

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 58657
Quadvest, L.P.
RN109018424
Docket No. 2019-1721-MWD-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

People or environmental receptors have been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective.

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Camino Real WWTP, located approximately 1,000 feet north-northeast of the intersection of Paul Campbell Loop Road and Plum Drive, Cleveland, Liberty County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater collection system with an associated lift station

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: The complainant has expressed an interest in this matter but does not wish to speak at Agenda.

Texas Register Publication Date: June 26, 2020

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$5,625

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$5,625

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): July 23, 2019 and July 29, 2019

Complaint Information: Alleged that the sewage discharge had a blue color and there was a fish kill.

Date(s) of Investigation: July 24, 2019 through July 31, 2019

Date(s) of NOE(s): October 2, 2019

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Violation Information

Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to any water in the state [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0015452001, Permit Conditions No. 2.g].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures:

- a. On July 24, 2019, repaired the electrical failure and resumed operation of the pumps; and
- b. On July 26, 2019, placed sandbags downstream of the discharge to contain the wastewater, pumped wastewater from Maple Branch Creek into the sewer collection system, removed and permanently disposed of all dead fish, and properly cleaned and disinfected the affected area.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Caleb Olson, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-04, (817) 588-5856; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Simon Sequeira, Chief Executive Officer, Quadvest, L.P., 26926 Farm-to-Market Road 2978, Magnolia, Texas 77354

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

DATES	Assigned	7-Oct-2019	Screening	10-Oct-2019	EPA Due	
	PCW	19-Mar-2020				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Quadvest, L.P.		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN109018424		
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	58657	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2019-1721-MWD-E	Order Type	Findings
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Caleb Olson
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1** **\$7,500**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History **0.0%** Adjustment **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7** **\$0**

Notes No adjustment for Compliance History.

Culpability **No** **0.0%** Enhancement **Subtotal 4** **\$0**

Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5** **-\$1,875**

Economic Benefit **0.0%** Enhancement* **Subtotal 6** **\$0**

Total EB Amounts \$57
Estimated Cost of Compliance \$104,584

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal** **\$5,625**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **0.0%** Adjustment **\$0**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount **\$5,625**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty** **\$5,625**

DEFERRAL **0.0%** Reduction Adjustment **\$0**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY **\$5,625**

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PCW

Respondent Quadvest, L.P.

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 58657

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN109018424

Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Caleb Olson

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	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>)	0	0%
	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%
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) 0%

>> 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

No adjustment for Compliance History.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 0%

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PCW

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Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Caleb Olson

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 Permit No. WQ0015452001, Permit Conditions No. 2.g

Violation Description Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to any water in the state. Specifically, on July 22, 2019, an electrical failure at Camino Real Lift Station-H located at 342 Road 5002 caused the pumps to fail, resulting in approximately 48,000 gallons of wastewater being discharged into Maple Branch Creek, killing approximately 30 fish.

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

Human health or the environment has been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$17,500

\$7,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

4 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	X
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

One monthly event is recommended from the date the unauthorized discharge began (July 22, 2019) to the date of compliance (July 26, 2019).

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

25.0%

Reduction \$1,875

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary	
Ordinary	X
N/A	

Notes The Respondent achieved compliance on July 26, 2019.

Violation Subtotal \$5,625

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$57

Violation Final Penalty Total \$5,625

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$5,625

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Quadvest, L.P.
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Media Water Quality
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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)	\$104,584	22-Jul-2019	26-Jul-2019	0.01	\$57	n/a	\$57

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to repair the electrical failure and resume operation of the pumps, place sandbags downstream of the discharge to contain the wastewater, pump wastewater from Maple Branch Creek into the sewer collection system, remove and properly dispose of all dead fish, and properly clean and disinfect the affected area. Date required is the date the unauthorized discharge began. Final date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE 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				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$104,584

TOTAL

\$57

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN602944746, RN109018424, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN602944746, Quadvest, L.P.

Classification: SATISFACTORY

Rating: 0.16

Regulated Entity: RN109018424, Camino Real WWTP

Classification: SATISFACTORY

Rating: 0.14

Complexity Points: 7

Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: Approximately 1,000 feet north-northeast of the intersection of Paul Campbell Loop Road and Plum Drive in Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

ID Number(s):

WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0136921

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0015452001

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2014 to August 31, 2019

Rating Year: 2019

Rating Date: 09/01/2019

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: March 19, 2020

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: March 19, 2015 to March 19, 2020

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

Name: Caleb Olson

Phone: (817) 588-5856

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

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.):

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.

N/A

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

Appendix A

All NOV's Issued During Component Period 3/19/2015 and 3/19/2020

* NOV's applicable for the Compliance History rating period 9/1/2014 to 8/31/2019

Appendix B
All Investigations Conducted During Component Period March 19, 2015 and March 19, 2020

* No violations documented during this investigation
 **Investigation applicable for the Compliance History Rating period between 09/01/2014 and 08/31/2019.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
QUADVEST, L.P.
RN109018424**

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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2019-1721-MWD-E

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Quadvest, L.P. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon the Respondent.

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

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater collection system with an associated lift station located approximately 1,000 feet north-northeast of the intersection of Paul Campbell Loop Road and Plum Drive in Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility is near or adjacent to water in the state as defined in TEX. WATER CODE § 26.001(5).
2. During an investigation conducted from July 24, 2019 through July 31, 2019, an investigator documented that, on July 22, 2019, an electrical failure at Camino Real Lift Station-H located at 342 Road 5002 caused the pumps to fail, resulting in approximately 48,000 gallons of wastewater being discharged into Maple Branch Creek, killing approximately 30 fish.
3. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:

- a. On July 24, 2019, repaired the electrical failure and resumed operation of the pumps.
- b. On July 26, 2019, placed sandbags downstream of the discharge to contain the wastewater, pumped wastewater from Maple Branch Creek into the sewer collection system, removed and permanently disposed of all dead fish, and properly cleaned and disinfected the affected area.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to any water in the state, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0015452001, Permit Conditions No. 2.g.
3. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,625 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053. The Respondent paid the \$5,625 penalty.

III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and the 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 that are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Quadvest, L.P., Docket No. 2019-1721-MWD-E" to:

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. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
3. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
4. 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 the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
5. 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 in this Order.
6. 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.
7. This 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 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 Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this 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 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. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date



8/10/2020

For the Executive Director

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, 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

6-4-2020
Date

Simon Segueiva
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Quadvest, L.P.

CEO
Title

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