George Mathis RN103045332

Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E

Order Type:

Default Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MSW

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Intersection of Highway 97 and Interstate 10, near Waelder, Gonzales County

Type of Operation:

agricultural property

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: None

Past-Due Penalties: \$452.25 (2001-0406-MLM-E)

Past-Due Fees:
Other:
None
Interested Third-Parties:
None

Texas Register Publication Date: July 6, 2012

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$35,000

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$35,000

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - Average by Default

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

George Mathis RN103045332

Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): July 1, 2010

Complaint Information: Alleged that old tires were dumped illegally at the Site.

Date(s) of Investigation: August 31, 2010; May 3, 2011; November 16, 2011

Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A

Date(s) of NOE(s): January 18, 2012

Violation Information

Failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste (MWS) (approx. 455 cu/yds of lumber, metal, plastics, roofing shingles and a predominantly tar and rock roofing material) [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(c) and TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2001-0406-MSW-E, Ordering Provisions Nos. 2.a. and 2.b].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

None

Technical Requirements:

- 1. Immediately cease any additional disposal of MSW at the Site.
- 2. Within 30 days, remove all MSW from the Site and dispose of it at an authorized facility.
- 3. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: April 11, 2012

Date Green Card(s) Signed: April 17, 2012

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Tammy L. Mitchell, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400 Eli Martinez, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Rajesh Acharya, Enforcement Division, (512) 239-0577

TCEQ Regional Contact: Hector Gonzales, Corpus Christi Regional Office, (361) 825-3100

Respondent: George Mathis, 814 Larry Drive, Gonzales, Texas 78629

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision October 30, 2008 CEQ Assigned 23-Jan-2012 Screening 13-Feb-2012 EPA Due PCW 13-Feb-2012 RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION Respondent George Mathis Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN103045332 Facility/Site Region 14-Corpus Christi Major/Minor Source Minor CASE INFORMATION Enf./Case ID No. 5269 No. of Violations 1 Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E Order Type Findings Media Program(s) Municipal Solid Waste Government/Non-Profit No Enf. Coordinator Rajesh Acharya Multi-Media EC's Team Enforcement Team 6 Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum \$0 Maximum \$10,000 Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) Subtotal 1 \$35,000 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage **Compliance History** Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$0 0.0% Enhancement Notes No adjustment due to compliance history. Culpability Subtotal 4 \$0 No 0.0% Enhancement Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. **Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** Subtotal 5 \$0 Subtotal 6 \$0 **Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement* Total EB Amounts *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount \$2,708 Approx. Cost of Compliance **SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** Final Subtotal \$35,000 OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% Adjustment \$0 Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Final Penalty Amount

Final Assessed Penalty

Adjustment

Reduction

0.0%

\$35,000

\$35,000

\$35,000

\$0

Notes

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

DEFERRAL

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

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

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E

Screening Date 13-Feb-2012

Respondent George Mathis

Case ID No. 5269

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103045332 Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Rajesh Acharya

		Compliance History Worksheet					
>> Cor	npliance Histo Component	ry <i>Site</i> Enhancement (Subtotal 2) Number of	Enter Number Here	Adiust.			
	NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)		0%			
		Other written NOVs	0	0%			
		Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%			
	Orders	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	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%			
	and Consent Decrees	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%			
	Addits	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%			
		Ple	lease Enter Yes or No				
		Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%			
	Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%			
	2	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 Per	rcentage (Sub	total 2) 0%			
>> Rep	peat Violator (Subtotal 3)					
	No Adjustment Percentage (Subtota						
>> Cor	mpliance Histo	ry Person Classification (Subtotal 7)					
Average Performer Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0							
>> Cor	mpliance Histo	ry Summary					
	Compliance History Notes	No adjustment due to compliance history.					
Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%							

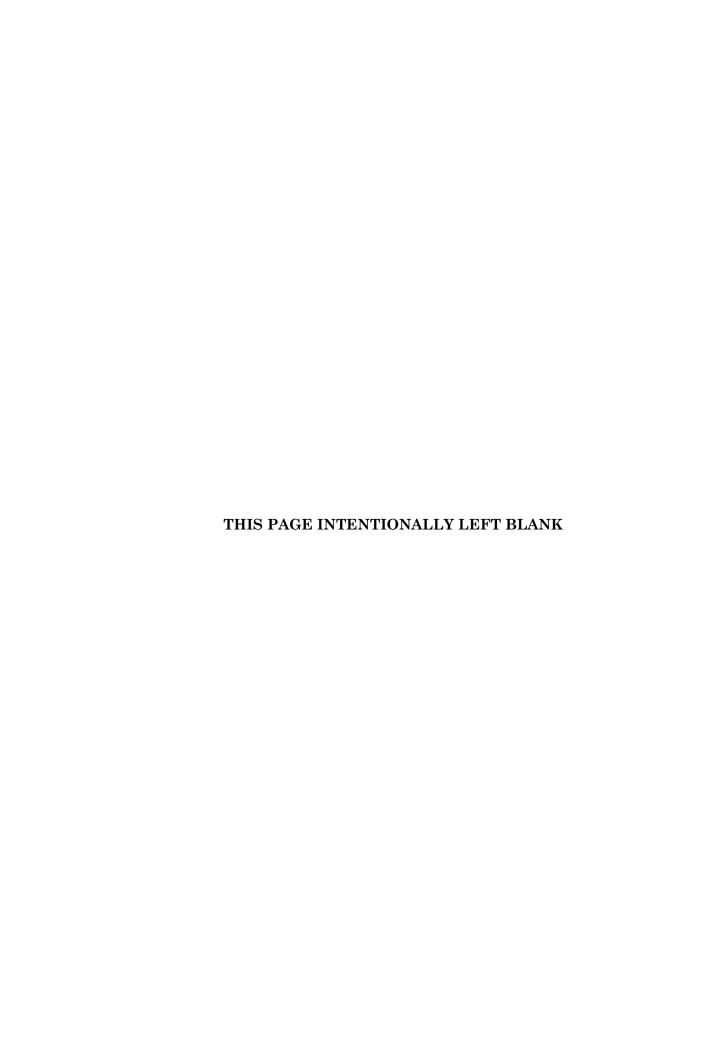
	Scre	ening Date	13-Feb-2012	Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E	PCW
		•	George Mathis	Policy Revision	on 2 (September 2002)
Case ID No.				PCW Rev	ision October 30, 2008
Reg. Ent. Reference No.			Municipal Solid Waste		
			Rajesh Acharya		
		ation Number			
		Rule Cite(s)	5	et No. 2001-0406-MSW-E, Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a.	
			and 2.b.	and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(c)	
	Violatio	n Description	Specifically, approximate	authorized disposal of municipal solid waste ("MSW"). ely 455 cubic yards of lumber, metal, plastics, roofing htly tar and rock roofing material were disposed of at the Site.	
				Base Penalty	\$10,000
>> Fnv	vironmei	ntal. Proper	ty and Human Health	n Matrix	
LIIV	ii oi ii ici	ital, i ropei	Harm	T WILL TX	
00		Release		Minor	
OR		Actual Potential		Percent 10%	
		rotentiai		reitent 1078	
>>Prog	gramma	tic Matrix			
		Falsification	Major Moderate	Minor Percent 0%	
			1	Percent 0%	
	Matrix Notes			n exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do man health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.	
				Adjustment \$9,000	
				Adjustment \$7,000	
					\$1,000
Violatio	on Event	ts			
		Number of \	Violation Events 35	3168 Number of violation days	
		mark only one with an x	daily weekly monthly quarterly semiannual annual single event	Violation Base Penalty	\$35,000
		Thirty five gua	ertarly ayants are recommon	ded from the order effective date of June 12, 2003 to the	
		Triii ty-five qua	-	late of February 13, 2012.	
Cood F	-:+b Fff-	uto to Cour	n l		ΦΩ.
Good F	aiin Eiic	orts to Com	ply 0.0% Before NOV	Reduction NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer	\$0
			Extraordinary		
			Ordinary		
			N/A x	(mark with x)	
			Notes The Respon	dent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.	
				Violation Subtotal	\$35,000
Econon	nic Bene	fit (EB) for	this violation	Statutory Limit Test	
			ed EB Amount	\$2,708 Violation Final Penalty Total	\$35,000
		Latinati			
			This vi	olation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)	\$35,000

	E	conomic	Benefit	Wo	rksheet			
Respondent	George Mathis	i						
Case ID No.	5269							
Reg. Ent. Reference No.								
	Municipal Solid						Years of	
Violation No.	•	vaste				Percent Interest	Depreciation	
violation No.	Į.					[•	
						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	\$5,849	12-Jun-2003	12-Sep-2012	9.26	\$2,708	n/a	\$2,708	
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0	
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0	
Notes for DELAYED costs	Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost to dispose 455 cubic yards of MSW at an authorized facility. Date Required is the effective date of the agreed order. Final Date is the estimated compliance date.							
Avoided Costs	ANNUAL	IZE [1] avoided	costs before		<u> </u>	for one-time avoid		
Disposal				0.00		\$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 \$0	\$0	
Other (as needed) Notes for AVOIDED costs		JI		0.00	1 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$5,849			TOTAL		\$2,708	

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Ow	ner-Operator:	CN601585045	MATHIS, GEORGE	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 3.01		
Regulated Entity:		RN103045332	GEORGE MATHIS SITE	Classification: AVERAGE BY DEFAULT	Site Rating: 3.01		
ID Number(s):		MUNICIPAL SOL	ID WASTE NON PERMITTED ID NUM	BER	UNA455140011		
Location:		Intersection of Hw 7859	y 97 and Interstate 10, near Waelder, TX				
TCEQ Region:		REGION 14 - COF	RPUS CHRISTI				
Date Compliance History F	repared:	February 06, 2012					
Agency Decision Requiring	Compliance History:	Enforcement					
Compliance Period:		February 06, 2007 to February 06, 2012					
TCEQ Staff Member to Co	ntact for Additional Inform	mation Regarding th	is Compliance History				
Name: Rajesh A	charya	Pho	ne: (512) 239-0577				
•	n) change in ownership/o	for the full five year of operator of the site of	during the compliance period?	NO			
3. If YES , who is the currer	nt owner/operator?	N	I/A				
4. If YES, who was/were	the prior owner(s)/opera	tor(s)?	I/A				
5. If YES , when did the cl	nange(s) in owner or ope	erator occur?	I/A				
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2011	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 con	nvictions of the state of T	exas and the federa	al government.				
C. Chronic excess	ve emissions events.						
N/A							
D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) N/A							
E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) N/A							
F. Environmental a	audits.						
N/A							
G. Type of environ	mental management sys	stems (EMSs).					
H. Voluntary on-sit	e compliance assessme	nt dates.					
N/A							
I. Participation in	a voluntary pollution redu	uction program.					
N/A							
J. Early complianc	e.						
N/A							
Sites Outside of Texas							

N/A



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
GEORGE MATHIS;	§	
RN103045332	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DEFAULT ORDER DOCKET NO. 2012-0418-MSW-E

At its ______ agenda meeting, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition filed pursuant to Tex. Water Code ch. 7, Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361, and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty and corrective action of the respondent. The respondent made the subject of this Order is George Mathis ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent owns agricultural property located at the Intersection of Highway 97 and Interstate 10, near Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas (the "Site"). The Site involves the management and/or the disposal of municipal solid waste ("MSW") as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361.
- 2. During investigations conducted on August 31, 2010, May 3, 2011, and November 16, 2011, a TCEQ Corpus Christi Regional Office investigator documented that Respondent failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of MSW. Specifically, approximately 455 cubic yards of lumber, metal, plastics, roofing shingles and a predominantly tar and rock roofing material were disposed of at the Site.
- 3. Respondent received notice of the violation on or about January 23, 2012.
- 4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of George Mathis" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on April 11, 2012.
- 5. By letter dated April 11, 2012, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on April 17, 2012, as evidenced by the signature on the card.

6. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361 and the rules of the Commission.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of MSW, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c) and TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2001-0406-MSW-E, Ordering Provisions Nos. 2.a. and 2.b.
- 3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by Tex. WATER CODE § 7.055 and 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(a).
- 4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 6, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by Tex. Water Code § 7.056 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.105. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.057 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
- 5. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within the Commission's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Water Code § 7.053.
- 7. Tex. Water Code §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this administrative penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order completely resolve the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations which are not raised here.
- 2. The administrative penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and

shall be sent with the notation "Re: George Mathis; Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 3. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall cease any additional disposal of MSW at the Site, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN CODE § 330.15(c);
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall remove all MSW from the Site and dispose of it at an authorized facility;
 - c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 3.a. and 3.b. The certification shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public, and shall 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 fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Respondent shall submit the written certification and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions to:

Order Compliance Team Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division, MC 149A P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

and:

Hector Gonzales, Waste Section Manager Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Corpus Christi Regional Office 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5839 Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5839

4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.

George Mathis Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E Page 4

- 5. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Site operations referenced in this Order.
- 6. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 7. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 8. 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 Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 9. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date the Order is final, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106(d) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.144.

George Mathis Docket No. 2012-0418-MSW-E Page 5

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	
For the Commission	

AFFIDAVIT OF TAMMY L. MITCHELL

STATE OF TEXAS

§

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

5

"My name is Tammy L. Mitchell. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and the facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of George Mathis" (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on April 11, 2012.

The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on April 11, 2012, via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid. According to the return receipt "green card," Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on April 17, 2012, as evidenced by the signature on the card.

More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing."

Tammy L. Mitchell, Staff Attorney

Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Tammy L. Mitchell, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration herein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of June, A.D. 2012.

Notary Signature

JENNIFER BONHAM
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Texas
Comm. Exp. 01-27-2014
Notary Without Bond