TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Mary Smith, General Counsel

Greg Merrell, Assistant General Counsel

Casey Kurnath, Acting Senior Attorney

Litigation Division

From: $_{\mathit{MlQ}}$ Megan L. Grace, Staff Attorney

Litigation Division

Date: July 7, 2023

Subject: Backup Revision

July 19, 2023 Commission Agenda

Draft Item No. 29

Docket No. 2019-1804-MWD-E

Enclosed please find the following:

Page 3 of the Agreed Order:

Corrective Action Ordering Provision No. 3.a. changed to 3.b.

Respondent Contact:

Omer Mallory, Mayor City of Strawn P.O. Box 581 Strawn, Texas 76475

A replacement original and redline copy are enclosed. Please do not hesitate to call me at (512) 239-3334 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

cc: Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division

Brent Candler, Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office

Gill Valls, Office of the General Counsel Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division Leslie Gann, Enforcement Division Stuart Beckley, Enforcement Division City of Strawn Docket No. 2019-1804-MWD-E Page 3

Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 3.a.i. and 3.a.ii. The certification shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be signed by Respondent, and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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

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

and:

Water Section Manager Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2309 Gravel Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6915

- 4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 5. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 6. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Enforcement Division at the address listed above.
- 7. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against 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 TCEQ's jurisdiction or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the TCEQ under such a statute.
- 9. 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, or otherwise reproduced and may be

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER - CASE No. 58732 City of Strawn RN101424968 Docket No. 2019-1804-MWD-E

Order Type: Agreed Order

Media: MWD

Small Business:

N/A

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

South Front Street, approximately 0.05 mile west of the intersection of South Front Street and McKinley Avenue, near Strawn, Palo Pinto County

Type of Operation:

water treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

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

Texas Register Publication Date: June 9, 2023

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$38,000

Supplemental Environmental Project

("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$38,000 Name of SEP: WWTP Improvements; Palo Pinto County

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: No Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: April 2, 2019; November 20, 2019

Date(s) of NOV(s): May 24, 2019; August 9, 2019

Date(s) of NOE(s): November 22, 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE No. 58732 City of Strawn RN101424968 Docket No. 2019-1804-MWD-E

Violation Information

- 1. Failed to comply with flow measurements, equipment, installation, and procedures that conform to those prescribed in the Water Measurement Manual, United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C., or methods that are equivalent as approved by the Executive Director [30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 305.125(1) and 319.11(d) and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010326002, Effluent Limitation and Monitoring Requirement No. 1 and Operational Requirement No. 5].
- 2. Failed to properly collect and analyze effluent samples according to the permit [30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 305.125(1) and 319.11(c), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010326002, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1, 2, and 4].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

None

Technical Requirements:

- 1. Within 30 days:
 - a. Purchase and install a flow measuring device after the final treatment unit.
 - b. Update the Facility's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that samples are collected and analyzed.
- 2. Within 45 days submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirement Nos. 1.a. and 1.b.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed:May 18, 2022Date(s) of Service:May 20, 2022Date Answer(s) Filed:June 1, 2022Settlement Date:April 27, 2023

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorneys: Megan L. Grace, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

Sheldon Wayne, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

TCEQ Litigation Agenda Coordinator: Katherine McKenzie, Litigation Division, (512) 239-2575

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Adena Crider, Litigation Division, (512) 239-0648

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division, (817) 588-5865 TCEQ Regional Contact: Brent Candler, Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, (817) 588-5800

Respondent Contact: Omer Mallory, City of Strawn, P.O. Box 581, Strawn, Texas 76475

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PAYABLE PENALTY

CW Pavision March 26 2014

\$38,000

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	PCW	2-Aug-2021	Screening	26-Nov-2019	EPA Due			
RESPO	NDENT/FACILI	TY INFORMATI	ON					
	Respondent	City of Strawn						
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		otained by multiplying	g the Total Base	Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated p			
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		viola	itions, and oi	ne NOV with diss	similar violation	ıs.		
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	Economic Ben	efit		0.0%	Enhancement*		Subtotal 6	\$0
		Total EB Amounts	\$1,163	*Cappe	d at the Total EB \$	Amount		·
	Estimated	Cost of Compliance	\$5,250					
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	Notes	Defe	rral not offer	ed for non-expe	dited settleme	nt.		

Screening Date 26-Nov-2019
Respondent City of Strawn
Case ID No. 58732

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101424968

Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Caleb Olson

		Compliance History Worksheet			
>> Co	Component	ory <i>Site</i> Enhancement (Subtotal 2) Number of	Number	Adjust.	
	NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	1	5%	
		Other written NOVs	1	2%	
		Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	1	20%	
	Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	1	25%	
	Judgments and Consent	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%	
	Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%	
	Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%	
	Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%	
	Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%	
	Addits	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%	
				1	
		Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%	
	Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%	
	2 3.7.2.	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%	
		Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%	
		Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 2)	52%
>> Re	epeat Violator	(Subtotal 3)			
	No	Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 3)	0%
>> Co	mpliance Hist	ory Person Classification (Subtotal 7)		_	
	Satisfactory I	Performer Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 7)	0%
>> Co	mpliance Hist	ory Summary			
	Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for one agreed order containing a denial of liability, one agreed ordenial of liability, one NOV with same/similar violations, and one NOV with dissim			
		Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (S	Subtotals 2,	<i>3,</i> & <i>7</i>) [52%
>> Fina	al Compliance	History Adjustment		_	-
		Final Adjustment Percenta	age *capped	at 100%	52%

	E	conomic	Benefit	Wo	rksheet		
Respondent	City of Strawn						
Case ID No.	58732						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.							
	Water Quality						Years of
Violation No.	. ,					Percent Interest	Depreciation
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description		•					
Delayed Costs							
Equipment	\$5,000	1-Aug-2017	5-Nov-2020	3.27	\$54	\$1,089	\$1,143
Buildings	457555	2 7 (6 9 2 0 2 7	<u> </u>	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			d is the date th	e Facilit	y became operatio	neasuring device aft nal. Final date is th	
			da	te of cor	mpliance.		
Avoided Costs	ANNU/	ALIZE avoided c	osts before ei	ntering	item (except for	one-time avoide	d 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		\$5,000			TOTAL		\$1,143

		ening Date		Docket No. 2019-1804-MWD-E	PCW
		espondent Case ID No.			Revision 4 (April 2014) evision March 26, 2014
Reg.		erence No.		PCW Re	evision march 20, 2014
	F., 6 . 6		Water Quality		
		oordinator ation Number	Caleb Olson		
		Rule Cite(s)	-		
				min. Code §§ 305.125(1) and 319.11(c), and TPDES Permit No. 2, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1, 2, and 4	
				,	
	Violatio	n Description		perly collect and analyze effluent samples according to the permit. sampling was not being conducted in accordance with the permit.	
			, ,,	, ,	
				Page Page No.	*25.000
				Base Penalty	\$25,000
>> Env	ironme	ntal, Proper	ty and Hum	an Health Matrix Harm	
		Release	Major	Moderate Minor	
OR		Actual Potential		X Percent 5.0%	
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		Taisincation	Major	Percent 0.0%	
	Matrix			ent will or could be exposed to significant amounts of pollutants that re protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result	
	Notes			of the violation.	
				Adjustment \$23,750	
					\$1,250
					\$1,230
Violatio	on Event	:S			
		Number of \	iolation Events/	10 847 Number of violation days	
			daily		
			weekly		
			monthly quarterly	x Violation Base Penalty	\$12,500
			semiannual	,	+==/000
			annual single event		
			Single event		
		Ten qua		e recommended from the date the Facility became operational	
			(August 1, 2	017) to the screening date (November 26, 2019).	
Good F	aith Effo	orts to Com	ply	0.0% Reduction	\$0
				fore NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer	
			Ordinary		
			N/A	X	
			Notes	The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.	
			-	Violation Subtotal	\$12,500
Econon	nic Bene	fit (EB) for	this violation	n Statutory Limit Test	
			ed EB Amount	\$20 Violation Final Penalty Total	\$19,000
				This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)	\$19,000

	Economic Benefit Worksheet						
Respondent Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No.	58732						
	Water Quality					Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description							
Dolayed Costs							
Delayed Costs Equipment		1		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	\$250	2.4== 2010	E Nav. 2020	0.00 1.60	\$0 \$20	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling Remediation/Disposal	\$250	2-Apr-2019	5-Nov-2020	0.00	\$20 \$0	n/a n/a	\$20 \$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
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Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Financial Assurance		1		0.00	\$0	\$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		\$250			TOTAL		\$20

To request a more accessible version of this report, please contact the TCEQ Help Desk at (512) 239-4357.



CEQ Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600446934, RN101424968, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

Customer, Respondent, CN600446934, City of Strawn Classification: SATISFACTORY

or Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN101424968, City of Strawn Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 3.17

Complexity Points: 6 Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: South Front Street, approximately 0.05 mile west of the intersection of South Front Street and McKinley

Avenue, in Palo Pinto County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

ID Number(s):

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION WATER LICENSING LICENSE 1820005

1820005 **WASTEWATER** PERMIT WQ0010326002

Rating: 2.23

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0010326002 WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0137405

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2014 to August 31, 2019 Rating Year: 2019 Rating Date: 09/01/2019

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: January 28, 2020

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: January 28, 2015 to January 28, 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? YES

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

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

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

1 Effective Date: 11/08/2016 ADMINORDER 2016-0769-PWS-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 4Q2015 - During the fourth quarter of 2015 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.094 mg/L at 101 Palo Pinto Ave, Strawn (DBP2-01).

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 1Q2016 - During the first quarter of 2016 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.090 mg/L at 101 Palo Pinto Ave, Strawn (DBP2-01).

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.117(c)(2)(C)

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.117(h) 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.117(i)(1)

Description: LCR RD MR 3Y2015 - The system failed to monitor and/or report distribution lead and copper levels to the TCEQ for the triennial reduced monitoring period from 01/01/2013 to 12/31/2015 within the required timeline.

2 Effective Date: 03/12/2018 ADMINORDER 2017-0483-PWS-E (Findings Order-Agreed Order Without Denial)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: HAA5 LRAA MCL 3Q2016 - During the third quarter of 2016 the system violated the maximum contaminant

level for haloacetic acids with a LRAA of 0.077 mg/L at 101 Palo Pinto Ave, Strawn (DBP2-01).

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1) 5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: HAA5 LRAA MCL 4Q2016 - During the fourth quarter of 2016 the system violated the maximum contaminant

level for haloacetic acids with a LRAA of 0.080 mg/L at 101 Palo Pinto Ave, Strawn (DBP2-01).

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1) 5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: HAA5 LRAA MCL 1Q2017 - During the first quarter of 2017 the system violated the maximum contaminant

level for haloacetic acids with a LRAA of 0.089 mg/L at 101 Palo Pinto Ave, Strawn (DBP2-01).

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.

1 Date: 05/24/2019 (1559044)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.11(c)

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to properly collect and analyze effluent samples according to the permit, in

violation of TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 305.125(1) and 319.11(c), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010326-002, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1, 2, and 4. Specifically, there was no primary or secondary flow measuring device installed, effluent samples were not being collected from the sampling point described in the permit, grab sample

were being collected

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of 30 TEX.

ADMIN. CODE §?305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ00103026-002, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1. Specifically, the permitted single grab limitation of 65 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for total suspended solids was exceeded in April 2019 (210 mg/L).

Minor

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.5(a)

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to collect effluent samples from the sampling point described in the permit.

Self Report? NO Classification:

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to collect the required effluent sample type.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.4

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to conduct required monitoring.

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.7(a) 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.7(c)

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to make all monitoring and reporting records readily available to TCEQ

personnel.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.7(d)

WQ0010326-002 PERMIT

Description: Failed to provide monitoring results at the intervals specified in the permit.

2 Date: 08/09/2019 (1571313)

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.121(a)

Description: Failure to maintain an up-to-date chemical and microbiological monitoring plan.

EIC C3 MIN(3)(C)

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.42(f)(1)(E)(ii)

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.42(f)(1)(E)(ii)(I) 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.42(f)(1)(E)(ii)(II)

Description: Failure to provide secondary containment for chemical storage tanks.

EIC: C4, MIN(3)(D)

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(j)

Description: Failure to provide enforceable provisions for cross connections or unacceptable

plumbing practices in the plumbing ordinance.

EIC: C7, MIN(3)(C)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(j)

Description: Failure to conduct customer service inspections at new connections prior to

providing continuous water service.

EIC: B18c8, MOD(2)(E)

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(m)

Description: Failure to maintain the equipment and facilities at the surface water treatment

Minor

plant.

EIC: C4, MIN(3)(D)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(s)(1)

Description: Failure to verify the calibration of the SWTP flow meters annually.

EIC: B1, MOD(2)(E)

Self Report? NO Classification:

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(z)

30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(z)(1) 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(z)(2) 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(z)(3) 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(z)(4)

Description: Failure to develop an administratively complete Nitrification Action Plan (NAP).

EIC: C3, MIN(3)(C)

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



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING CITY OF STRAWN; RN101424968

BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2019-1804-MWD-E I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _______, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding the City of Strawn ("Respondent") under the authority of Tex. Water Code chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, represented by the Litigation Division, and Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. Respondent owns and operates a water treatment facility located on South Front Street, approximately 0.05 miles west of the intersection of South Front Street and McKinley Avenue near Strawn, Palo Pinto 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. The Executive Director and Respondent agree that TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to Tex. Water Code §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction. The TCEQ has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 5.013 because it alleges violations of Tex. Water Code ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 3. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Order shall not constitute an admission by Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.067, thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) of the penalty shall be conditionally offset by Respondent's timely and satisfactory completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") as defined in the SEP Agreement ("Attachment A" incorporated herein by reference). Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the penalty shall be discharged upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order, which includes any payment schedule and the timely and satisfactory completion of all provisions of the SEP Agreement, as determined by the Executive Director.
- 5. The Executive Director and Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters addressed in this Order, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.10(a). 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.
- 6. 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 Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions contained in this Order.

- 7. 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.
- 8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.

II. ALLEGATIONS

- 1. During an investigation conducted on April 2, 2019, and a record review conducted on November 20, 2019, an investigator documented that Respondent:
 - a. Failed to comply with flow measurements, equipment, installation, and procedures that conform to those prescribed in the Water Measurement Manual, United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C., or methods that are equivalent as approved by the Executive Director, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 305.125(1) and 319.11(d), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010326002, Effluent Limitation and Monitoring Requirement No. 1 and Operational Requirement No. 5. Specifically, no primary or secondary means of flow measuring devices were installed at the Facility to measure flow after the final treatment unit; and
 - b. Failed to properly collect and analyze effluent samples according to the permit, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 305.125(1) and 319.11(c), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010326002, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1, 2, and 4. Specifically, sampling was not being conducted in accordance with the permit.

III. DENIALS

Respondent generally denies each Allegation in Section II.

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW. THEREFORE. THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL OUALITY ORDERS that:

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 4. The payment of this penalty and Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the Allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations which are not raised here.
- 2. Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 4. The amount of thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) of the assessed administrative penalty is conditionally offset based on Respondent's implementation and completion of a SEP pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the SEP Agreement, as defined in Attachment A. Penalty payments for any portion of the SEP deemed by the Executive Director as not complete shall be paid within 30 days after the date the Executive Director demands payment.
- 3. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order:
 - i. Purchase and install a flow measuring device after the final treatment unit, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 319.11(d); and
 - ii. Update the Facility's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that samples are collected and analyzed, in accordance with TPDES Permit No. WO0010326002. Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements.

a. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 3.a.i. and 3.a.ii. The certification shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be signed by Respondent, and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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

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

and:

Water Section Manager Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2309 Gravel Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6915

- 4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 5. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 6. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Enforcement Division at the address listed above.
- 7. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against 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 TCEQ's jurisdiction or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the TCEQ under such a statute.
- 9. 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, or otherwise reproduced and may be

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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.

10. 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			
Charmacio Oliveror For the Executive Director	6/19/23 Date			
attached Order, and I do agree to the t	erstand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further ing payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on			
I also understand that failure to comp to timely pay the penalty amount may	ly with the Ordering Provisions in this Order and/or failure result in:			
• A negative impact on compliance h	nistory;			
 Greater scrutiny of any permit app 	olications;			
 Referral of this case to the Attorne penalties, and/or attorney fees, or 	ey General's office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional to a collection agency;			
 Increased penalties in any future e 	enforcement actions;			
 Automatic referral to the Attorney 	General's office of any future enforcement actions; and			
 TCEQ seeking other relief as author 	orized by law.			
In addition, I understand that any fals criminal prosecution.	ification of any compliance documents may result in			
Signature - Omer Mallory, Mayor City of Strawn P.O. Box 581 Strawn, Texas 76475	<u>4-27-23</u> Date			
☐ If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below:				

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2019-1804-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Strawn
Penalty Amount:	\$38,000
SEP Offset Amount:	\$38,000
Type of SEP:	Compliance
Project Name:	WWTP Improvements
Location of SEP:	Palo Pinto County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order in exchange for Respondent's performance of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The SEP Offset Amount is set forth above and such offset is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

Respondent is a Local Government that qualifies under Texas Water Code § 7.067 to apply the SEP Offset Amount set forth above to correct violations at its wastewater treatment facility (the "Facility") which are described in this Agreed Order. This Agreed Order cites violations at Respondent's Facility.

1. Project Description

A. Project

Respondent shall hire a contractor to perform camera and/or smoke testing on the collection system to help identify defects and replace approximately five manholes. Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount shall be used for materials, supplies, and equipment for camera and/or smoke testing and manhole replacements (the "Project"). Respondent shall solicit bids from qualified contractors to perform the Project. Any advertisement, including publication, related to the SEP must include the enforcement statement as stated below in Section 6, Publicity. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including permits that may be required prior to commencement of the SEP. The Commission's approval and issuance of this Agreed Order shall not itself be construed to authorize any activity for which Respondent is required by statute or rule to obtain authorization from the Commission.

Respondent shall use the SEP Offset Amount only for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including supplies, materials, and equipment rentals, as listed below in Subsection C. Minimum Expenditure, Estimated Cost Schedule. No portion of the SEP Offset Amount shall be spent on administrative costs, including operating costs, reporting expenses, handling of expenses, project coordination, liability, or equipment breakdowns.

Respondent's signature affixed to the attached Agreed Order certifies that Respondent has no prior commitment to perform this Project and that the SEP is being performed solely as part of the terms of settlement in this enforcement action.

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B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by improving prevention of inflow and infiltration (where unauthorized water is entering the sewer system). Inflow and infiltration could lead to high flows and discharge of inadequately treated wastewater during storm events.

C. Minimum Expenditure

Respondent shall spend at least the SEP Offset Amount to complete the project described above in Section 1, and comply with all other provisions of this SEP. Respondent understands that it may cost more than the SEP Offset Amount to complete the Project. Costs in excess of the SEP Offset Amount shall not be grounds to relieve Respondent of its obligations to perform this SEP.

Estimated Cost Schedule

Item	Quantity	Cost	Units	Total
Manhole Replacements	5	\$6,000	Each	\$30,000
Collection System Camera and/or Smoke Testing	1	\$8,000	Lump Sum	\$8,000
Total				\$38,000

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall begin implementation of the SEP. Respondent shall have completed the SEP in its entirety within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order.

Executive Director ("ED") staff may grant an extension to any deadline for Respondent's performance of the SEP described herein, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions must be made by Respondent and shall be made in writing to ED staff. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from ED staff. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with ED staff. Extension requests shall be sent to the SEP Coordinator by first class mail and electronic mail, at:

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

Email: sepreports@tceq.texas.gov

3. Records and Reporting

A. Progress Report

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a Notice of Commencement to TCEQ describing actions performed to date to implement the Project. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a report detailing all actions completed on the Project within the 45-day timeframe set forth in Section 2, Performance Schedule, above. Respondent shall submit reports to the TCEQ containing detailed information on all actions completed on the Project to date as set forth in the Reporting Schedule table below:

Reporting Schedule

Days from Effective Order Date	Information Required
30	Notice of Commencement describing actions taken to begin project
45	Notice of SEP completion

B. Final Report

Within 45 days after the effective date of the Agreed Order, or within 30 days after completion of the SEP, whichever is earlier, Respondent shall submit a Final Report to TCEQ, which shall include the following:

- 1. An itemized list of expenditures and total cost of the Project;
- 2. Copies of invoices or receipts corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 3.B.1. above:
- 3. Copies of cleared checks or payment records corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 3.B.1., above;
- 4. Copies of proof of advertisement of invitation for bids, if applicable;
- 5. A certified statement of SEP completion and document authentication;
- 6. A detailed map showing the specific location of the project site(s);
- 7. Copies of all engineering plans related to work performed pursuant to the Project, if applicable;
- 8. Equipment logs showing the hours the equipment was utilized on the project, if applicable;
- 9. Dated photographs of the purchased materials and supplies; before and after work being performed during the Project; and of the completed Project; and
- 10. Any additional information Respondent believes will, or that is requested by TCEQ to demonstrate compliance with this Attachment A.

C. Submittals

Respondent shall submit all SEP reports and any additional information as requested to the SEP Coordinator at the address provided above.

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4. Additional Information and Access

Respondent shall provide additional information as requested by TCEQ staff and shall allow access to all records related to the SEP Offset Amount. Respondent shall also allow representatives of TCEQ access to the site of any work being financed in whole or in part by the SEP Offset Amount. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreed Order.

5. Failure to Fully Perform

If Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described above in Sections 2 through 4, the ED may require immediate payment of all, or part of the SEP Offset Amount as set forth in the attached Agreed Order.

In the event the ED determines that Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, 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, Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for reimbursement of a SEP, shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," and shall mail it to the SEP Coordinator at the address provided above.

6. Publicity

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

7. Recognition

Respondent may not seek recognition for this project in any other state or federal regulatory program.

8. 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 Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.