

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2007-1745-MSW-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101692564 and RN104806344 **CASE NO.:** 34856

RESPONDENT NAME: Hardin County

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 type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Hardin County Precinct 4 Barn, 100 Southland Street, Lumberton, and property located at 9678 Wingfield Drive, Lumberton, Hardin County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Unauthorized disposal sites</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is one additional pending enforcement action regarding these facility locations, Docket No. 2007-1601-MLM-E.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on May 5, 2008. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: Ms. Melissa Keller, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1768 TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Colin Barth, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 128, (512) 239-0086; Mr. Bryan Sinclair, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2171 Respondent: The Honorable Billy Caraway, County Judge, Hardin County, 300 Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas 77625 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 type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: None</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: April 5, 2007</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: September 7, 2007 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a routine investigation.</p> <p>WASTE</p> <p>Failure to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste. Specifically, the Respondent disposed of approximately 4 cubic yards of municipal solid waste at the 100 Southland Street Site and approximately 160 cubic yards of municipal solid waste at the 9678 Wingfield Drive Site. The Sites are not authorized to accept municipal solid waste [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c)].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$6,060</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$1,212 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$4,848</p> <p>Total Paid (Due) to General Revenue: \$0 RN104806344 and RN101692564</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 also require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease accepting, transporting, and disposing of any additional waste at the Sites and implement procedures to ensure all waste is sent to authorized municipal solid waste disposal facilities;</p> <p>b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, remove and properly dispose of all the waste at the Southland Street Site; and</p> <p>c. Within 45 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 Provisions 2.a. and 2.b.</p>

Additional ID No(s): 455100057

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2007-1745-MSW-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: Hardin County
Payable Penalty Amount: Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,848)
SEP Amount: Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,848)
Type of SEP: Pre-approved
Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Wastewater Treatment Assistance
Location of SEP: Hardin 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 provide low income rural homeowners with assistance to enable the repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems. SEP monies will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs related to repairing or replacing the failing systems. The recipients will not be charged for the cost of replacing or repairing the failing systems

The Respondent 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 protecting water sources for drinking, recreation, and wildlife from contamination from failing treatment systems

C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent 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 Respondent must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent 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 Respondent 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 September 19, 2007

DATES	Assigned	10-Sep-2007	Screening	24-Oct-2007	EPA Due	
	PCW	6-Feb-2008				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Hardin County
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101692564
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	34856	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2007-1745-MSW-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Municipal Solid Waste	Enf. Coordinator	Colin Barth
Multi-Media		EC's Team	EnforcementTeam 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

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 Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes: The Respondent has no record of any NOV's or Orders at this site within the past five years.

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

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

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

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria.

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

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

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

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

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY

Screening Date 24-Oct-2007

Docket No. 2007-1745-MSW-E

PCW

Respondent Hardin County

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 34856

PCW Revision September 19, 2007

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101692564

Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Colin Barth

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)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	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 (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) 0%

>> 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 has no record of any NOVs or Orders at this site within the past five years.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

Screening Date 24-Oct-2007

Docket No. 2007-1745-MSW-E

PCW

Respondent Hardin County

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 34856

PCW Revision September 19, 2007

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101692564

Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Colin Barth

Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description
 Failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste, as documented during an investigation conducted on April 5, 2007. Specifically, the Respondent disposed of approximately 4 cubic yards of municipal solid waste at 100 Southland Street in Lumberton, Texas. The Site is not authorized to accept municipal solid waste.

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

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

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0%"/>

Matrix Notes
 Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which did not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors.

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="checkbox"/>
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>
	annual	<input type="text"/>
	single event	<input type="text"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Three quarterly events are recommended from the investigation date of April 5, 2007 to the screening date of October 24, 2007.

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 Hardin County
Case ID No. 34856
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101692564
Media Municipal Solid Waste
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
<small>No commas or \$</small>							

Delayed Costs

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	\$108	5-Apr-2007	27-Jun-2008	1.2	\$7	n/a	\$7
Permit Costs				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to remove and properly dispose of approximately 4 cubic yards of municipal solid waste at \$27 a cubic yard. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$108

TOTAL

\$7

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600336069 Hardin County Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 12.29
Regulated Entity: RN101692564 HARDIN COUNTY PRECINCT 4 Classification: AVERAGE BY Site Rating: 3.01
BARN DEFAULT
ID Number(s): MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NON PERMITTED ID NUMBER 455100057
Location: 100 SOUTHLAND ST, LUMBERTON, TX, 77657 Rating Date: 9/1/2007 Repeat Violator: NO
TCEQ Region: REGION 10 - BEAUMONT
Date Compliance History Prepared: October 23, 2007
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: October 23, 2002 to October 23, 2007
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
Name: Colin Barth Phone: N/A

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 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.
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.)
1 09/07/2007 (573671)
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
 - 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



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision September 19, 2007

DATES	Assigned	10-Sep-2007	Screening	24-Oct-2007	EPA Due	
	PCW	24-Oct-2007				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Hardin County
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN104806344
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION				
Enf./Case ID No.	34856	No. of Violations	1	
Docket No.	2007-1745-MSW-E	Order Type	1660	
Media Program(s)	Municipal Solid Waste	Enf. Coordinator	Colin Barth	
Multi-Media		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7	
Admin. Penalty \$	Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

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 Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7**

Notes: There has been one NOV for dissimilar violations at this site within the past five years.

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

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

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

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria.

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

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

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

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

Screening Date 24-Oct-2007

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PCW

Respondent Hardin County

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Colin Barth

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)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	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 (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%
Please Enter Yes or No			
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) 2%

>> 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

There has been one NOV for dissimilar violations at this site within the past five years.

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

Screening Date 24-Oct-2007 **Docket No.** 2007-1745-MSW-E **PCW**

Respondent Hardin County *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*

Case ID No. 34856 *PCW Revision September 19, 2007*

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104806344

Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Colin Barth

Violation Number

Rule Cite(s)

Violation Description

Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

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

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0%"/>

Matrix Notes

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 type="text" value="x"/>
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>
	annual	<input type="text"/>
	single event	<input type="text"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation	Statutory Limit Test
Estimated EB Amount <input type="text" value="\$62"/>	Violation Final Penalty Total <input type="text" value="\$3,060"/>
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) <input type="text" value="\$3,060"/>	

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Hardin County
Case ID No. 34856
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104806344
Media Municipal Solid Waste
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
Delayed Costs							
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	\$1,000	5-Apr-2007	27-Jun-2008	1.2	\$62	n/a	\$62
Permit Costs				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to implement procedures to ensure all waste is sent to authorized municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs **ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)**

Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$1,000	TOTAL	\$62
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Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600336069 Hardin County Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 12.29
Regulated Entity: RN104806344 GORE JOHNNY Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 1.50
ID Number(s): MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NON PERMITTED ID NUMBER 455100057
Location: 9678 WINGFIELD DR, LUMBERTON, TX, 77657
TCEQ Region: REGION 10 - BEAUMONT
Date Compliance History Prepared: November 05, 2007
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: November 05, 2002 to November 05, 2007
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
Name: Colin Barth Phone: 512 239 0086

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 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.
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.)
1 06/29/2006 (464937)
N/A
 - E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
Date: 02/10/2006 (450207)
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 111, SubChapter B 111.201
5C THC Chapter 382, SubChapter A 382.085(a)
Description: Failure to comply with the general outdoor burning requirements.
 - 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
HARDIN COUNTY
RN101692564
RN104806344**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2007-1745-MSW-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 Hardin County ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates an unauthorized disposal site at 100 Southland Street and operates an additional unauthorized disposal site at 9678 Wingfield Drive, both in Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas ("the Sites").
2. The Sites involve or involved the management of municipal solid waste as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about September 12, 2007.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Six Thousand Sixty Dollars (\$6,060) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). One

Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$1,212) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent'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 Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty. Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,848) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project.

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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 of the Southland Street Site and as operator of the Sites, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 5, 2007. Specifically, the Respondent disposed of approximately 4 cubic yards of municipal solid waste at the 100 Southland Street Site and approximately 160 cubic yards of municipal solid waste at the 9678 Wingfield Drive Site. The Sites are not authorized to accept municipal solid waste.

III. DENIALS

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

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent'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: Hardin County, Docket No. 2007-1745-MSW-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. The Respondent shall implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,848) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the Respondent implement the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference. The Respondent'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 Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, cease accepting, transporting, and disposing of any additional waste at the Sites and implement procedures to ensure all waste is sent to authorized municipal solid waste disposal facilities, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c);
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, remove and properly dispose of all the waste at the Southland Street Site, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c); and
 - c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this 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. and 3.b.

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:

Waste Section Manager
Beaumont Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3870 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703-1892

4. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Sites' operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
5. If the Respondent 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 Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent 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 Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

John S. Miller

For the Executive Director

5/21/2008

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]

Signature

5/14/08

Date

Billy Caraway

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Hardin County

County Judge Hardin County

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: 2007-1745-MSW-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: Hardin County

Payable Penalty Amount: Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,848)

SEP Amount: Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,848)

Type of SEP: Pre-approved

Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Wastewater Treatment Assistance

Location of SEP: Hardin 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 provide low income rural homeowners with assistance to enable the repair or replacement of their failing on-site wastewater systems. SEP monies will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs related to repairing or replacing the failing systems. The recipients will not be charged for the cost of replacing or repairing the failing systems

The Respondent 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 protecting water sources for drinking, recreation, and wildlife from contamination from failing treatment systems

C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent 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 Respondent must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent 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 Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent 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 Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

