

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 47475

City of Hearne

RN102835162

Docket No. 2013-1582-MWD-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

City of Hearne WWTP, located at the end of Farm-to-Market Road 50, approximately 7,500 feet south-southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 190 and U.S. Highway 79 and State Highway 6, Robertson County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: April 11, 2014

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$40,500

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$8,100

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$32,400

Name of SEPs: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (Third-Party Pre-Approved): *Tire Collection Events and Cleanup, Household Hazardous Waste Collection, and Wastewater Treatment Assistance*

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Complaint Information: N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: July 31, 2013
Date(s) of NOE(s): August 15, 2013

Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits for total suspended solids, *E. coli*, ammonia nitrogen, and 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010046002, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

1. The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete three Supplemental Environmental Projects ("SEPs"). (See SEP Attachments A, B, and C)
2. The Order will also require the Respondent to, within 90 days, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010046002, including specific correction actions that were implemented at the facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted 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

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Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division,
Enforcement Team 3, MC R-4, (817) 588-5886; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division,
MC 219, (512) 239-1456

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division,
MC 219, (512) 239-3565

Respondent: Peewee Drake, City Manager, City of Hearne, 209 Cedar Street, Hearne,
Texas 77859

The Honorable Ruben Gomez, Mayor, City of Hearne, 209 Cedar Street, Hearne, Texas
77859

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2013-1582-MWD-E
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Hearne
Penalty Amount:	Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400)
SEP Offset Amount:	Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Project Name:	<i>Tire Collection Events and Cleanup of Abandoned Tire Sites</i>
Location of SEP:	Robertson County - Brazos River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Tire Collection Events and Cleanup of Abandoned Tire Sites* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with local city and county government officials and private entities (“Partner Entities”) to conduct tire collection events where residents will be able to drop off tires for proper disposal or recycling (“Collection Events”), or to clean sites where tires have been disposed of illegally (“Site Cleanups”).

Texas RC&D shall ensure that collected tires, debris, and waste are properly transported to and disposed at an authorized disposal site, and if a licensed hauler is needed for tires or other regulated waste collected from sites, Texas RC&D shall ensure that only properly licensed haulers are used for transport and disposal of tires and regulated wastes. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

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All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide an environmental benefit by providing communities with a free and convenient means for safe and proper disposal of tires and by reducing the dangers and health threats associated with illegally dumped tires.

The health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Areas used for illegal tire dumping may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical hazards posed by abandoned tires. Rodents, insects, and other vermin attracted to dump sites may also pose health risks. Tire dump sites which contain scrap tires pose an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can breed 100 times faster in the warm, stagnant water standing in scrap tire casings. Severe illnesses, including West Nile Virus, have been attributed to disease-carrying mosquitoes. The potential for tire fires is also reduced by removing illegally dumped tires. Tire fires can result in the contamination of air, surface water, ground water, and soil. In addition, neighborhoods have been evacuated and property damage has been significant due to tire dump sites that caught fire. Illegal tire dumping can also impact drainage of runoff, making areas more susceptible to flooding when wastes block waterways. Open burning at tire dump sites can cause forest fires and erosion as fires burn away trees and undergrowth. Tire dumping has a negative impact on trees and wildlife, and runoff from tire dumpsites may contain chemicals that can contaminate wells and surface water used for drinking.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Association of RC&D SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

City of Hearne
Agreed Order - Attachment A

Texas Association of RC&D Areas, Inc.
Ken Awtrey, Executive Director
P.O. Box 635067
Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-5067

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount, as described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP. The Respondent shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

Attachment B
Docket Number: 2013-1582-MWD-E
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Hearne
Penalty Amount:	Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400)
SEP Offset Amount:	Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Project Name:	<i>Household Hazardous Waste Collection</i>
Location of SEP:	Robertson County - Brazos River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment B.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Household Hazardous Waste (“HHW”) Collection* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with city and county government officials and private entities (collectively known as “Partner Entities”) to conduct events for residents to bring in HHW such as paint, thinners, pesticides, oil and gas, corrosive cleaners, and fertilizers for proper disposal (the “Project”). Where possible, the Project may also offer electronics collection, disposal, and recycling. The Third-Party Administrator shall work with Partner Entities to determine exactly which materials will be accepted and how they will be disposed of or recycled.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that individuals qualified to make determinations regarding receiving, handling, and temporarily storing HHW are present at each event. The Third-Party Administrator shall use only licensed haulers and authorized disposal sites.

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The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that, at least 45 days before each Collection Event, Form TCEQ-20459 Notification for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (attached as Exhibit 3), as may be amended, is submitted to TCEQ in accordance with Chapter 335, Texas Administrative Code. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being made solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a means of properly disposing of HHW which might otherwise be disposed of in regular landfills, storm drains, sewer systems, or other means detrimental to the environment. This SEP will provide assistance to help rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with HHW, and will provide for proper and protective disposal or recycling of collected materials.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Association of RC&D SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

Texas Association of RC&D Areas, Inc.
Ken Awtrey, Executive Director
P.O. Box 635067
Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-5067

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment B, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount, as described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the Project, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment B and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

Attachment C

Docket Number: 2013-1582-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Hearne
Penalty Amount:	Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400)
SEP Offset Amount:	Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Project Name:	<i>Wastewater Treatment Assistance</i>
Location of SEP:	Robertson County - Brazos River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment C.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Wastewater Treatment Assistance* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with city and county government officials and private entities to repair or replace failing or inadequately designed on-site wastewater treatment systems such as septic systems for low-income households (the “Project”). Low-income households fall at or below the 80 percent median income level for households in the county where they live.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that all repairs, replacements, and installations are performed in compliance with local, state, and federal rules relating to on-site wastewater treatment systems. The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that only properly licensed contractors are utilized for repair of existing on-site wastewater treatment systems and installation of new on-site wastewater treatment systems.

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resulting from the processes used in industrial and commercial establishments; (2) is located on the site where the sewage is produced; and (3) produces not more than 5,000 gallons of waste a day. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a benefit to the environment by preventing the release of sewage into the environment and by protecting human health. Raw sewage can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminthes (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. People can be exposed through sewage in drinking water sources, direct contact from water in lawns or streets, and inhalation and skin absorption.

Sewage overflows may cause damage to the environment. Sewage overflows may reach rivers, lakes, streams, or aquifer systems. In addition to potential spread of disease, sewage in the environment contributes excess nutrients, metals, and toxic pollutants that contaminate water quality, cause algae blooms, and kill fish and other organisms in aquatic habitats.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

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City of Hearne
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Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-5067

3. Records and Reporting

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4. Failure to Fully Perform

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In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the Project, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;" and shall mail it to:

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6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment C and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ	DATES	Assigned	19-Aug-2013	Screening	19-Aug-2013	EPA Due	
	PCW		26-Aug-2013				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	City of Hearne
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102835162
Facility/Site Region	9-Waco
Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	47475	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2013-1582-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Jorge Ibarra, P.E.
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 3
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$33,750
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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	20.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$6,750

Notes: Enhancement for four months of self-reported effluent violations.

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
Total EB Amounts	\$833		
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$10,000		
*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount			

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$40,500
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$40,500
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$40,500
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$8,100
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Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$32,400
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Screening Date 19-Aug-2013

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PCW

Respondent City of Hearne

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

Case ID No. 47475

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102835162

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Jorge Ibarra, P.E.

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>)	4	20%
	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%

Please Enter Yes or No

Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 20%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for four months of self-reported effluent violations.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 20%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 20%

Screening Date 19-Aug-2013

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Respondent City of Hearne

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102835162

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Jorge Ibarra, P.E.

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010046002 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1

Violation Description Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented during a record review conducted on July 31, 2013. (see attached table).

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual		X	
Potential			

Percent 30.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

A simplified model was used to evaluate carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand to determine if the discharged amount of pollutants exceeded levels that are protective of human health or the environment. E. coli and total suspended solids were also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to significant amounts of pollutants that do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$17,500

\$7,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 4

123 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	X
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$30,000

Four monthly events are recommended for the months of July 2012, December 2012, March 2013, and April 2013.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Reduction	
	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$30,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$833

Violation Final Penalty Total \$36,000

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$36,000

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent City of Hearne
Case ID No. 47475
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102835162
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
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-Jul-2012	31-Mar-2014	1.67	\$833	n/a	\$833

Notes for DELAYED costs

The estimated cost of reseeding and making any necessary repairs or adjustments to the Facility to achieve compliance with permitted effluent limits. Date required is the date the violation began. 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

\$833

Screening Date 19-Aug-2013

Docket No. 2013-1582-MWD-E

PCW

Respondent City of Hearne

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

Case ID No. 47475

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102835162

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Jorge Ibarra, P.E.

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s)

Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010046002 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1

Violation Description

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented during a record review conducted on July 31, 2013. (see attached table).

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			x
Potential			

Percent 15.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

A simplified model was used to evaluate nitrogen ammonia to determine if the discharged amount of pollutants exceeded levels that are protective of human health or the environment. E. coli was also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants that do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

31 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One quarterly event is recommended for the quarter containing the month of May 2013.

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 \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,500

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent City of Hearne
Case ID No. 47475
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102835162
Media Water Quality
Violation No. 2

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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

The economic benefit cost is included in the economic benefit costs for violation no. 1.

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

\$0

TOTAL

\$0



Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN600245286, RN102835162, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN600245286, City of Hearne **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 1.33

Regulated Entity: RN102835162, CITY OF HEARNE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 1.33

Complexity Points: 10 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

Location: located at the end of Farm-to-Market Road 50 (Mumford Road) approximately 7,500 feet south-southwest of the intersection of United States Highway 190 and United States Highway 79 and State Highway 6 in Robertson County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 09 - WACO

ID Number(s):
WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0010046002 **WASTEWATER EPA ID** TX0025879
SLUDGE REGISTRATION 22564 **WASTEWATER LICENSING LICENSE** WQ0010046002

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2012 **Rating Year:** 2012 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2012

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: August 22, 2013

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: August 22, 2008 to August 22, 2013

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.
Name: Harvey Wilson **Phone** (512) 239-0321

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 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 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.):

Item 1	September 19, 2008	(711942)
Item 2	September 30, 2008	(728348)
Item 3	October 15, 2008	(728349)
Item 4	January 13, 2009	(751440)
Item 5	February 06, 2009	(751441)
Item 6	March 27, 2009	(769180)
Item 7	April 07, 2009	(769181)
Item 8	July 09, 2009	(807360)
Item 9	July 22, 2009	(807361)
Item 10	November 02, 2009	(807362)
Item 11	December 18, 2009	(807366)
Item 12	February 16, 2010	(807358)
Item 13	March 18, 2010	(831842)
Item 14	April 29, 2010	(831843)
Item 15	May 14, 2010	(831844)
Item 16	June 14, 2010	(925873)

Item 17	July 09, 2010	(925874)
Item 18	September 15, 2010	(874250)
Item 19	October 07, 2010	(881844)
Item 20	November 16, 2010	(888331)
Item 21	November 29, 2010	(925875)
Item 22	December 13, 2010	(896613)
Item 23	January 20, 2011	(902622)
Item 24	May 12, 2011	(938366)
Item 25	June 14, 2011	(945734)
Item 26	July 18, 2011	(952983)
Item 27	August 19, 2011	(959640)
Item 28	October 20, 2011	(971720)
Item 29	November 18, 2011	(977885)
Item 30	December 16, 2011	(977884)
Item 31	April 20, 2012	(1010399)
Item 32	May 16, 2012	(1016790)
Item 33	July 16, 2012	(1031904)
Item 34	September 20, 2012	(1047047)
Item 35	November 20, 2012	(1062282)
Item 36	December 20, 2012	(1062283)
Item 37	February 20, 2013	(1079691)
Item 38	March 20, 2013	(1089649)

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: 12/31/2012 (1079692)	CN600245286	
	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		
2	Date: 03/31/2013 (1096045)	CN600245286	
	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		
3	Date: 04/30/2013 (1106984)	CN600245286	
	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		
4	Date: 05/31/2013 (1110640)	CN600245286	
	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 HEARNE
RN102835162**

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

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2013-1582-MWD-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding the City of Hearne ("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 together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a waste water treatment facility located at the end of Farm-to-Market Road 50, approximately 7,500 feet south-southwest of the intersection of United States Highway 190 and United States Highway 79 and State Highway 6 in Robertson 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 Executive Director 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 August 20, 2013.
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 Forty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$40,500) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in

Section II ("Allegations"). Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$8,100) 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. Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

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 and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
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)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010046002 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as documented during a record review conducted on July 31, 2013 and shown in the table below:

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

2. The Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the SEP defined in Attachments A, B and C incorporated herein by reference, is implemented by the Respondent. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the administrative penalty assessed shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.
3. 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. WQ0010046002, including specific correction actions that were implemented at the facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current DMRs, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted 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
Waco Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite 2500
Waco, Texas 76710-7826

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

7/17/15
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

03/23/2015
Date

Pee Wee Drake
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
City of Hearne

City Manager
Title

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

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2013-1582-MWD-E
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Hearne
Penalty Amount:	Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400)
SEP Offset Amount:	Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Project Name:	<i>Tire Collection Events and Cleanup of Abandoned Tire Sites</i>
Location of SEP:	Robertson County - Brazos River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Tire Collection Events and Cleanup of Abandoned Tire Sites* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with local city and county government officials and private entities (“Partner Entities”) to conduct tire collection events where residents will be able to drop off tires for proper disposal or recycling (“Collection Events”), or to clean sites where tires have been disposed of illegally (“Site Cleanups”).

Texas RC&D shall ensure that collected tires, debris, and waste are properly transported to and disposed at an authorized disposal site, and if a licensed hauler is needed for tires or other regulated waste collected from sites, Texas RC&D shall ensure that only properly licensed haulers are used for transport and disposal of tires and regulated wastes. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director (“ED”), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent’s signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide an environmental benefit by providing communities with a free and convenient means for safe and proper disposal of tires and by reducing the dangers and health threats associated with illegally dumped tires.

The health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Areas used for illegal tire dumping may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical hazards posed by abandoned tires. Rodents, insects, and other vermin attracted to dump sites may also pose health risks. Tire dump sites which contain scrap tires pose an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can breed 100 times faster in the warm, stagnant water standing in scrap tire casings. Severe illnesses, including West Nile Virus, have been attributed to disease-carrying mosquitoes. The potential for tire fires is also reduced by removing illegally dumped tires. Tire fires can result in the contamination of air, surface water, ground water, and soil. In addition, neighborhoods have been evacuated and property damage has been significant due to tire dump sites that caught fire. Illegal tire dumping can also impact drainage of runoff, making areas more susceptible to flooding when wastes block waterways. Open burning at tire dump sites can cause forest fires and erosion as fires burn away trees and undergrowth. Tire dumping has a negative impact on trees and wildlife, and runoff from tire dumpsites may contain chemicals that can contaminate wells and surface water used for drinking.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Association of RC&D SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

City of Hearne
Agreed Order - Attachment A

Texas Association of RC&D Areas, Inc.
Ken Awtrey, Executive Director
P.O. Box 635067
Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-5067

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount, as described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP. The Respondent shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

Attachment B
Docket Number: 2013-1582-MWD-E
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Hearne
Penalty Amount:	Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400)
SEP Offset Amount:	Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Project Name:	<i>Household Hazardous Waste Collection</i>
Location of SEP:	Robertson County - Brazos River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment B.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Household Hazardous Waste (“HHW”) Collection* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with city and county government officials and private entities (collectively known as “Partner Entities”) to conduct events for residents to bring in HHW such as paint, thinners, pesticides, oil and gas, corrosive cleaners, and fertilizers for proper disposal (the “Project”). Where possible, the Project may also offer electronics collection, disposal, and recycling. The Third-Party Administrator shall work with Partner Entities to determine exactly which materials will be accepted and how they will be disposed of or recycled.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that individuals qualified to make determinations regarding receiving, handling, and temporarily storing HHW are present at each event. The Third-Party Administrator shall use only licensed haulers and authorized disposal sites.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that, at least 45 days before each Collection Event, Form TCEQ-20459 Notification for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event (attached as Exhibit 3), as may be amended, is submitted to TCEQ in accordance with Chapter 335, Texas Administrative Code. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being made solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a means of properly disposing of HHW which might otherwise be disposed of in regular landfills, storm drains, sewer systems, or other means detrimental to the environment. This SEP will provide assistance to help rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with HHW, and will provide for proper and protective disposal or recycling of collected materials.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Texas Association of RC&D SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

Texas Association of RC&D Areas, Inc.
Ken Awtrey, Executive Director
P.O. Box 635067
Nacogdoches, Texas 75963-5067

3. **Records and Reporting**

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. **Failure to Fully Perform**

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment B, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount, as described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the Project, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
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5. **Publicity**

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment B and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

Attachment C

Docket Number: 2013-1582-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Hearne
Penalty Amount:	Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$32,400)
SEP Offset Amount:	Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
Project Name:	<i>Wastewater Treatment Assistance</i>
Location of SEP:	Robertson County - Brazos River Basin, Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment C.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. (“RC&D”)** for the *Wastewater Treatment Assistance* project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to coordinate with city and county government officials and private entities to repair or replace failing or inadequately designed on-site wastewater treatment systems such as septic systems for low-income households (the “Project”). Low-income households fall at or below the 80 percent median income level for households in the county where they live.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that all repairs, replacements, and installations are performed in compliance with local, state, and federal rules relating to on-site wastewater treatment systems. The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that only properly licensed contractors are utilized for repair of existing on-site wastewater treatment systems and installation of new on-site wastewater treatment systems.

An on-site wastewater treatment system is a system of treatment devices or disposal facilities that (1) is used for the disposal of domestic sewage, excluding liquid waste resulting from the processes used in industrial and commercial establishments; (2) is located on the site where the sewage is produced; and (3) produces not more than 5,000 gallons of waste a day. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a benefit to the environment by preventing the release of sewage into the environment and by protecting human health. Raw sewage can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminthes (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. People can be exposed through sewage in drinking water sources, direct contact from water in lawns or streets, and inhalation and skin absorption.

Sewage overflows may cause damage to the environment. Sewage overflows may reach rivers, lakes, streams, or aquifer systems. In addition to potential spread of disease, sewage in the environment contributes excess nutrients, metals, and toxic pollutants that contaminate water quality, cause algae blooms, and kill fish and other organisms in aquatic habitats.

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