

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER**  
**DOCKET NO.:** 2010-1263-MWD-E **TCEQ ID:** RN102181872 **CASE NO.:** 40139  
**RESPONDENT NAME:** City of Hallsville

<b>ORDER TYPE:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input checked="" 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	
<b>CASE TYPE:</b>		
<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><b>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED:</b> City of Hallsville, located approximately 6,200 feet east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 450 and United States ("U.S.") Highway 80 and 1,100 feet south of U.S. Highway 80, Harrison County</p> <p><b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> Wastewater treatment plant</p> <p><b>SMALL BUSINESS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS:</b> There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p><b>INTERESTED PARTIES:</b> No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS RECEIVED:</b> The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on November 29, 2010. No comments were received.</p> <p><b>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:</b>  <b>TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator:</b> None  <b>TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:</b> Ms. Heather Brister, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-09, (254) 761-3034; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495  <b>Respondent:</b> The Honorable Jerri L. Medrano, Mayor, City of Hallsville, P.O. Box 899, Hallsville, Texas 75650  <b>Respondent's Attorney:</b> Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

**VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:**

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p><b>Type of Investigation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint  <input type="checkbox"/> Routine  <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p><b>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case:</b> None</p> <p><b>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case:</b> June 30, 2010</p> <p><b>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case:</b> July 22, 2010 (NOE)</p> <p><b>Background Facts:</b> This was a records review.</p> <p><b>WATER</b></p> <p>Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits for 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. WQ0010460001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].</p>	<p><b>Total Assessed:</b> \$5,420</p> <p><b>Total Deferred:</b> \$0  <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement  <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p><b>SEP Conditional Offset:</b> \$0</p> <p><b>Total Paid to General Revenue:</b> \$5,420</p> <p><b>Compliance History Classification:</b>                      Person/CN – Average                      Site/RN – Average</p> <p><b>Major Source:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Applicable Penalty Policy:</b> September 2002</p> <p><b>Findings Orders Justification:</b></p> <p>The Respondent has three repeated enforcement actions over the prior five year period for the same violation.</p>	<p><b>Ordering Provisions:</b></p> <p>The order will require the Respondent to, within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010460001, 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): WQ0010460001



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	26-Jul-2010	<b>Screening</b>	2-Aug-2010	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	2-Aug-2010				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Respondent</b>	City of Hallsville
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN102181872
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	5-Tyler
<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>		<b>No. of Violations</b>	1
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	40139	<b>Order Type</b>	Findings
<b>Docket No.</b>	2010-1263-MWD-E	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	No
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Water Quality	<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Heather Brister
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 1
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$10,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$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.

<b>Compliance History</b>	179.0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$3,580
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**Notes**  
 Enhancement for 23 months of self-reported violations, three NOVs for same/similar violations, two NOVs for dissimilar violations, one Agreed Order with a denial of liability, and one Agreed Order without a denial of liability.

<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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**Notes**  
 The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	\$0
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0% Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts \$311  
 Approx. Cost of Compliance \$5,000  
 \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$5,580
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	-2.9%	<b>Adjustment</b>	-\$160
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the Indicated percentage.

**Notes**  
 Recommend reduction to prevent the double-enhancement for violations that were self-reported.

<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$5,420
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$5,420
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	0.0%	Reduction	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the Indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

**Notes**  
 No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$5,420
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Screening Date: 2-Aug-2010

Docket No.: 2010-1263-MWD-E

PCW

Respondent: City of Hallsville

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No.: 40139

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No.: RN102181872

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 notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	26	130%
	Other written NOVs	2	4%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	1	20%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	1	25%
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)** 179%

>> 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**

Enhancement for 23 months of self-reported violations, three NOVs for same/similar violations, two NOVs for dissimilar violations, one Agreed Order with a denial of liability, and one Agreed Order without a denial of liability.

**Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)** 179%

**Screening Date** 2-Aug-2010 **Docket No.** 2010-1263-MWD-E **PCW**  
**Respondent** City of Hallsville *Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)*  
**Case ID No.** 40139 *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN102181872  
**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 ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010460001; Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1  
**Violation Description** Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented during a record review conducted on June 30, 2010. See attached table.  
**Base Penalty** \$10,000

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

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual			x	10%
Potential				

**>> Programmatic Matrix**

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				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. As a result of these discharges, human health or the environment have been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors.  
**Adjustment** \$9,000

**Violation Events** **Number of Violation Events** 2 **Number of violation days** 120 **Violation Base Penalty** \$2,000

mark only one with an x	daily		<b>Violation Base Penalty</b> \$2,000
	weekly		
	monthly		
	quarterly	x	
	semiannual		
	annual		
	single event		

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** \$311 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$5,420  
**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)** \$5,420

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent:** City of Hallsville  
**Case ID No.:** 40139  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.:** RN102181872  
**Media:** Water Quality  
**Violation No.:** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

### Delayed Costs

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)	\$5,000	31-Jan-2010	30-Apr-2011	1.24	\$311	n/a

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to determine the cause of non-compliance and to make necessary adjustments to achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limits. Date required is the initial month of non-compliance. 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**    \$5,000    **TOTAL**    \$311

**Effluent Limit Violation Table**

table rev.

<b>Respondent</b>	City of Hallsville	
<b>ID Number(s)</b>	WQ0010460001	
<b>Docket Number</b>	2010-1263-MWD-E	
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Heather Brister	

**Corresponds to Violation Number:** 1

<b>EFFLUENT PARAMETER</b>		
	<b>Permit Limit</b>	
	Ammonia-Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration 6 Milligrams per Liter	Ammonia-Nitrogen Daily Maximum Concentration 10 Milligrams per Liter
<b>Month/Year</b>		
January 31, 2010	13.75	16.10
February 28, 2010	14.83	18.00
March 31, 2010	12.54	13.90
April 30, 2010	16.48	17.80



# Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN600631642	City of Hallsville	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 2.97
Regulated Entity:	RN102181872	CITY OF HALLSVILLE	Classification: AVERAGE	Site Rating: 2.97
ID Number(s):	WASTEWATER		PERMIT	WQ0010460001
	WASTEWATER		EPA ID	TX0026921
	WASTEWATER LICENSING		LICENSE	WQ0010460001

**Location:** Located approximately 6,200 feet east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 450 and U.S. Highway 80 and 1,100 feet south of U.S. Highway 80 in Harrison County, Texas

**TCEQ Region:** REGION 05 - TYLER  
**Date Compliance History Prepared:** August 02, 2010  
**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement  
**Compliance Period:** August 02, 2005 to August 02, 2010  
**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. Rating Date: 9/1/2009 Repeat Violator: NO   |     |

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.**
- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Effective Date: <b>02/05/2007</b>   | ADMINORDER 2006-1180-MWD-E     |
| Classification: Moderate  |                                |
| Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)<br>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. |                                |
| <br>Effective Date: <b>03/12/2009</b>   | <br>ADMINORDER 2008-1420-MWD-E |
| Classification: Moderate  |                                |
| Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)<br>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. |                                |
- 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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|------------|----------|
| 8/22/2005  | (442226) |
| 8/29/2005  | (397831) |
| 9/21/2005  | (442227) |
| 10/20/2005 | (471180) |
| 11/21/2005 | (471181) |
| 12/19/2005 | (471182) |
| 1/19/2006  | (471183) |
| 2/21/2006  | (471178) |
| 3/22/2006  | (471179) |
| 4/20/2006  | (499955) |
| 5/22/2006  | (499956) |
| 5/23/2006  | (461975) |
| 6/19/2006  | (499957) |
| 7/10/2006  | (485460) |
| 7/11/2006  | (484353) |
| 7/20/2006  | (499958) |
| 8/21/2006  | (522050) |
| 9/21/2006  | (522051) |

10/20/2006	(546714)
11/22/2006	(546715)
12/21/2006	(546716)
1/22/2007	(533685)
1/22/2007	(546717)
2/20/2007	(578974)
3/23/2007	(578975)
4/20/2007	(578976)
5/21/2007	(578977)
6/18/2007	(578978)
7/19/2007	(578979)
8/20/2007	(607924)
9/20/2007	(607925)
10/19/2007	(620915)
10/23/2007	(598828)
11/26/2007	(620916)
12/20/2007	(620917)
1/10/2008	(613808)
1/24/2008	(673096)
3/19/2008	(673095)
5/7/2008	(691214)
5/12/2008	(691218)
5/21/2008	(691216)
6/16/2008	(699436)
6/20/2008	(691215)
6/20/2008	(691217)
6/30/2008	(682708)
7/21/2008	(712077)
8/7/2008	(687777)
8/20/2008	(712078)
9/22/2008	(728460)
10/20/2008	(728461)
11/14/2008	(728462)
12/15/2008	(728463)
1/20/2009	(751555)
2/20/2009	(751553)
3/19/2009	(751554)
4/20/2009	(769283)
4/30/2009	(741180)
5/20/2009	(807632)
6/22/2009	(807633)
7/20/2009	(807634)
8/27/2009	(807635)
9/15/2009	(765000)
9/21/2009	(807636)
10/5/2009	(777587)
10/23/2009	(807637)
11/23/2009	(807638)
12/22/2009	(807639)
1/7/2010	(782523)
1/15/2010	(807640)
2/25/2010	(791994)
3/22/2010	(831966)
4/22/2010	(831967)
5/17/2010	(831968)
7/22/2010	(829409)

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

Date: **01/31/2006** (471178) CN600631642  
 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** (471179) CN600631642  
 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** (499955) CN600631642  
 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** (499956) CN600631642  
 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: **05/24/2006** (461975) CN600631642  
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)  
 Description: Failure to meet the daily average permit limits for ammonia nitrogen.

Date: **01/31/2007** (578974) CN600631642  
 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: **02/28/2007** (578975) CN600631642  
 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: **03/31/2007** (578976) CN600631642  
 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: **04/30/2007** (578977) CN600631642  
 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** (691214) CN600631642  
 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: **02/24/2008** (673095) CN600631642  
 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** (691215) CN600631642  
 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** (691216) CN600631642  
 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** (691217) CN600631642  
 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 **06/16/2008** (699436) CN600631642  
 Self Report? NO Classification: **Moderate**  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)  
 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17)  
 Description: NON-RPT VIOS FOR MONIT PER OR PIPE

Date **06/27/2008** (682708) CN600631642  
 Self Report? NO Classification: **Moderate**  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 291, SubChapter F 291.94(a)  
 Description: Failure to properly maintain the collection system as specified in 30 TAC§291.94(a).

Date **12/31/2008** (751555) CN600631642  
 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 **01/31/2009** (751553) CN600631642  
 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 **02/28/2009** (751554) CN600631642  
 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 **03/31/2009** (769283) CN600631642  
 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** (807632) CN600631642  
 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 **05/11/2009** (741180) CN600631642  
 Self Report? NO Classification: **Minor**  
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)  
 Description: Failure to meet the permit effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen. The permit limit for a grab sample for ammonia nitrogen is 15 mg/L. The ammonia nitrogen sample collected during the investigation was measured at 26.8 mg/L.

Date **05/31/2009** (807633) CN600631642  
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 **01/08/2010** (782523) CN600631642  
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 have adequate 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 wastes. During the November 17, 2009 Compliance Investigation the investigator noted that the City of Hallsville did not have an emergency generator, retention capabilities, or dual electric feed for the wastewater treatment facilities.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)  
Description: Failure to meet the permit effluent limitations for Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10460-001 for Ammonia Nitrogen. During the period of review March 2009 through May 2008, TSS excursions for ammonia nitrogen occurred in March, February 2009, December, and May 2008.

Date **01/31/2010** CN600631642  
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 **02/28/2010** (831966) CN600631642  
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 **03/31/2010** (831967) CN600631642  
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 **04/30/2010** (831968) CN600631642  
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

- 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  
CITY OF HALLSVILLE  
RN102181872**

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**BEFORE THE  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2010-1263-MWD-E**

At its \_\_\_\_\_ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding City of Hallsville ("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 presented this agreement to the Commission.

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

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

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

### **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant located approximately 6,200 feet east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 450 and United States ("U.S.") Highway 80 and 1,100 feet south of U.S. Highway 80 in Harrison County, Texas (the "Facility").

- The Respondent has discharged municipal waste into or adjacent to any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
- During a record review on June 30, 2010, TCEQ staff documented the following effluent values based on the self-reported discharge monitoring reports ("DMRs"):

<b>EFFLUENT PARAMETER</b>		
	<b>Permit Limit</b>	
	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration 6 Milligrams per Liter	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Maximum Concentration 10 Milligrams per Liter
<b>Month/Year</b>		
Jan. 31, 2010	13.75	16.10
Feb. 28, 2010	14.83	18.00
Mar. 31, 2010	12.54	13.90
Apr. 30, 2010	16.48	17.80

- The Respondent received notice of the violations on July 27, 2010.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the Commission.
- As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the Respondent 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. WQ0010460001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1.
- Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- An administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$5,420) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053. The Respondent has paid the Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollar (\$5,420) administrative penalty.

### III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$5,420) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Hallsville, Docket No. 2010-1263-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. 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. WQ0010460001, 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 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  
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. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
7. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
8. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against 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.
9. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission,

including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142.

## SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

John Szolien  
For the Executive Director

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Date 11/8/2010

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

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

I also understand that 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.

Jerri L. Medrano  
Signature

9-28-10  
Date

Jerri L. Medrano  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
City of Hallsville

Mayor  
Title

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