

Executive Summary - Enforcement Matter - Case No. 59063

City of Goree

RN102187150

Docket No. 2020-0490-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:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

City of Goree, located on the east side of Highway 277 approximately 0.5 mile east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 & State Highway 266, Goree, Knox County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Past-Due Fees: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: October 10, 2025

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$19,500

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$19,500

Confidential information, which may include financial or medical information, has been provided to the Commission for their consideration.

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): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: January 22, 2020

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 10, 2020

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Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for daily average flow and biochemical oxygen demand (5-day) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“TPDES”) Permit No. WQ0010102001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

By May 31, 2025, the Respondent achieved three months of consecutive compliance with all permitted effluent limitations listed in TPDES Permit No. WQ0010102001.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Madison Stringer, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC 219, (512) 239-1126; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC R-12, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: The Honorable Randal K. Hobdon, Mayor, City of Goree, P.O. Box 248, Goree, Texas 76363

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

DATES	Assigned	18-Feb-2020	Screening	27-Feb-2020	EPA Due	
	PCW	22-Apr-2020				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	City of Goree
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102187150
Facility/Site Region	3-Abilene
Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	59063	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2020-0490-MWD-E	Order Type	Findings
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Madison Stringer
		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	\$15,000
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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	30.0%	Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$4,500
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Notes	Enhancement for two months of self-reported effluent violations and one order containing a denial of liability.
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Culpability	No	0.0%	Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.
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Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$4,068	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$15,000	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$19,500
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes	
Final Penalty Amount	\$19,500

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$19,500
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DEFERRAL	0.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes	No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$19,500
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Screening Date	27-Feb-2020	Docket No.	2020-0490-MWD-E	PCW
Respondent	City of Goree			<i>Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)</i>
Case ID No.	59063			<i>PCW Revision March 26, 2014</i>
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102187150			
Media	Water Quality			
Enf. Coordinator	Madison Stringer			

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>)	2	10%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	1	20%
	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) 30%

>> 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 two months of self-reported effluent violations and one order containing a denial of liability.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 30%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 30%

Screening Date	27-Feb-2020	Docket No.	2020-0490-MWD-E	PCW	
Respondent	City of Goree				<i>Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)</i>
Case ID No.	59063				<i>PCW Revision March 26, 2014</i>
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102187150				
Media	Water Quality				
Enf. Coordinator	Madison Stringer				
Violation Number	1				
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0010102001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1				
Violation Description	Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.				
		Base Penalty	\$25,000		

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR		Harm			
	Release	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	X			Percent 30.0%
	Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
					Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes
 A simplified model was used to evaluate biochemical oxygen demand (5-day) to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. Flow was also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to pollutants which 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	2	61	Number of violation days
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	daily				
	weekly				
	monthly	X			Violation Base Penalty \$15,000
	quarterly				
	semiannual				
	annual				
	single event				

Two monthly events are recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	0.0%	
		Reduction \$0
	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.	

Violation Subtotal \$15,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

	Statutory Limit Test
Estimated EB Amount	\$4,068
	Violation Final Penalty Total \$19,500
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$19,500	

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent City of Goree
Case ID No. 59063
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102187150
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
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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)	\$15,000	31-May-2019	31-Oct-2024	5.42	\$4,068	n/a	\$4,068

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated Other cost to determine the cause of noncompliance and to make necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility to return to compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. The date required is the end date of the first month of noncompliance and the final date is the estimated 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

\$15,000

TOTAL

\$4,068

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TPDES Permit No. WQ0010102001
Case No. 59063

Effluent Violation Table

	Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5-day Daily Average Loading	Flow Daily Average
Monitoring Period	Limit = 14 lbs/day	Limit = 0.055 MGD
May 2019	79.85	0.341
June 2019	24.89	0.220

lbs/day = pounds per day

MGD = million gallons per day



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600739106, RN102187150, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN600739106, City of Goree	Classification:	SATISFACTORY	Rating:	11.31
Regulated Entity:	RN102187150, CITY OF GOREE	Classification:	SATISFACTORY	Rating:	11.31
Complexity Points:	7	Repeat Violator:	NO		
CH Group:	08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities				
Location:	On the east side of United States Highway 277, approximately 1/2 mile east of the intersection of United States Highway 277 & State Highway 266 in Knox County, Texas				
TCEQ Region:	REGION 03 - ABILENE				
ID Number(s):					
WASTEWATER PERMIT	WQ0010102001	WASTEWATER EPA ID	TX0054976		
WASTEWATER LICENSING	LICENSE WQ0010102001				
Compliance History Period:	September 01, 2014 to August 31, 2019	Rating Year:	2019	Rating Date:	09/01/2019
Date Compliance History Report Prepared:	April 22, 2020				
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement				
Component Period Selected:	April 22, 2015 to April 22, 2020				
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.					
Name:	Herbert Darling		Phone:	(512) 239-2520	

Site and Owner/Operator History:

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| 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 |

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

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

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|---|---|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Effective Date: 05/14/2018 | ADMINORDER | 2016-1432-MWD-E | (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial) |
| | Classification: Major | | | |
| | Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 30, SubChapter J 30.350(d) | | | |
| | 30 TAC Chapter 30, SubChapter J 30.350(j) | | | |
| | 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | | | |
| | Rqmt Prov: WQ0010102001 PERMIT | | | |
| | Description: Failed to employ or contract with one or more licensed wastewater treatment facility operators holding the appropriate level of license to operate a wastewater treatment plant a minimum of five days per week. | | | |
| | Classification: Minor | | | |
| | Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | | | |
| | 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17) | | | |
| | Rqmt Prov: WQ0010102001 PERMIT | | | |
| | Description: Failed to timely submit the annual sludge report for the monitoring period ending July 31, 2015. | | | |
| | Classification: Moderate | | | |
| | Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) | | | |
| | 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.11(d) | | | |
| | Rqmt Prov: WQ0010102001 PERMIT | | | |
| | Description: Failed to provide an effluent flow measuring device or other acceptable means by which effluent flow may be determined. | | | |

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1	April 23, 2015	(1256199)
Item 2	May 21, 2015	(1262929)
Item 3	June 19, 2015	(1270083)
Item 4	August 03, 2015	(1277614)
Item 5	August 20, 2015	(1283795)
Item 6	September 21, 2015	(1290948)
Item 7	October 20, 2015	(1297138)
Item 8	December 14, 2015	(1316324)
Item 9	December 30, 2015	(1302588)
Item 10	March 06, 2016	(1325691)
Item 11	March 18, 2016	(1332436)
Item 12	April 20, 2016	(1339582)
Item 13	July 12, 2016	(1352829)
Item 14	July 25, 2016	(1359799)
Item 15	August 10, 2016	(1366242)
Item 16	September 22, 2016	(1372918)
Item 17	October 25, 2016	(1379111)
Item 18	December 23, 2016	(1385066)
Item 19	March 09, 2017	(1404708)
Item 20	April 14, 2017	(1418296)
Item 21	June 26, 2017	(1425892)
Item 22	July 19, 2017	(1440506)
Item 23	September 25, 2017	(1444187)
Item 24	October 24, 2017	(1456649)
Item 25	January 03, 2018	(1462116)
Item 26	January 18, 2018	(1475198)
Item 27	March 20, 2018	(1487409)
Item 28	April 04, 2018	(1491083)
Item 29	May 21, 2018	(1494332)
Item 30	June 26, 2018	(1508367)
Item 31	July 30, 2018	(1514700)
Item 32	August 20, 2018	(1520756)
Item 33	September 10, 2018	(1527932)
Item 34	October 08, 2018	(1534282)
Item 35	November 30, 2018	(1542116)
Item 36	December 26, 2018	(1545886)
Item 37	January 28, 2019	(1561674)
Item 38	February 28, 2019	(1561672)
Item 39	March 22, 2019	(1561673)
Item 40	April 26, 2019	(1572482)
Item 41	May 20, 2019	(1584578)
Item 42	September 12, 2019	(1600152)
Item 43	October 01, 2019	(1613899)
Item 44	November 01, 2019	(1619710)
Item 45	December 16, 2019	(1627074)
Item 46	January 02, 2020	(1634704)
Item 47	February 21, 2020	(1641317)

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:	05/31/2019	(1584579)	
	Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
	Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		

Compliance History Report for CN600739106, RN102187150, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from April 22, 2015, through April 22, 2020.

2 Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 06/30/2019 (1593822)

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

Component Appendices

Appendix A

All NOVs Issued During Component Period 4/22/2015 and 4/22/2020

- 1* Date: 12/28/2018 (1532934)
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 WQ0010102001 PERMIT
Description: Failure to maintain compliance with the permitted effluent limits.
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.6
 30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.9(d)
 WQ0010102001 PERMIT
Description: Failure to maintain all monitoring and reporting records.
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
 WQ0010102001 PERMIT
Description: Failure to submit the Annual Sludge Report for 2017-2018 by September 30, 2018.
- 2* Date: 05/31/2019 (1584579)
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: 06/30/2019 (1593822)
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

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

Appendix B**All Investigations Conducted During Component Period April 22, 2015 and April 22, 2020**

Item 1*	April 23, 2015**	(1256199)
Item 2*	May 21, 2015**	(1262929)
Item 3*	June 19, 2015**	(1270083)
Item 4*	August 03, 2015**	(1277614)
Item 5*	August 20, 2015**	(1283795)
Item 6*	September 21, 2015**	(1290948)
Item 7*	October 20, 2015**	(1297138)
Item 8*	December 14, 2015**	(1316324)
Item 9*	December 30, 2015**	(1302588)
Item 10*	March 06, 2016**	(1325691)
Item 11*	March 18, 2016**	(1332436)
Item 12*	April 20, 2016**	(1339582)
Item 13*	July 12, 2016**	(1352829)
Item 14*	July 25, 2016**	(1359799)
Item 15*	August 10, 2016**	(1366242)
Item 16	August 11, 2016**	(1355519)
Item 17*	September 22, 2016**	(1372918)
Item 18*	October 25, 2016**	(1379111)
Item 19*	December 23, 2016**	(1385066)
Item 20*	March 09, 2017**	(1404708)
Item 21*	April 14, 2017**	(1418296)
Item 22*	June 26, 2017**	(1425892)
Item 23*	July 19, 2017**	(1440506)
Item 24*	September 25, 2017**	(1444187)
Item 25*	October 24, 2017**	(1456649)
Item 26*	January 03, 2018**	(1462116)
Item 27*	January 18, 2018**	(1475198)
Item 28*	March 20, 2018**	(1487409)
Item 29*	April 04, 2018**	(1491083)
Item 30*	May 21, 2018**	(1494332)
Item 31*	June 26, 2018**	(1508367)
Item 32*	July 30, 2018**	(1514700)
Item 33*	August 20, 2018**	(1520756)
Item 34*	September 10, 2018**	(1527932)
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Item 36*	November 30, 2018**	(1542116)
Item 37*	December 26, 2018**	(1545886)
Item 38	December 28, 2018**	(1532934)
Item 39*	January 28, 2019**	(1561674)
Item 40*	February 28, 2019**	(1561672)

Item 41*	March 22, 2019**	(1561673)
Item 42*	April 26, 2019**	(1572482)
Item 43*	May 20, 2019**	(1584578)
Item 44	July 26, 2019**	(1584579)
Item 45*	September 12, 2019	(1600152)
Item 46*	October 01, 2019	(1613899)
Item 47*	November 01, 2019	(1619710)
Item 48*	December 16, 2019	(1627074)
Item 49*	January 02, 2020	(1634704)
Item 50	February 11, 2020	(1624045)
Item 51*	February 21, 2020	(1641317)

* 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
CITY OF GOREE
RN102187150

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BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2020-0490-MWD-E

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 Goree (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 treatment facility located on the east side of United States Highway 277, approximately ½ mile east of the intersection of United States Highway 277 and State Highway 266 in Knox 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 a record review for the Facility conducted on January 22, 2020, an investigator documented that the Respondent failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

Effluent Violation Table

	Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5-day Daily Average Loading	Flow Daily Average
Monitoring Period	Limit = 14 lbs/day	Limit = 0.055 MGD
May 2019	79.85	0.341
June 2019	24.89	0.220

lbs/day = pounds per day

MGD = million gallons per day

3. The Executive Director recognizes that by May 31, 2025, the Respondent achieved three months of consecutive compliance with all permitted effluent limitations listed in Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010102001.

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 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. WQ0010102001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1.
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 \$19,500 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Revenue Operations Section of TCEQ's Financial Administration Division reviewed financial documentation submitted by the Respondent and determined that the Respondent is unable to pay all or part of the penalty. Therefore, \$19,500 of the penalty is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all of the terms and conditions in this Order. If the Respondent fails to comply with any requirement of this Order, including any payment schedule, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred 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: City of Goree, Docket No. 2020-0490-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

Krista Mello-Jurack

For the Executive Director

10/27/2025

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.

Randal K. Hibdon

Signature

8-28-25

Date

Randal K. Hibdon

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
City of Goree

Mayor

Title

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