

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 41488
City of Newton
RN101607570
Docket No. 2011-0584-MWD-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Plant 2, located north of Caney Creek, approximately 7,000 feet southeast of the intersection of McMahan Street and Davidson Road, Newton, Newton County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: Yes, Docket No. 2011-1548-MWD-E

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: November 7, 2011

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$5,370

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$1,074

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$4,296

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - Average

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Complaint Information: N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: March 10, 2011
Date(s) of NOE(s): March 25, 2011

Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits for chlorine, ammonia nitrogen, and total suspended solids [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014748001 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to, within 90 days, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014748001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reporting discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Harvey Wilson, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC 169, (512) 239-0321; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0412.
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: Rachel Matin, Mayor, City of Newton, 101 North Street, Newton, Texas 75966
Donald H. Meek, City Administrator, City of Newton, 101 North Street, Newton, Texas 75966
Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	4-Apr-2011	Screening	20-Apr-2011	EPA Due	
	PCW	20-Apr-2011				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	City of Newton				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101607570				
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont	Major/Minor Source	Minor		

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	41488	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2011-0584-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Harvey Wilson
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 3
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

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: Enhancement for 16 months of self reported effluent violations, one NOV with same/similar violations, and two NOVs with dissimilar violations.

Culpability Enhancement **Subtotal 4**

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

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

Economic Benefit Enhancement* **Subtotal 6**

Total EB Amounts
Approx. Cost of Compliance
*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: Recommended reduction in the penalty so that monthly self-reported effluent violations do no overly impact the penalty amount.

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty**

DEFERRAL Reduction **Adjustment**

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

Screening Date 20-Apr-2011

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PCW

Respondent City of Newton

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101607570

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Harvey Wilson

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>)	17	85%
	Other written NOVs	2	4%
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) 89%

>> 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 16 months of self reported effluent violations, one NOV with same/similar violations, and two NOVs with dissimilar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 89%

Screening Date 20-Apr-2011

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PCW

Respondent City of Newton

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Harvey Wilson

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014748001 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1

Violation Description Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented during a record review on March 10, 2011, and shown in the attached table.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual				X	10%
Potential					

>> Programmatic Matrix

Matrix Notes	Falsification	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
					0%

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

Adjustment \$9,000

\$1,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 3 Number of violation days 215

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

Violation Base Penalty \$3,000

Three quarterly events are recommended

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDRP/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 \$3,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$1,038

Violation Final Penalty Total \$5,370

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$5,370

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent City of Newton
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Media Water Quality
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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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)	\$10,000	31-Jan-2010	28-Feb-2012	2.08	\$1,038	n/a	\$1,038

Notes for DELAYED costs

The estimated cost to evaluate the causes of the effluent violations and to implement necessary rehabilitation to the wastewater treatment system. Date Required is the month the first non-compliant excursion was documented. 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

\$10,000

TOTAL

\$1,038

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 Violation Table

Monitor Period	Total Residual Chlorine Maximum Concentration 4 mg/L	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration 2 mg/L	pH Minimum 6 standard units	Total Suspended Solids, Daily Average Concentration 15 mg/L	Total Suspended Solids, Daily Maximum Concentration 40 mg/L
January 2010	C	2.6	C	C	C
July 2010	C	C	4.46	C	C
August 2010	5.3	C	5.4	C	C
September 2010	C	C	3.8	C	C
October 2010	C	C	3.62	34.9	72
November 2010	C	C	3.5	45.5	62
December 2010	4.9	C	5.8	22.0	C

mg/L = milligrams per liter C = compliant

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN600739247	City of Newton	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 1.01
Regulated Entity:	RN101607570	PLANT 2	Classification: AVERAGE	Site Rating: 1.05
ID Number(s):	WASTEWATER		EPA ID	TX0077828
	WASTEWATER		PERMIT	WQ0014748001
	WASTEWATER		EPA ID	TX0077828
Location:	N OF CANEY CREEK APPROX 7000 FT SE OF THE INTERSECTION OF MCMAHON ST AND DAVIDSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF NEWTON IN NEWTON COUNTY TX			
TCEQ Region:	REGION 10 - BEAUMONT			
Date Compliance History Prepared:	April 18, 2011			
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement			
Compliance Period:	April 18, 2006 to April 18, 2011			

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

Name: Harvey Wilson Phone: 239 - 0321

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: 9/1/2010 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.
N/A
- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

1	04/21/2006	(503238)
2	05/22/2006	(503239)
3	06/16/2006	(503240)
4	09/06/2006	(510364)
5	07/26/2006	(525608)
6	08/21/2006	(525609)
7	09/25/2006	(525610)
8	04/02/2007	(623727)
9	04/02/2007	(623728)
10	04/25/2007	(623729)
11	05/21/2007	(623730)
12	06/22/2007	(623731)

13	07/23/2007	(623732)
14	08/20/2007	(623733)
15	09/20/2007	(623734)
16	10/20/2006	(623735)
17	10/17/2007	(623736)
18	11/20/2006	(623737)
19	11/28/2007	(623738)
20	12/27/2006	(623739)
21	12/20/2007	(623740)
22	04/02/2007	(623741)
23	03/24/2008	(674963)
24	03/24/2008	(674964)
25	01/28/2008	(674965)
26	04/22/2008	(693305)
27	05/27/2008	(693306)
28	06/26/2008	(693307)
29	07/28/2008	(714549)
30	08/28/2008	(714550)
31	09/29/2008	(714551)
32	10/27/2008	(730518)
33	11/24/2008	(730519)
34	12/29/2008	(730520)
35	02/25/2009	(753720)
36	03/25/2009	(753721)
37	01/26/2009	(753722)
38	04/27/2009	(771135)
39	05/26/2009	(771136)
40	02/22/2010	(813280)
41	06/22/2009	(813281)
42	07/27/2009	(813282)
43	08/24/2009	(813283)
44	09/21/2009	(813284)
45	10/26/2009	(813285)
46	11/30/2009	(813286)
47	01/20/2010	(813287)
48	02/08/2010	(813288)
49	03/02/2010	(827899)
50	03/23/2010	(833893)
51	04/26/2010	(833894)
52	09/23/2010	(842884)
53	06/02/2010	(845274)
54	07/21/2010	(845925)
55	06/21/2010	(847197)
56	07/27/2010	(861656)
57	08/20/2010	(868009)
58	09/24/2010	(874956)
59	11/09/2010	(882562)

60 12/21/2010 (888990)
 61 12/15/2010 (897349)
 62 01/21/2011 (903244)
 63 03/28/2011 (905390)

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

Date: 07/31/2006 (525609) CN600739247
 Self Report? YES Classification Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 TWC Chapter 26 26.121(a)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter
 Date: 10/31/2006 (623737) CN600739247
 Self Report? YES Classification Moderate
 Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter
 Date: 11/30/2006 (623739) CN600739247
 Self Report? YES Classification Moderate
 Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter
 Date: 01/31/2007 (623727) CN600739247
 Self Report? YES Classification Moderate
 Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter
 Date: 02/29/2008 (674964) CN600739247
 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 (693305) CN600739247
 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 (693307) CN600739247
 Self Report? YES Classification Moderate
 Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter
 Date: 10/31/2009 (813286) CN600739247
 Self Report? YES Classification Moderate
 Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter
 Date: 11/30/2009 (813287) CN600739247
 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: 01/31/2010 (813280) CN600739247
 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: 03/02/2010 (827899)

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	07/21/2010 (845925)		
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	07/31/2010 (868009)		
Self Report?	YES	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)		
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
Date	08/31/2010 (874956)		
Self Report?	YES	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)		
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
Date	09/23/2010 (842884)	CN600739247	
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	SP III.G PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to submit the annual sludge report. B3, Moderate 2B. Not a repeat violation, last CCI violation was for partial submittal which was a C violation.		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	OpR 1 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure to properly operate and maintain lift stations		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	OpR 1 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure to maintain Oxidation Ditch #1 and Clarifiers A and B in operable condition. c4, minor 3D		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	M&RR 2 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure to check the colorimeter used for chlorine residual analysis against secondary standards.		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 312, SubChapter G 312.145(a)(1)		
Description:	Failure to maintain the sludge transporter registration number on the sludge manifests		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	EL&MR 1 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to comply with an effluent limitation. B19a9, Moderate 2D		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	EL&MR 3 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to comply with an effluent limitation. C7, Moderate 2D		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	M&RR 2 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to comply with procedures found in 30 TAC 319.11 - 319.12. C1, Minor 3A		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	M&RR 3b PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to maintain records of calibrations. c1, Minor 3A		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter A 305.1		
	M&RR 5 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to have the totalizing flow meter accurately calibrated as often as necessary to ensure accuracy. c1, minor 3a		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor

Citation:	OpR 1 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to ensure that all systems of collection, treatment, and disposal are properly operated and maintained. c4, minor 3D		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	OpR 1 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to ensure that all systems of collection, treatment, and disposal are properly operated and maintained. c4, minor 3D		
Self Report?	NO	Classification	Minor
Citation:	OpR 1 PERMIT		
Description:	Failure by the City to ensure that all systems of collection, treatment, and disposal are properly operated and maintained. c4, minor 3d		
Date	09/30/2010	(882562)	
Self Report?	YES	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
Date	10/31/2010	(888990)	CN600739247
Self Report?	YES	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
Date	11/30/2010	(897349)	
Self Report?	YES	Classification	Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		
Date	12/31/2010	(903244)	CN600739247
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 NEWTON
RN101607570**

**§ BEFORE THE
§
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2011-0584-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 the City of Newton ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located north of Caney Creek, approximately 7,000 feet southeast of the intersection of McMahon Street and Davidson Road in Newton 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 March 30, 2011.
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 Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$5,370) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Four Thousand Two Hundred

Ninety-Six Dollars (\$4,296) of the administrative penalty and One Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars (\$1,074) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014748001 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as documented during a record review conducted on March 10, 2011, and shown in the table below:

Monitor Period	Total Residual Chlorine Maximum Concentration 4 mg/L	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration 2 mg/L	pH Minimum 6 standard units	Total Suspended Solids, Daily Average Concentration 15 mg/L	Total Suspended Solids, Daily Maximum Concentration 40 mg/L
January 2010	C	2.6	C	C	C
July 2010	C	C	4.46	C	C
August 2010	5.3	C	5.4	C	C
September 2010	C	C	3.8	C	C
October 2010	C	C	3.62	34.9	72
November 2010	C	C	3.5	45.5	62
December 2010	4.9	C	5.8	22.0	C

mg/L = milligrams per liter C = compliant

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Newton, Docket No. 2011-0584-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 permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014748001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reporting 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
Beaumont Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3870 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703-1892

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

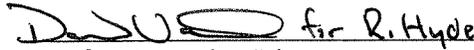
exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

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

For the Commission

 for R. Hyde
For the Executive Director

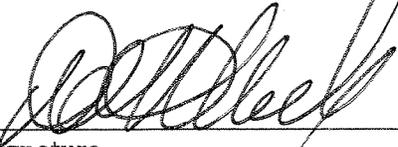
10-26-11
Date

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

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

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

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


Signature

8/10/11
Date

DONALD H. Meek
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
City of Newton

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
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.