EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2010-1789-MWD-E **TCEQ ID:** RN102956422 **CASE NO.:** 40640

RESPONDENT NAME: West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17

ORDER TYPE:		
X 1660 AGREED ORDER	__FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	__FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
__FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	__SHUTDOWN ORDER	__IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
__AMENDED ORDER	__EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
__AIR	__MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	__INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
__PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	__PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	__OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
X WATER QUALITY	__SEWAGE SLUDGE	__UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
__MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	__RADIOACTIVE WASTE	__DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION

SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: West Harris County MUD 17, located approximately five miles west-northwest of the intersection of State Highway 6 and Interstate Highway 10 on the north bank of the South Mayde Creek, Harris County

TYPE OF OPERATION: Wastewater treatment facility

SMALL BUSINESS: ___ Yes X No

OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.

INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.

COMMENTS RECEIVED: The *Texas Register* comment period expired on March 14, 2011. No comments were received.

CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST:

TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ms. Merrilee Hupp, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team1, MC 169, (512) 239-4490; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495

Respondent: Ms. Evelyn J. Covine, President, West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17, 1415 Louisiana Street, 5th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002

Mr. Kerry M. Crellin, Vice-President, West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17, 1415 Louisiana Street, 5th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002

Respondent's Attorney: Mr. Robert Young, Young and Brooks, 1415 Louisiana Street, 5th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:

VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
Type of Investigation: __ Complaint __ Routine __ Enforcement Follow-up X Records Review **Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case:** None **Date of Record Review Relating to this Case:** September 3, 2010 **Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case:** October 15, 2010 (NOE) **Background Facts:** This was a record review. **WATER** Failed to comply with permit effluent limits for ammonia nitrogen [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0012247001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1)].	**Total Assessed:** $1,600 **Total Deferred:** $320 X Expedited Settlement __Financial Inability to Pay **SEP Conditional Offset:** $0 **Total Paid to General Revenue:** $1,280 **Site Compliance History Classification** **__ High X Average __ Poor** **Person Compliance History Classification** **__ High X Average __ Poor** **Major Source:** __ Yes X No **Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2002	**Ordering Provisions:** 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. WQ0012247001, 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.

Additional ID No(s).: TPDES Permit No. WQ0012247001

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

TCEQ

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) — *PCW Revision October 30, 2008*

DATES					
Assigned	18-Oct-2010				
PCW	26-Oct-2010	Screening	26-Oct-2010	EPA Due	

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102956422		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	40640	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2010-1789-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Merrilee Hupp
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1

Admin. Penalty $ Limit Minimum: $0 Maximum: $10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) — *Subtotal 1* **$1,000**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History — **60.0%** Enhancement — *Subtotals 2, 3, & 7* **$600**

Notes: Enhancement for seven months of self-reported violations, one NOV with same/similar violations, and one order with a denial of liability.

Culpability — No — **0.0%** Enhancement — *Subtotal 4* **$0**

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments — *Subtotal 5* **$0**

Economic Benefit — **0.0%** Enhancement* — *Subtotal 6* **$0**

Total EB Amounts: $112
Approx. Cost of Compliance: $1,275

**Capped at the Total EB $ Amount*

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 — *Final Subtotal* **$1,600**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE — **0.0%** — *Adjustment* **$0**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount **$1,600**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT — *Final Assessed Penalty* **$1,600**

DEFERRAL — **20.0%** Reduction — *Adjustment* **-$320**

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

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY **$1,280**

Screening Date 26-Oct-2010 **Docket No.** 2010-1789-MWD-E **PCW**

Respondent West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 1

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 40640

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102956422

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Merrilee Hupp

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*)	8	40%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (*number of orders meeting criteria*)	1	20%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (*number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria*)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (*number of counts*)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (*number of events*)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 *(number of audits for which notices were submitted)*	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (*number of audits for which violations were disclosed*)	0	0%

		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) 60%

>> 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 seven months of self-reported violations, one NOV with same/similar violations, and one order with a denial of liability.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 60%

Screening Date 26-Oct-2010 **Docket No.** 2010-1789-MWD-E **PCW**

Respondent West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 40640

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102956422

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Merrilee Hupp

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. WQ0012247001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1

Violation Description Failed to comply with permit effluent limits, as documented during a record review conducted on September 3, 2010 and shown in the attached effluent violation table.

Base Penalty $10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm: Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			x
Potential			

Percent 10%

>>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 has been exposed to 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 1 | 60 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty $1,000

One quarterly event is 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 $1,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount $112

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $1,600

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $1,600

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17
Case ID No. 40640
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102956422
Media Water Quality
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description (No commas or $)	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Delayed Costs							
Equipment	$1,275	30-Apr-2010	31-Jul-2011	1.25	$5	$106	$112
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: Actual cost to replace 15 diffusers ($85 each). Date required is the first noncompliant month and the final date is the anticipated date of compliance.

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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 $1,275

TOTAL $112

Respondent: West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17
TPDES Permit No. WQ0012247001
Docket No. 2010-1789-MWD-E

Effluent Violation Table

Effluent Parameter	***Monitoring Period End Date***	***Monitoring Period End Date***
	April 2010	June 2010
	Reported Value (mg/L)	Reported Value (mg/L)
Daily Average Ammonia Nitrogen Concentration Permit Limit = 2 mg/L	3.65	6.07
Daily Average Ammonia Nitrogen Loading Permit Limit = 4.6 lbs/day	5.35	c

mg/L: milligrams per liter c: compliant lbs/day: pounds per day

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN600739700	West Harris County Municipal Utility District 17	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 1.09
Regulated Entity:	RN102956422	WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUD 17	Classification: AVERAGE	Site Rating: 1.09

ID Number(s):			
	WASTEWATER	PERMIT	WQ0012247001
	WASTEWATER	EPA ID	TX0084468
	WASTEWATER LICENSING	LICENSE	WQ0012247001

Location: 5 mi. W-NW of intersec. of State Hwy. 6 & Interstate Hwy. 10 on N. bank of South Mayde Creek, Harris Co., Tx.

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

Date Compliance History Prepared: October 26, 2010

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: October 26, 2005 to October 26, 2010

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Merrilee G. Hupp Phone: (512) 239- 4490

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/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: 9/1/2010 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: 08/10/2007 ADMINORDER 2007-0007-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.

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	03/08/2006	(476652)
2	03/20/2006	(476653)
3	11/21/2005	(476655)
4	12/13/2005	(476656)
5	01/26/2006	(476657)
6	07/12/2006	(483711)
7	04/17/2006	(503596)
8	05/19/2006	(503597)
9	06/21/2006	(503598)
10	07/21/2006	(525954)
11	08/28/2006	(525955)
12	09/27/2006	(525956)
13	12/18/2006	(532835)

14	02/22/2007	(586321)
15	03/21/2007	(586322)
16	04/23/2007	(586323)
17	05/18/2007	(586324)
18	06/15/2007	(586325)
19	10/16/2006	(586326)
20	12/19/2006	(586327)
21	01/16/2007	(586328)
22	12/06/2007	(597538)
23	12/17/2007	(611900)
24	07/19/2007	(624345)
25	09/05/2007	(624346)
26	09/27/2007	(624347)
27	10/29/2007	(624348)
28	11/20/2007	(624349)
29	01/24/2008	(624350)
30	03/05/2008	(675276)
31	03/17/2008	(675277)
32	04/22/2008	(675278)
33	01/02/2008	(675279)
34	05/08/2008	(693592)
35	06/25/2008	(693593)
36	07/11/2008	(693594)
37	08/18/2008	(714893)
38	12/23/2008	(730787)
39	12/23/2008	(730788)
40	12/23/2008	(730789)
41	12/23/2008	(730790)
42	01/19/2009	(730791)
43	02/25/2009	(754022)
44	03/10/2009	(754023)
45	04/17/2009	(754024)
46	05/29/2009	(771353)
47	06/08/2010	(799019)
48	02/12/2010	(814057)
49	06/29/2009	(814058)
50	07/27/2009	(814059)
51	09/08/2009	(814060)
52	10/28/2009	(814061)
53	10/28/2009	(814062)
54	11/23/2009	(814063)
55	01/11/2010	(814064)
56	01/18/2010	(814065)
57	04/16/2010	(834161)
58	04/16/2010	(834162)
59	05/17/2010	(834163)
60	06/21/2010	(847277)
61	10/15/2010	(858349)
62	07/20/2010	(861724)
63	10/13/2010	(865061)
64	09/03/2010	(868115)

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

Date: 01/31/2006 (476652) CN600739700
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: 05/31/2006 (503598) CN600739700
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: 08/31/2006 (525956) CN600739700
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: 09/30/2007 (624348) CN600739700
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: 12/06/2007 (597538) CN600739700
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)
30 TAC Chapter 317 317.4(b)(4)
Description: Failure to properly dispose of clarifier skimming waste.
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)
Description: Failure to properly secure the wastewater treatment plant.
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Effluent Limits & Monitoring Req., #2. OP
Description: Failure to maintain compliance with the permit limits for chlorine residual.
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Monitoring & Reporting Req'ment No. 5. OP
Description: Failure to ensure the flow meter was accurately measuring the flow rate.
Date: 12/31/2007 (624350) CN600739700
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 (834163) CN600739700
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: 06/30/2010 (861724) CN600739700
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	**§**	**BEFORE THE**
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	**§**	
CONCERNING	**§**	
WEST HARRIS COUNTY	**§**	**TEXAS COMMISSION ON**
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	**§**	
NO. 17	**§**	
RN102956422	**§**	**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2010-1789-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 West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17 ("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, represented by Robert Young of the law firm of Young and Brooks, appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located approximately five miles west-northwest of the intersection of State Highway 6 and Interstate Highway 10 on the north bank of the South Mayde Creek in Harris 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 October 20, 2010.

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 One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($1,600) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars ($1,280) of the administrative penalty and Three Hundred Twenty Dollars ($320) 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 permit 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. WQ0012247001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as documented during a record review conducted on September 3, 2010 and shown in the following table:

Effluent Parameter	***Monitoring Period End Date***	***Monitoring Period End Date***
	April 2010	June 2010
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mg/L: milligrams per liter c: compliant lbs/day: pounds per day

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: West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17, Docket No. 2010-1789-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. WQ0012247001, 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 I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of 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. 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 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.

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

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For the Commission

_____ 3/2/2011
For the Executive Director 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.

_____ 2/23/11
Signature Date

Evelyn J. (Evie) Covino President
Name (Printed or typed) Title
Authorized Representative of
West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 17

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.