

Cecilia Comeaux
RN107025496
Docket No. 2014-1133-MSW-E

Order Type:

Default Order

Media:

MSW – Municipal Solid Waste

Small Business:

N/A

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

1320 Cherry Road, Vidor, Orange County

Type of Operation:

unauthorized municipal solid waste disposal site

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions:	None
Past-Due Penalties:	None
Past-Due Fees:	None
Other:	None
Interested Third-Parties:	None

Texas Register Publication Date: February 13, 2015**Comments Received:** None**Penalty Information****Total Penalty Assessed:** \$1,312**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$0**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$1,312**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN –Unclassified
Site/RN – Unclassified

Major Source: No**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** None**Applicable Penalty Policy:** April 2014

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): December 2, 2013
Complaint Information: Alleged respondent dumped/buried paint, tires, and other waste at the Site.

Date(s) of Investigation: July 22, 2014

Date(s) of NOV(s): January 14, 2014

Date(s) of NOE(s): July 25, 2014

Violation Information

Caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste ("MSW") (approx. six cubic yards of construction debris, trash, furniture, a computer monitor, and carpet) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:
None

Technical Requirements:

1. Immediately cease disposing and/or permitting the disposal of any additional 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: December 10, 2014

Date Green Card(s) Signed: December 13, 2014

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Laura Evans, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
Lena Roberts, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400
Rudy Calderon, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: John Duncan, Enforcement Division, (512) 239-2720

TCEQ Regional Contact: Marilyn Gates, Beaumont Regional Office, (409) 898-3838

Respondent Contact: Cecilia Comeaux, 1320 Cherry Road, Vidor, Texas 77662

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	4-Aug-2014	Screening	4-Aug-2014	EPA Due	
	PCW	30-Oct-2014				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Cecilia Comeaux
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN107025496
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	49092	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2014-1133-MSW-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Municipal Solid Waste	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	John Duncan
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$1,250
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	5.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$62
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Notes: Enhancement for one NOV with same violation.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$5
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$77

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$1,312
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: (Empty box)

Final Penalty Amount	\$1,312
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$1,312
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DEFERRAL	0.0% Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes: Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$1,312
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Screening Date 4-Aug-2014

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PCW

Respondent Cecilia Comeaux

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 49092

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN107025496

Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator John Duncan

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 judgments 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)**

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> **Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)**

Unclassified

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> **Compliance History Summary**

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one NOV with same violation.

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

>> **Final Compliance History Adjustment**

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 5%

Screening Date	4-Aug-2014	Docket No.	2014-1133-MSW-E	PCW		
Respondent	Cecilia Comeaux			<i>Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)</i>		
Case ID No.	49092			<i>PCW Revision March 26, 2014</i>		
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN107025496					
Media [Statute]	Municipal Solid Waste					
Enf. Coordinator	John Duncan					
Violation Number	1					
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(c)					
Violation Description	The Respondent caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste ("MSW"). Specifically, approximately six cubic yards of construction debris, trash, furniture, a computer monitor, and carpet were disposed of at the Site.					
		Base Penalty	\$25,000			
>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix						
OR		Harm				
	Release	Major	Moderate	Minor		
	Actual			x	Percent 5.0%	
	Potential					
>> Programmatic Matrix						
		Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
						Percent 0.0%
Matrix Notes	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 as a result of the violation.					
		Adjustment	\$23,750			
					\$1,250	
Violation Events						
	Number of Violation Events	1	13	Number of violation days		
	<i>mark only one with an x</i>	daily			Violation Base Penalty \$1,250	
		weekly				
		monthly				
		quarterly	x			
		semiannual				
		annual				
		single event				
	One quarterly event is recommended from the July 22, 2014 investigation date to the August 4, 2014 screening date.					
Good Faith Efforts to Comply		0.0%		Reduction	\$0	
		Before NOE/NOV	NOE/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			\$1,250	
Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation		Statutory Limit Test				
	Estimated EB Amount	\$5	Violation Final Penalty Total	\$1,313		
		This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)			\$1,313	

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Cecilia Comeaux
Case ID No. 49092
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN107025496
Media Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal	\$77	3-Dec-2013	4-May-2015	1.42	\$5	n/a	\$5
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to remove the MSW and dispose of it at an authorized facility. Date Required is the initial investigation date. 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

\$77

TOTAL

\$5

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN604494278, RN107025496, Rating Year 2013 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2013.

Customer, Respondent, CN604494278, Cecilia Comeaux

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Rating: -----

or Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN107025496, Comeaux Property

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Rating: -----

Complexity Points: 1

Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: 1320 Cherry Rd Vidor, TX 77662-6713, Orange County

TCEQ Region: REGION 10 - BEAUMONT

ID Number(s):

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2008 to August 31, 2013

Rating Year: 2013

Rating Date: 09/01/2013

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: August 06, 2014

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: August 04, 2009 to August 04, 2014

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: John Duncan

Phone: (512) 239-2720

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? NO
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO
- 3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
- 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
- 5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive 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.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

1 Date: 01/14/2014(1138135)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 330, SubChapter A 330.15(c)
Description: Failure to properly dispose of waste.

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

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
CECILIA COMEAUX;
RN107025496**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

DEFAULT ORDER

DOCKET NO. 2014-1133-MSW-E

On _____, 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 Cecilia Comeaux ("Respondent").

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent owns property with an unauthorized municipal solid waste disposal site located at 1320 Cherry Road in Vidor, Orange County, Texas (the "Site"). The Site contains and/or involves the management of municipal solid waste ("MSW") as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
2. During an investigation conducted on July 22, 2014, an investigator documented that Respondent caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of MSW. Specifically, approximately six cubic yards of construction debris, trash, furniture, a computer monitor, and carpet were disposed of at the Site.
3. 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 Cecilia Comeaux" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on December 10, 2014.
4. By letter dated December 10, 2014, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, 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 December 13, 2014, as evidenced by the signature on the card.
5. 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 TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of MSW, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c).

3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4, 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(b)(1).
4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 5, 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 TCEQ'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 one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$1,312.00) 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 one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$1,312.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only 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 violations which are not raised here.
2. The 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 TCEQ and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Cecilia Comeaux; Docket No. 2014-1133-MSW-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations 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, cease disposing of and/or permitting the disposal of any additional MSW at the Site.
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order, 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, 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 signed by Respondent, 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."

The written certification and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions shall be sent to:

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

and:

Waste Section Manager
Beaumont Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3870 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703-1830

4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
5. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent.
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. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
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 fully executed 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.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

AFFIDAVIT OF LAURA EVANS

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

"My name is Laura Evans. 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.

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Laura Evans

Laura Evans, Staff Attorney
Office of Legal Services, Litigation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Laura Evans, 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 27th day of January, A.D. 2015.

Dawn E Higgins

Notary Public, State of Texas

