

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2008-0548-MWD-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101918472 **CASE NO.:** 35642

RESPONDENT NAME: City of Walnut Springs

ORDER TYPE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: City of Walnut Springs, located approximately 1,500 feet east of the crossing of State Highway 144 over Steeple Creek which includes a collection system with a manhole located in Katy Park, Walnut Springs, Bosque County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Wastewater treatment plant</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There was one complaint on January 7, 2008, alleging that sewage had overflowed into Steeple Creek from a manhole located in Katy Park. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: A complaint was received but the complainant has not expressed the desire to protest this action or speak at Agenda.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on November 3, 2008. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: SEP Coordinator: Ms. Melissa Keller, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1768 TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Heather Brister, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-09, (254) 761-3034; Mr. Bryan Sinclair, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2171 Respondent: The Honorable Benny Damron, Mayor, City of Walnut Springs, P.O. Box 272, Walnut Springs, Texas 76690 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p>Type of Investigation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date of Complaints Relating to this Case: January 7, 2008</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: January 9, 2008</p> <p>Date of NOE Relating to this Case: February 22, 2008 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a complaint investigation.</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>Failure to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to waters in the state. Specifically, the investigator observed grease and sewer debris around the base of the manhole. The ground was still wet along the discharge path that led directly into Steeple Creek [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(4), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0013436001, Standard Provisions No. 2.b].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$1,250</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$250 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$1,000</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0</p> <p>Site Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Person Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>1) The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) (See SEP Attachment A).</p> <p>2) The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, remove and properly dispose of the grease and sewer debris around the manhole;</p> <p>b) Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, evaluate the causes of the overflows from the manhole and identify the necessary corrective actions to prevent recurrence;</p> <p>c) Within 60 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, complete the corrective actions identified in Ordering Provision No. 2.b to prevent recurrence of overflows at the manhole; and</p> <p>d) Within 75 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a through 2.c.</p>

Additional ID No(s): WQ0013436001

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2008-0548-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: City of Walnut Springs ("the City")

Payable Penalty Amount: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)

SEP Amount: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)

Type of SEP: Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Unauthorized Trash Dump Clean-Up

Location of SEP: Bosque County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the City to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The City shall contribute to the Third-Party Recipient pursuant to the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to coordinate with city and/or county governmental officials regarding the clean up of sites where trash has been disposed of illegally. Eligible sites will be limited to those where a responsible party can not be identified and where there is no pre-existing obligation to clean up the site by the owner or the government. Additionally, reasonable efforts must have already been taken to prevent the dumping. SEP monies will be used to pay for the direct cost of collection and disposal of debris. All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the project and no portion will be spent on administrative costs. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

The City certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by helping rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with non-regulated trash dumps which contaminate air and water, and harbor disease carrying animals and insects.

C. Minimum Expenditure

The City shall contribute at least the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the City must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The City shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 510
Bryan, Texas 77802-2700

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Amount, the City shall provide the TCEQ SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The City shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the City does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

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

The City shall also mail a copy of the check to the TCEQ SEP Coordinator at the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the City must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The City shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the City may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the City under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision February 29, 2008

DATES	Assigned	3-Mar-2008	Screening	31-Mar-2008	EPA Due	
	PCW	31-Mar-2008				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	City of Walnut Springs
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101918472
Facility/Site Region	9-Waco
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION				
Enf./Case ID No.	35642	No. of Violations	1	
Docket No.	2008-0548-MWD-E	Order Type	1660	
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Enf. Coordinator	Heather Brister	
Multi-Media		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1	
Admin. Penalty \$	Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$1,000
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	25% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$250
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Notes
The Respondent was issued one Notice of Violation for the same or similar violation and was issued an order with denial of liability language.

Culpability	No	0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes
The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply	0% Reduction	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes
The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria.

Total EB Amounts	\$61	0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,500	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount		

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$1,250
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount \$1,250

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$1,250
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DEFERRAL	20% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$250
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only, e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$1,000
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Screening Date: 31-Mar-2008	Docket No.: 2008-0548-MWD-E	PCW
Respondent: City of Walnut Springs	Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)	
Case ID No.: 35642	PCW Revision February 29, 2008	
Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN101918472		
Media [Statute]: Water Quality		
Enf. Coordinator: Heather Brister		

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 (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	1	5%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	1	20%
	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 (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	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 (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	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 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%
<i>Please Enter Yes or No</i>			
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) 25%

>> 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	The Respondent was issued one Notice of Violation for the same or similar violation and was issued an order with denial of liability language.
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Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 25%

Screening Date 31-Mar-2008 **Docket No.** 2008-0548-MWD-E **PCW**
Respondent City of Walnut Springs *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*
Case ID No. 35642 *PCW Revision February 29, 2008*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101918472
Media [Statute] Water Quality
Enf. Coordinator Heather Brister

Violation Number
Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(4), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0013436001, Standard Provisions No. 2.b
Violation Description Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to waters in the state, as documented during the January 9, 2008 investigation. Specifically, the investigator observed grease and sewer debris around the base of the manhole. The ground was still wet along the discharge path that led directly into Steeple Creek.
Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text" value="10%"/>
Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Matrix Notes	Falsification				Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor		
Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants as a result of the violation.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events **Number of violation days**

<i>mark only one with an x</i>	daily	<input type="text"/>
	monthly	<input type="text"/>
	quarterly	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>
	annual	<input type="text"/>
single event	<input type="text"/>	

Violation Base Penalty

One quarterly event is recommended from the January 9, 2008 investigation date to the March 31, 2008 screening date.

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: City of Walnut Springs
Case ID No: 35642
Reg. Ent. Reference No: RN101918472
Media: Water Quality
Violation No: 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Cost: **Date Required:** **Final Date:** **Yrs:** **Interest Saved:** **Onetime Costs:** **EB Amount:**
Item Description: No commas or \$

Delayed Costs						
Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	EB Amount
Equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.0	\$0	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.0	\$0	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0
Permit Costs				0.0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	9-Jan-2008	1-Nov-2008	0.8	\$61	\$61

Notes for DELAYED costs:
 Estimated cost to make necessary repairs, conduct additional training, and clean and disinfect the affected areas.
 Date Required is the investigation date and Final Date is the anticipated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs						
Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	EB Amount
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]				0.0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs:

Approx. Cost of Compliance **\$1,500** **TOTAL** **\$61**

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN600625776	City of Walnut Springs	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 13.50
Regulated Entity:	RN101918472	CITY OF WALNUT SPRINGS	Classification: AVERAGE	Site Rating: 24.00
ID Number(s):	WASTEWATER	PERMIT	WQ0013436001	
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT	TX0128945	
	WASTEWATER LICENSING	LICENSE	WQ0013436001	

Location: Located approximately 1,500 feet east of the crossing of State Highway 144 over Steeple Creek, which includes a collection system with a manhole located in Katy Park, in Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas. Rating Date: September 01 07
Repeat Violator: NO

TCEQ Region: REGION 09 - WACO
 Date Compliance History Prepared: March 19, 2008
 Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
 Compliance Period: March 19, 2003 to March 19, 2008
 TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
 Name: Heather Brister Phone: (254) 761-3048

Site Compliance History Components

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| 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 period? | 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.
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| Effective Date: 12/30/2005 | ADMINORDER 2005-0819-MWD-E |
| Classification: Moderate | |
| Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(4)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5) | |
| Rqmt Prov: Standard Provision (2)(a), Pg. 19 PERMIT | |
| Description: Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to water in the State. | |
- 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 04/06/2005 | (374945) |
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- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
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| Date: 11/12/2004 | (339849) |
| Self Report? NO | Classification: Moderate |
| Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | |
| Rqmt Prov: PERMIT Standard Provisions, No. 2(b) Pg. 19 | |
| Description: Failure by the permittee to prevent the discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to water in the state without authorization from the Commission. | |
- 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

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures and protocols that must be followed when conducting financial transactions. It details the steps from initial request to final approval and recording.

3. The third part of the document provides a comprehensive overview of the organization's financial policies and objectives. It includes information on budgeting, forecasting, and the overall financial strategy.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the role of the finance department in supporting the organization's growth and development. It highlights the department's commitment to providing accurate and timely financial information to management and stakeholders.

5. The fifth part of the document addresses the importance of risk management in financial operations. It discusses various risks, such as market volatility and credit risk, and provides strategies for identifying, assessing, and mitigating these risks.

6. The sixth part of the document provides a detailed analysis of the organization's current financial performance. It includes key financial ratios, trends, and comparisons to industry benchmarks.

7. The seventh part of the document outlines the organization's future financial goals and objectives. It includes a detailed budget for the upcoming year and a discussion of the strategies and initiatives that will be implemented to achieve these goals.

8. The eighth part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and recommendations from the financial review. It emphasizes the need for continued vigilance and proactive management of the organization's financial affairs.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
CITY OF WALNUT SPRINGS
RN101918472

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2008-0548-MWD-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding the City of Walnut Springs ("the City") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the City appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The City owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant located approximately 1,500 feet east of the crossing of State Highway 144 over Steeple Creek which includes a collection system with a manhole located in Katy Park, in Walnut Springs, Bosque County, Texas ("the Site").
2. The City has discharged sewage into or adjacent to any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
3. The Commission and the City agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the City is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The City received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about February 27, 2008.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the City of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the administrative penalty shall be conditionally offset by the

Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") and Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) is deferred contingent upon the City's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the City fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the City to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the City have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the City has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. 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.
11. 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.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Site, the City is alleged to have failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to waters in the state, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(4), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0013436001, Standard Provisions No. 2.b, as documented during the January 9, 2008 investigation. Specifically, the investigator observed grease and sewer debris around the base of the manhole. The ground was still wet along the discharge path that led directly into Steele Creek.

III. DENIALS

The City generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the City pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the City's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Walnut Springs, Docket No. 2008-0548-MWD-E" to:

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It describes the use of statistical techniques to identify trends and anomalies in the data, and the importance of using reliable sources of information.

3. The third part of the document discusses the role of the auditor in the process. It explains that the auditor's primary responsibility is to provide an independent and objective assessment of the financial statements, and to ensure that they are prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of communication in the audit process. It emphasizes that the auditor must maintain open and effective communication with the client throughout the audit, and that this communication should be based on a clear understanding of the client's needs and expectations.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of the auditor's independence and objectivity. It explains that the auditor must be free from any conflicts of interest that could impair their ability to perform their duties in an unbiased and impartial manner.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of the auditor's professional judgment. It explains that the auditor must use their professional judgment to assess the risk of material misstatement, and to determine the nature, timing, and extent of the audit procedures to be performed.

7. The seventh part of the document discusses the importance of the auditor's documentation. It explains that the auditor must maintain accurate and complete documentation of all audit procedures performed, and of the results of those procedures, in order to provide a clear and concise record of the audit process.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of the auditor's communication with the public. It explains that the auditor must communicate the results of the audit in a clear and concise manner, and that this communication should be based on a clear understanding of the public's needs and expectations.

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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2. The City shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the City implement the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference. The City's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the administrative penalty assessed shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.
3. It is further ordered that the City shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, remove and properly dispose of the grease and sewer debris around the manhole;
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, evaluate the causes of the overflows from the manhole and identify the necessary corrective actions to prevent recurrence;
 - c. Within 60 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, complete the corrective actions identified in Ordering Provision No. 3.b to prevent a recurrence of overflows at the manhole; and
 - d. Within 75 days after the effective date of the Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 3.a through 3.c. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is 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."

The certification shall be submitted 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:

Water Section, Manager
Waco Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite 2500
Waco, Texas 76710-7826

4. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the City. The City is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Site operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
5. If the City 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, the City's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The City shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The City shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the City becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
6. 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 the City shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the City receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the City in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed 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.
8. 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.
9. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the City, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the City, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

10/16/2008
Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

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

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- 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;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

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


Signature

07-07-08
Date

BENNY O. CANNON
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
City of Walnut Springs

MAYOR
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2008-0548-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: City of Walnut Springs ("the City")

Payable Penalty Amount: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)

SEP Amount: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)

Type of SEP: Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Unauthorized Trash Dump Clean-Up

Location of SEP: Bosque County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the City to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The City shall contribute to the Third-Party Recipient pursuant to the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to coordinate with city and/or county governmental officials regarding the clean up of sites where trash has been disposed of illegally. Eligible sites will be limited to those where a responsible party can not be identified and where there is no pre-existing obligation to clean up the site by the owner or the government. Additionally, reasonable efforts must have already been taken to prevent the dumping. SEP monies will be used to pay for the direct cost of collection and disposal of debris. All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the project and no portion will be spent on administrative costs. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

The City certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by helping rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with non-regulated trash dumps which contaminate air and water, and harbor disease carrying animals and insects.

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C. Minimum Expenditure

The City shall contribute at least the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the City must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The City shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 510
Bryan, Texas 77802-2700

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Amount, the City shall provide the TCEQ SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The City shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the City does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

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

The City shall also mail a copy of the check to the TCEQ SEP Coordinator at the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the City must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The City shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the City may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the City under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

