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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER
DOCKET NO.: 2010-1803-UTL-E **TCEQ ID:** RN101214468 **CASE NO.:** 40660
RESPONDENT NAME: Harris County Water Corporation

ORDER TYPE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 166o 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"/> RETAIL PUBLIC SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UTILITIES
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Provence Water System, 23030 Woodbine Meadows, Hockley, Harris County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Public water supply</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on March 14, 2011. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Epifanio Villarreal, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC R-14, (361) 825-3425; Ms. Laurie Eaves, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-4495 Respondent: Ms. Stanisse Blackburn, President, Harris County Water Corporation, P.O. Box 130179, Houston, Texas 77219 Mr. Steve M. Williard, Registered Agent, Harris County Water Corporation, P.O. Box 130179, Houston, Texas 77219 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:		
VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p>Type of Investigation: <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: None</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: October 26, 2010</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: October 29, 2010 (NOE)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a records review.</p> <p>WATER</p> <p>Failed to submit to the Executive Director for approval by the extension due date of June 1, 2010, an adoptable emergency preparedness plan ("EPP") that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 290.39(o)(1) and 291.162(a) and (j) and TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1395(b)(2)].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$315</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$63 <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: \$252</p> <p>Compliance History Classifications: Person/CN – N/A Site/RN –N/A</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to:</p> <p>a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit to the Executive Director for approval an adoptable EPP, and respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the EPP within 30 days after the date of such requests, or by any other deadline specified in writing; and</p> <p>b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision a.</p>

Additional ID No(s): PWS 1013036



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned PCW	1-Nov-2010	Screening	1-Nov-2010	EPA Due	
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RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Harris County Water Corporation		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101214468		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	40660	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2010-1803-UTL-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Public Water Utilities	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Epifanio Villarreal
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$500
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

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

Notes

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5**

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts	\$23
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$328

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

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

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **Adjustment**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

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

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

Screening Date 1-Nov-2010

Docket No. 2010-1803-UTL-E

PCW

Respondent Harris County Water Corporation

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 40660

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101214468

Media [Statute] Public Water Utilities

Enf. Coordinator Epifanio Villarreal

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 (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	1	5%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	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 (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	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 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	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) 5%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one NOV with same/similar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 5%

Screening Date 1-Nov-2010

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PCW

Respondent Harris County Water Corporation

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101214468

Media [Statute] Public Water Utilities

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Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 290.39(o)(1) and 291.162(a) and (j) and Tex. Water Code § 13.1395(b)(2)

Violation Description Failed to submit to the Executive Director for approval by the extension due date of June 1, 2010, an adoptable emergency preparedness plan ("EPP") that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations.

Base Penalty \$500

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
	x			10%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$450

\$50

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 6 Number of violation days 153

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

Violation Base Penalty \$300

Six monthly events are recommended, calculated from the extended date the EPP was due, June 1, 2010, to the date of screening, November 1, 2010.

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.

Violation Subtotal \$300

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$23

Violation Final Penalty Total \$315

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$315

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Harris County Water Corporation
Case ID No. 40660
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101214468
Media Public Water Utilities
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$328	1-Jun-2010	1-Nov-2011	1.42	\$23	n/a	\$23

Notes for DELAYED costs

The delayed costs includes the estimated amount (\$41/hr labor and administrative cost x 8 hours) to submit an adoptable EPP. Date required is the deadline the adoptable EPP was due. Final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

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

Disposal				0.00	\$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

\$328

TOTAL

\$23

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
HARRIS COUNTY WATER
CORPORATION
RN101214468**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2010-1803-UTL-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 Harris County Water Corporation ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 13. 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 public water supply at 23030 Woodbine Meadows, Hockley, Harris County, Texas (the "Facility") that has approximately 85 service connections and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year.
2. The Respondent owns and operates, in Texas and for compensation, equipment or facilities for the transmission, storage, distribution, sale, or provision of potable water to the public or for the resale of potable water to the public for any use. The Respondent is not exempt from regulation under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 13 or the rules of the Commission.
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 3, 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 Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$315) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Two Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$252) of the administrative penalty and Sixty-Three Dollars (\$63) 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 submit to the Executive Director for approval by the extension due date of June 1, 2010, an adoptable emergency preparedness plan ("EPP") that demonstrates the Facility's ability to provide emergency operations, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 290.39(o)(1) and 291.162(a) and (j) and TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1395(b)(2), as documented during a record review conducted on October 26, 2010.

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: Harris County Water Corporation, Docket No. 2010-1803-UTL-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 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit to the Executive Director for approval an adoptable EPP, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.39(o) using the template in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.47 or another EPP that meets the requirements of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.45. Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning the EPP within 30 days after the date of such requests, or by any other deadline specified in writing. The EPP shall be submitted to:

Technical Review and Oversight Team
Water Supply Division, MC 159
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision 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 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 Street, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1452

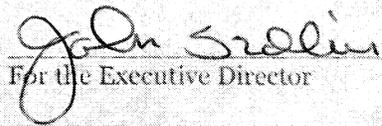
3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. The Executive Director may grant an extension 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

Date 5/24/2011

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

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.


Signature

Date 5-5-11

S. BLACKBURN
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Harris County Water Corporation

Title

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