

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2009-0289-MWD-E **TCEQ ID:** RN102319746 **CASE NO.:** 37218

RESPONDENT NAME: Conroe Independent School District

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: Conroe ISD San Jacinto Elementary, located approximately 2,000 feet northwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1314 and Bennette Estates Road, Montgomery County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Wastewater treatment facility</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</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 June 8, 2009. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Heather Brister, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-09, (254) 761-3034; Ms. Cari-Michel La Caille, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1387 Respondent: Mr. Robert Burns, Director of Facilities & Maintenance Operations, Conroe Independent School District, 3205 West Davis Street, Conroe, Texas 77304 Mr. Donald J. Stockton, Superintendent, Conroe Independent School District, 3205 West Davis Street, Conroe, Texas 77304 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 type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: None</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: September 16, 2008</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: February 6, 2009 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a record review.</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>Failure to comply with permitted effluent limits for total suspended solids and total ammonia nitrogen [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0012205001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$3,020</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$604 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$0</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$2,416</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>The Order will require the Respondent to, within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQ0012205001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations.</p>

Additional ID No(s): MWD-12205-001-CO



Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

DATES	Assigned	9-Feb-2009			
	PCW	25-Feb-2009	Screening	25-Feb-2009	EPA Due

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION			
Respondent	Conroe Independent School District		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102319746		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	37218	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2009-0289-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Heather Brister
		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	\$2,000
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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	54.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$1,080
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Notes: The Respondent self-reported eight months of effluent quality violations, received two Notices of Violations ("NOVs") with violations same or similar to those cited in this action, and received two NOVs that are not same or similar to those cited in this action.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$321	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$3,500	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$3,080
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	-1.9%	Adjustment	-\$60
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Recommended reduction to prevent double-enhancement of the penalty amount for same violations that were self-reported.

Final Penalty Amount	\$3,020
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$3,020
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$604
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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	\$2,416
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Screening Date 25-Feb-2009

Docket No. 2009-0289-MWD-E

PCW

Respondent Conroe Independent School District

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 37218

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102319746

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)	10	50%
	Other written NOVs	2	4%
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) 54%

>> **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 self-reported eight months of effluent quality violations, received two Notices of Violations ("NOVs") with violations same or similar to those cited in this action, and received two NOVs that are not same or similar to those cited in this action.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 54%

Screening Date 25-Feb-2009 **Docket No.** 2009-0289-MWD-E **PCW**
Respondent Conroe Independent School District *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*
Case ID No. 37218 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102319746
Media [Statute] Water Quality
Enf. Coordinator Heather Brister
Violation Number 1
Rule Cite(s) Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0012205001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1
Violation Description Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented by a TCEQ record review conducted on September 16, 2008, and as shown in the attached table.
Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual			X	10%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification				Percent
Major	Moderate	Minor		
				0%

Matrix Notes
 A simplified model was used to evaluate ammonia nitrogen to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded levels protective of human health or the environment. Total suspended solids were also considered. As a result of these discharges, human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors.

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events: 2 152 Number of violation days

- mark only one with an x
- daily
 - weekly
 - monthly
 - quarterly
 - semiannual
 - annual
 - single event

Violation Base Penalty \$2,000

Two quarterly events are recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply 0.0% Reduction \$0

	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 for this violation.	

Violation Subtotal \$2,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation	Statutory Limit Test
Estimated EB Amount: \$321	Violation Final Penalty Total: \$3,020
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits): \$3,020	

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent: Conroe Independent School District
Case ID No.: 37218
Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN102319746
Media: Water Quality
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
No commas or \$							

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$3,500	31-Dec-2007	31-Oct-2009	1.84	\$321	n/a	\$321

Notes for DELAYED costs
 Estimated cost to evaluate the cause of noncompliance and to make necessary adjustments at the Facility to achieve compliance with permitted effluent limits. Date Required is the initial month of noncompliance. Final Date is the anticipated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$3,500	TOTAL	\$321
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Effluent Limit Violation Table

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Respondent	Conroe Independent School District		
ID Number(s)	WQ0012205001		
Docket Number	2009-0289-MWD-E		
Enf. Coordinator	Heather Brister		

Corresponds to Violation Number: 1

<i>EFFLUENT PARAMETER</i>				
<i>Permit Limit</i>				
	Total Suspended Solids Daily Average Concentration 15 Milligrams per Liter	Total Suspended Solids Single Grab 60 Milligrams per Liter	Total Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration 3 Milligrams per Liter	Total Ammonia Nitrogen Single Grab 15 Milligrams per Liter
<i>Month/Year</i>				
Dec-07	28.33	c	c	c
Jan-08	20.84	c	8.06	16.00
Feb-08	29.73	70.50	10.40	15.40
Mar-08	c	c	7.00	c
Apr-08	18.43	c	7.13	15.20

c - compliant

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN600272017	Conroe Independent School District	Classification: Average	Rating: 0.76
Regulated Entity:	RN102319746	CONROE ISD SAN JACINTO ELEMENTARY	Classification: Average	Site Rating: 0.63
ID Number(s):	STORMWATER	PERMIT		TXR15MN39
	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	REGISTRATION		1700313
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT		WQ0012205001
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT		TPDES0083208
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT		TX0083208
	WASTEWATER LICENSING	LICENSE		WQ0012205001

Location: Located approximately 2,000 feet northwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1314 and Bennette Estates Road in Montgomery County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON
 Date Compliance History Prepared: February 11, 2009
 Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
 Compliance Period: February 11, 2004 to February 11, 2009
 TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History
 Name: Heather Brister Phone: 254/761-3034

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 |
| 6. Rating Date: 9/1/2008 Repeat Violator: No | |

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

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| 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 | 02/23/2004 | (315889) |
| 2 | 03/18/2004 | (315890) |
| 3 | 04/16/2004 | (315891) |
| 4 | 05/17/2004 | (360639) |
| 5 | 06/17/2004 | (315894) |
| 6 | 07/19/2004 | (280761) |
| 7 | 07/21/2004 | (360640) |
| 8 | 09/03/2004 | (360641) |
| 9 | 09/21/2004 | (360642) |
| 10 | 10/20/2004 | (360643) |
| 11 | 11/10/2004 | (336357) |
| 12 | 12/28/2004 | (386671) |
| 13 | 01/24/2005 | (386672) |
| 14 | 02/22/2005 | (386669) |
| 15 | 03/21/2005 | (386670) |
| 16 | 04/22/2005 | (424495) |
| 17 | 05/10/2005 | (380536) |
| 18 | 05/24/2005 | (424496) |
| 19 | 06/20/2005 | (424497) |
| 20 | 07/20/2005 | (445241) |
| 21 | 08/23/2005 | (445242) |
| 22 | 09/07/2005 | (445243) |
| 23 | 09/26/2005 | (445244) |
| 24 | 10/21/2005 | (476453) |

25	11/21/2005	(476454)
26	12/20/2005	(476455)
27	01/23/2006	(476456)
28	02/27/2006	(476451)
29	03/23/2006	(476452)
30	04/17/2006	(503501)
31	05/22/2006	(503502)
32	06/26/2006	(503503)
33	07/24/2006	(525862)
34	10/05/2006	(586085)
35	10/23/2006	(512297)
36	10/23/2006	(586086)
37	11/07/2006	(586087)
38	11/08/2006	(515487)
39	12/27/2006	(586088)
40	01/29/2007	(586089)
41	02/20/2007	(586079)
42	03/26/2007	(586080)
43	03/30/2007	(554713)
44	04/25/2007	(586081)
45	05/09/2007	(586082)
46	06/06/2007	(562731)
47	06/14/2007	(586083)
48	07/12/2007	(586084)
49	08/16/2007	(624196)
50	09/14/2007	(624197)
51	10/19/2007	(624198)
52	11/26/2007	(624199)
53	12/19/2007	(624200)
54	01/18/2008	(624201)
55	02/15/2008	(675150)
56	03/18/2008	(675151)
57	04/18/2008	(675152)
58	05/16/2008	(693514)
59	06/19/2008	(693515)
60	07/18/2008	(693516)
61	08/29/2008	(714792)
62	09/25/2008	(714793)
63	10/15/2008	(714794)
64	12/19/2008	(709534)
65	02/06/2009	(703033)

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

Date: **09/30/2004** (360643) **CN600272017**
 Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 TWC Chapter 26 26.121(a)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: **11/09/2004** (336357) **CN600272017**
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to conduct the required metals analysis on the wastewater treatment plant sludge.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to ensure flow measurement accuracy.

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.6
 Description: Failure to perform the required Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) for total chlorine residual.

Date: **11/30/2004** (386671) **CN600272017**

Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
TWC Chapter 26 26.121(a)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 02/28/2005 (386670) CN600272017
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
TWC Chapter 26 26.121(a)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 10/20/2006 (512297) CN600272017
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.41(c)(1)(B)
Description: Failure to locate ground water sources so there will be no danger of pollution from
insanitary surroundings. Specifically, the well must not be located within 500 feet of a
wastewater treatment plant.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.121
Description: Failure by the regulated entity to develop and maintain an up to date system monitoring
plan.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.110(e)(4)
Description: Failure to provide Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Reports at the time of the
investigation.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(m)(4)
Description: Failure to repair the leaking valve located on the well discharge line.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(m)(1)(B)
Description: Failure to provide a pressure tank inspection report showing that pressure tank had been
inspected internally and externally.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(m)(1)(A)
Description: Failure to provide a ground storage tank inspection report showing that ground storage
tank had been inspected internally and externally.

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.44(h)(4)
Description: Failure to provide an annual backflow prevention assembly test report was provided for
the wastewater treatment plant at the time of the investigation.

Date: 11/08/2006 (515487) CN600272017
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(11)(B)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(11)(C)
Description: Failure to submit the annual sludge reports for 07/2004 - 08/2005 and 08/2005 - 07/2006.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to maintain compliance with the permitted effluent limits for chlorine residual.

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.7(a)

30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.7(c)

Description: Failure to properly maintain standards for chlorine analysis quality control.

Date: 12/31/2007 (624201) CN600272017
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 01/31/2008 (675150) CN600272017
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 02/29/2008 (675151) CN600272017
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 03/31/2008 (675152) CN600272017
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 04/30/2008 (693514) CN600272017
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 12/18/2008 (709534) CN600272017
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
PERMIT PERMIT

Description: Failure to maintain compliance with effluent permitted limits.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to submit a noncompliance notification within twenty four hours by phone or fax and/or a written notification within five working days for permitted effluent limits which deviate by more than 40%.

- 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
CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT
RN102319746**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2009-0289-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 Conroe Independent School District ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. 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 a wastewater treatment facility located approximately 2,000 feet northwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1314 and Bennette Estates Road in Montgomery County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent has discharged municipal waste into or adjacent to any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
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 February 11, 2009.
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 Three Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$3,020) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The

Respondent has paid Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$2,416) of the administrative penalty and Six Hundred Four Dollars (\$604) 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.

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 and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0012205001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as documented by a TCEQ record review conducted on September 16, 2008, and as shown in the following table:

EFFLUENT PARAMETER				
Permit Limit				
	Total Suspended Solids Daily Average Concentration 15 Milligrams per Liter	Total Suspended Solids Single Grab 60 Milligrams per Liter	Total Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration 3 Milligrams per Liter	Total Ammonia Nitrogen Single Grab 15 Milligrams per Liter
<i>Month/Year</i>				
Dec-07	28.33	c	c	c
Jan-08	20.84	c	8.06	16.00
Feb-08	29.73	70.50	10.40	15.40
Mar-08	c	c	7.00	c
Apr-08	18.43	c	7.13	15.20
c - compliant				

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: Conroe Independent School District, Docket No. 2009-0289-MWD-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. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall, within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQ0012205001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations. 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 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."

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:

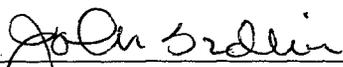
Water Section, Manager
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Avenue, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1486

3. 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 Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. 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.
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 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.
6. 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.
7. This Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes under this Agreed Order.
8. 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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

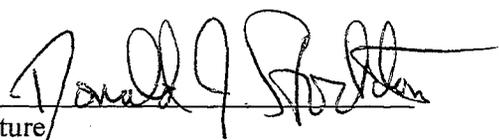
5/6/2009
Date

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

April 7, 2009

Date

Donald J. Stockton

Superintendent

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Conroe Independent School District

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.

