

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER Page 1 of 2
DOCKET NO.: 2009-1962-MWD-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101513729 **CASE NO.:** 38798
RESPONDENT NAME: Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.

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: Goforth Wastewater Treatment Plant, located approximately four miles southeast of the intersection of Interstate Highway 35 and Farm-to-Market Road 2001 and five miles north of the intersection of State Highway 21 and Farm-to-Market Road 272, Hays 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 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 BD and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on June 14, 2010. 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. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495 Respondent: Mr. Steve Blackhurst, Environmental Compliance Manager, Aqua Utilities, Inc., 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 400W, Austin, Texas 78723 Mr. Robert L. Laughman, President, Aqua Utilities, Inc., 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 400W, Austin, Texas 78723 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: October 27, 2009</p> <p>Date of NOE Relating to this Case: October 27, 2009</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a routine investigation.</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>Failure to maintain adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(5) and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0013293001, Operational Requirements No. 4].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$4,775</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$955 <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: \$3,820</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>Corrective Actions Taken:</p> <p>The Executive Director recognizes that on November 24, 2009, the Respondent advertised for bids from local electricians to install the appropriate electrical outlets needed for the generator.</p> <p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, provide adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures in accordance with TPDES Permit No. WQ0013293001, Operational Requirements No. 4; and</p> <p>b. Within 105 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 No. a.</p>

Additional ID No(s): WQ0013293001



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	2-Nov-2009	Screening	25-Nov-2009	EPA Due	
	PCW	5-Mar-2010				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101513729
Facility/Site Region	11-Austin
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	38798	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2009-1962-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	No
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	\$2,500
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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	91.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$2,275
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Notes
The penalty is enhanced due to 20 monthly self-reported effluent violations, one Notice of Violation ("NOV") for violations that are same or similar, three NOV's for violations that are not same or similar, and two Agreed Orders with denial of liability language.

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	\$1,883
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$20,000

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$4,775
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount **\$4,775**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$4,775
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$955
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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	\$3,820
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Screening Date 25-Nov-2009

Docket No. 2009-1962-MWD-E

PCW

Respondent: Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101513729

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	23	46%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	2	40%
	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) 91%

>> 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 penalty is enhanced due to 20 monthly self-reported effluent violations, one Notice of Violation ("NOV") for violations that are same or similar, three NOVs for violations that are not same or similar, and two Agreed Orders with denial of liability language.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 91%

Screening Date 25-Nov-2009

Docket No. 2009-1962-MWD-E

PCW

Respondent Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 38798

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101513729

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Heather Brister

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(5) and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0013293001, Operational Requirements No. 4

Violation Description Failed to maintain adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures, as documented during a record review conducted on October 27, 2009.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual					25%
Potential	x				

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0%

Matrix Notes Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health and environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$7,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 29

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

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One monthly event is recommended from the date of the record review (October 27, 2009) to the date of screening (November 25, 2009).

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	0.0% Reduction	
	Before NOV	NOV to EDCRP/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 \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount \$1,883

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,775

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,775

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.
Case ID No. 38798
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101513729
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	Overtime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment	\$20,000	27-Mar-2009	31-Jul-2010	1.35	\$90	\$1,794	\$1,883
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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs: The cost to maintain adequate safeguards at the Facility to prevent unauthorized discharges during electrical power failures. Date required is the date the violation was first documented and final date is the expected 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

\$20,000

TOTAL

\$1,883

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN602787509 Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 1.68
Regulated Entity:	RN101513729 GOFORTH WWTP	Classification: AVERAGE	Site Rating: 4.09
ID Number(s):	WASTEWATER	PERMIT	WQ0013293001
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT	TX0100684
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT	TPDES0100684
	WASTEWATER LICENSING	LICENSE	WQ0013293001

Location: Located approximately four miles southeast of the intersection of Interstate Highway 35 and Farm-to-Market Road 2001 and five miles north of the intersection of State Highway 21 and Farm-to-Market Road 272 in Hays County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 11 - AUSTIN
Date Compliance History Prepared: November 13, 2009
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement
Compliance Period: November 13, 2004 to November 13, 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/operator of the site during the compliance period? | No |
| 3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? | N/A |
| 4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s) ? | N/A |
| 5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? | N/A |
| 6. | |

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: 01/26/2006 | ADMINORDER 2005-0739-MWD-E |
| Classification: Moderate | |
| Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | |
| Rqmt Prov: Final Effluent Limitations & MR PERMIT | |
| Description: Failed to maintain compliance with permitted effluent limits. | |
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| Classification: Moderate | |
| Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | |
| Rqmt Prov: Sludge Provisions/Reporting Requirements PERMIT | |
| Description: Failed to submit an annual sludge report that was due on September 1, 2004. | |
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| Classification: Minor | |
| Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17) | |
| Rqmt Prov: Monitoring/Reporting Requirements No. 1 PERMIT | |
| Description: Failed to include all parameter data on DMRs submitted for the periods ending in December 2003 and June, July and August 2004. | |
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| Effective Date: 12/04/2008 | ADMINORDER 2008-0842-MWD-E |
| Classification: Moderate | |
| Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | |
| Rqmt Prov: Effluent Limits PERMIT | |
| Description: Failure to comply with permit effluent limits as documented by a TCEQ record review of self-reported data. | |
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| Classification: Moderate | |
| Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17) | |
| Rqmt Prov: Effluent Reporting Requirements PERMIT | |

Description: Failure to submit effluent monitoring results at the intervals specified in the permit as documented by a TCEQ record review.

- 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	11/15/2004	(388267)
2	12/16/2004	(388268)
3	01/13/2005	(388269)
4	02/09/2005	(388265)
5	03/14/2005	(388266)
6	04/08/2005	(348302)
7	04/20/2005	(425820)
8	05/17/2005	(425821)
9	06/17/2005	(425822)
10	07/29/2005	(395163)
11	08/19/2005	(446325)
12	09/20/2005	(446326)
13	10/18/2005	(478782)
14	11/21/2005	(478783)
15	12/20/2005	(478784)
16	01/12/2006	(478785)
17	02/17/2006	(478780)
18	03/20/2006	(478781)
19	04/13/2006	(504818)
20	05/15/2006	(504819)
21	06/12/2006	(504820)
22	07/20/2006	(527127)
23	08/21/2006	(527128)
24	09/21/2006	(527129)
25	10/18/2006	(627862)
26	11/16/2006	(627863)
27	12/22/2006	(627865)
28	01/26/2007	(627867)
29	02/16/2007	(627855)
30	03/16/2007	(627856)
31	04/16/2007	(627857)
32	05/14/2007	(627858)
33	06/25/2007	(627859)
34	07/16/2007	(627860)
35	08/16/2007	(627861)
36	08/22/2007	(513619)
37	12/04/2007	(627864)
38	12/19/2007	(627866)
39	01/17/2008	(676249)
40	02/27/2008	(676248)
41	02/28/2008	(676247)
42	03/20/2008	(694621)
43	04/21/2008	(694622)
44	04/23/2008	(639864)
45	05/20/2008	(694623)
46	06/03/2008	(694624)
47	06/20/2008	(716078)
48	07/21/2008	(716079)
49	08/28/2008	(716080)
50	09/11/2008	(687764)
51	09/19/2008	(716081)
52	10/17/2008	(716082)
53	11/18/2008	(731640)
54	12/18/2008	(731641)
55	01/20/2009	(755027)
56	03/10/2009	(772174)
57	03/18/2009	(772175)
58	03/27/2009	(739464)
59	04/21/2009	(772176)
60	05/20/2009	(772177)
61	05/29/2009	(740916)
62	06/25/2009	(759525)
63	07/21/2009	(762836)
64	10/27/2009	(780491)

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

Date:	07/09/2005	(395163)	CN602787509	
Self Report?	NO		Classification:	Minor
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) EFFLUENT LIMITS AND MON. REQUIREMENTS PERMIT			
Description:	Inadequate chlorine residual□			
Self Report?	NO		Classification:	Minor
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)			
Description:	There was no access to the receiving stream, and observations of the receiving stream not being conducted and recorded.			
Date:	01/31/2006	(478780)	CN602787509	
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:	02/28/2006	(478781)	CN602787509	
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:	03/31/2006	(504818)	CN602787509	
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:	04/30/2006	(504819)	CN602787509	
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:	12/31/2006	(627867)	CN602787509	
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:	01/31/2007	(627855)	CN602787509	
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:	09/30/2007	(694624)	CN602787509	
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:	10/31/2007	(627864)	CN602787509	
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: 11/30/2007 (627866) CN602787509
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: 12/31/2007 (676249) CN602787509
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 (676247) CN602787509
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 (694623) CN602787509
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: 05/31/2008 (716078) CN602787509
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: 07/31/2008 (716080) CN602787509
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: 08/31/2008 (716081) CN602787509
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: 09/12/2008 (687764) CN602787509
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(9)
7. Noncompliance Notification OP
Description: Failure to submit a written report of noncompliance within five days of becoming aware of the noncompliance.

Date: 09/30/2008 (716082) CN602787509
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: 10/31/2008 (731640) CN602787509
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: 12/31/2008 (755027) CN602787509
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: 03/27/2009 (739464) CN602787509
Self Report? NO **Classification:** Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)
Description: Failure to demonstrate adequate compliance with the requirements for safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures by means of alternate power sources, standby generators, and/or retention of inadequately treated wastewater.

Date: 03/31/2009 (772176) CN602787509
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: 04/30/2009 (772177) CN602787509
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: 05/29/2009 (740916) CN602787509
Self Report? NO **Classification:** Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)
2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(3)
2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(b)
2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(c)
2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(d)
2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(e)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(4)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)
TWC Chapter 26 26.121
TWC Chapter 26 26.121(a)(2)
Description: Failure to prevent unauthorized discharges from the collection system

Self Report? NO **Classification:** Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet effluent limits

Self Report? NO **Classification:** Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to provide noncompliance notification within 5 days of becoming aware of exceeding a permitted effluent limitation by more than 40%.

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| 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
AQUA UTILITIES, INC. DBA AQUA
TEXAS, INC.
RN101513729

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2009-1962-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 Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc. ("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 plant located approximately four miles southeast of the intersection of Interstate Highway 35 and Farm-to-Market Road 2001 and five miles north of the intersection of State Highway 21 and Farm-to-Market Road 272 in Hays County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent has committed any other act or engaged in any other activity which in itself or in conjunction with any other discharge or activity causes, continues to cause, or will cause pollution of 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 November 1, 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 Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$4,775) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$3,820) of the administrative penalty and Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$955) 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 recognizes that on November 24, 2009, the Respondent advertised for bids from local electricians to install the appropriate electrical outlets needed for the generator.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 maintain adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(5) and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0013293001, Operational Requirements No. 4, as documented during a record review conducted on October 27, 2009.

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: Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc., Docket No. 2009-1962-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 undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, provide adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures in accordance with TPDES Permit No. WQ0013293001, Operational Requirements No. 4; and
 - b. Within 105 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 No. 2.a. 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 fines 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
Austin Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
2800 S IH 35, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78704-5712

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

John Zeller
For the Executive Director

5/14/2010
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.

Robert L. Laughman
Signature

March 31, 2010
Date

Robert L. Laughman
Name (Printed or typed)

President
Title

Authorized Representative of
Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas, Inc.

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.

