elements of the periodic table. The study was conducted in the laboratory of the Department of Chemistry, University of Chicago, during the summer of 1965.

The study was carried out under the supervision of Professor J. D. Doe. The results of the study are presented in this report. The study was supported by the National Science Foundation, Grant No. 12345.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 1965

## REFERENCES

1. J. D. Doe, *Journal of Chemical Education*, 42, 123 (1965).  
2. J. D. Doe, *Journal of Chemical Education*, 42, 124 (1965).  
3. J. D. Doe, *Journal of Chemical Education*, 42, 125 (1965).

3. During an investigation conducted on February 26, 2006, TCEQ staff documented that Amistad diverted an estimated total of 16.234 acre feet of water from the Rio Grande River at pump site 6M1-1K without valid authorization.
4. Amistad received notice of the violations on or about April 9, 2006.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Amistad is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 11 and TEX. WATER CODE § 7.002 and the rules of the Commission.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 3, Amistad failed to obtain written certification from the Watermaster prior to diverting water, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 303.11(b) and TEX. WATER CODE § 11.081.
3. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 11.0842, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Amistad for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$5,675) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 11.0842. Amistad has paid Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$675) of the administrative penalty. The remaining amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 20 monthly payments of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If Amistad fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of Amistad to meet the payment schedule of this Agreed Order constitutes the failure by Amistad to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

## III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS  
that:

1. Amistad is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$5,675), as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The imposition of this administrative penalty and Amistad's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in all financial dealings.

The second part of the document provides a detailed overview of the current financial status of the organization. It includes a summary of the budget, actual performance, and any variances that have occurred.

The third part of the document outlines the proposed budget for the upcoming period. It details the expected revenues, expenses, and the overall financial outlook.

The fourth part of the document discusses the various risks and challenges that the organization may face. It identifies potential areas of concern and offers strategies to mitigate these risks.

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requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Amistad Ready Mix, Inc., Docket No. 2006-0414-WR-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13088  
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. Amistad shall undertake the following technical requirements:

- a. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the water right amendment application within 30 days after the date of such requests or by any other deadline specified in writing;
- b. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease all unauthorized diversions of state water until such time that written authorization to use state water is obtained from the Rio Grande Watermaster;
- c. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit an administratively complete water right amendment application in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE ch. 297 (relating to Conveyances of Land and Water Rights) to:

Water Rights Permitting & Availability, MC 160  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- d. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification that either authorization to use the water right has been obtained or that operation has ceased until such time that appropriate authorization is obtained. The certification shall include detailed supporting documentation including the water right deed, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance, be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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Submit all correspondence, reports, and documentation required by these Ordering Provisions to:

Order Compliance Team  
Enforcement Division, MC 149A  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Watermaster Section Manager  
Harlingen Regional Office  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
1804 West Jefferson Avenue  
Harlingen, Texas 78550

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Amistad. Amistad is ordered to give notice of this Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If Amistad fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Amistad's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. Amistad has the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Amistad shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Amistad becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Amistad shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Amistad receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Amistad if the Executive Director determines that Amistad has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
7. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
8. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against Amistad in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed

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Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

9. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142.



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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

  
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For the Executive Director

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I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order in the matter of Amistad Ready Mix, Inc. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of Amistad Ready Mix, Inc., and do agree to the specified terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I understand that by entering into this Agreed Order, Amistad Ready Mix, Inc. waives certain procedural rights, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order constitutes full and final adjudication by the Commission of the violations set forth in this Agreed Order.

I also understand that my failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or my failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on my compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted by me;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions against me;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions against me; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

  
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Signature

7-20-06  
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Date

Sergio Galindo  
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Name (printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative  
Amistad Ready Mix, Inc.

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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records and the role of the auditor in ensuring the integrity of the financial statements.

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