# Josefa Lomas RN110892940 Docket No. 2020-0795-MSW-E

Order Type:

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Media: MSW

**Small Business:** 

N/A

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

6205 East County Road 6460, Lubbock, Lubbock County (the "Site")

Type of Operation:

Unauthorized municipal solid waste ("MSW") site

Other Significant Matters:

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

**Texas Register Publication Date:** December 9, 2022

Comments Received: None

**Penalty Information** 

Total Penalty Assessed: \$1,312

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$1,312

**Compliance History Classifications:** 

Person/CN - Not Applicable Site/RN - Not Applicable

Major Source: No Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** April 2014

**Investigation Information** 

**Complaint Date(s):** September 30, 2019

**Complaint Information:** On September 30, 2019, the Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality (TCEQ) Region 2 Office received a complaint via

telephone. The complainant alleged waste piles were located in

Lubbock County.

**Date(s) of Investigation:** October 10, 2019; June 1, 2020

**Date(s) of NOV(s):** December 6, 2019

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** June 5, 2020

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ENFORCEMENT MATTER – CASE NO. 59444 Josefa Lomas RN110892940 Docket No. 2020-0795-MSW-E

# **Violation Information**

Caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of MSW [ 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(a) and (c)].

# **Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**

# Corrective Action(s) Completed:

None

## **Technical Requirements:**

- 1. Immediately cease storing, accepting, and disposing of any additional MSW at the Site.
- 2. Within 30 days remove all MSW from the Site and dispose of it at an authorized facility.
- 3. Within 45 days submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirement Nos. 1 and 2.

## **Litigation Information**

**Date Petition(s) Filed:** June 2, 2021; July 16, 2021

Date Green Card(s) Signed: Unclaimed; Unclaimed

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

## **Contact Information**

**TCEQ Attorneys:** Misty James, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

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

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

TCEO Enforcement Coordinator: John Fennell, Enforcement Division, (512) 239-2616

TCEQ Regional Contact: Jay Keith, Lubbock Regional Office, (806) 796-7092

Respondent Contact: Josefa Lomas, 6205 East County Road 6460, Lubbock, Texas 79403

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

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**PCW** 

Respondent Josefa Lomas

Case ID No. 59444
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Media Municipal Solid Waste

**Enf. Coordinator** Alain Elegbe

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Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%			
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%			
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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	\$7,629	10-Oct-2019	4-Apr-2021	1.48	\$566	n/a	\$566
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Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
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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		\$7,629	<u></u>		TOTAL		\$566

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# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN605721984, RN110892940, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

Customer, Respondent, CN605721984, Josefa Lomas Classification: NOT APPLICABLE Rating: N/A

or Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN110892940, Josefa Lomas UNA Site Classification: NOT APPLICABLE Rating: N/A

Complexity Points: N/A Repeat Violator: N/A

CH Group: 14 - Other

**Location:** 6205 East County Road 6460, Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas 79403-7143

TCEQ Region: REGION 02 - LUBBOCK

ID Number(s):

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NON-PERMITTED ID NUMBER

455020070

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

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** June 11, 2020

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: June 11, 2015 to June 11, 2020

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

Name: Alain Elegbe Phone: (512) 239-6924

# 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?

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

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

N/A

**B.** Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

N/A

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

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

1 Date: 12/06/2019 (1610305)

Self-Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 330, SubChapter A 330.15(a) 30 TAC Chapter 330, SubChapter A 330.15(c)

Description: Failure to prevent the storage/disposal of municipal solid waste (asphalt shingles)

at an unauthorized facility.

#### F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

NI/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 6/11/2015 and 6/11/2020

1 Date: 12/06/2019 (1610305)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 330, SubChapter A 330.15(a)

30 TAC Chapter 330, SubChapter A 330.15(c)

Description: Failure to prevent the storage/disposal of municipal solid waste (asphalt shingles)

at an unauthorized facility.

#### Appendix B

### All Investigations Conducted During Component Period June 11, 2015 and June 11, 2020

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Item 1 March 26, 2020 For Informational Purposes Only

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Item 2 June 02, 2020 For Informational Purposes Only

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

<sup>\*</sup> No violations documented during this investigation

<sup>\*\*</sup>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	§	BEFORE THE
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CONCERNING	§	<b>TEXAS COMMISSION ON</b>
JOSEFA LOMAS;	\$ &	
RN110892940	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

# DEFAULT ORDER

# **DOCKET NO. 2020-0795-MSW-E**

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") considered the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition, filed pursuant to Tex. Water Code ch. 7 and Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including the imposition of an administrative penalty and corrective action of the respondent(s). The respondent made the subject of this Order is Josefa Lomas ("Respondent").

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

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent owns an unauthorized municipal solid waste ("MSW") site located at 6205 East County Road 6460 in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas (the "Site"). The Site involves the management of MSW as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361.
- 2. During an investigation conducted on October 10, 2019, and a record review conducted on June 1, 2020, an investigator documented that Respondent caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of MSW. Specifically, approximately 512 cubic yards of MSW consisting of asphalt shingles and scrap metal were disposed of at the Site.
- 3. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Josefa Lomas" (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 2, 2021.
- 4. The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on June 2, 2021, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed."
- 5. The Executive Director re-filed the EDPRP in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on July 16, 2021.
- 6. By letter dated July 16, 2021, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed." The first class mail has not been returned, indicating that Respondent received notice of the EDPRP.
- 7. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent caused, suffered, allowed, or permitted the unauthorized disposal of MSW, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(a) and (c).
- 3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 3 through 6, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.104(c)(2).
- 4. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 7, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by Tex. Water Code § 7.056 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.105. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.057 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
- 5. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$1,312.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Water Code § 7.053.
- 7. Tex. Water Code §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.

### **ORDERING PROVISIONS**

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

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$1,312.00) for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations which are not raised here.
- 2. The penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to TCEQ and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Josefa Lomas; Docket No. 2020-0795-MSW-E" to:

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

- 3. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Order, cease storing, accepting, and disposing of any additional MSW at the Site;
  - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order, remove all MSW from the Site and dispose of it at an authorized facility; and
  - c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 3.a. and 3.b.

The certification shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be signed by Respondent, and shall include the following certification language:

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

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

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

and:

Waste Section Manager Lubbock Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 5012 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Lubbock, Texas 79414-3426

- 4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 5. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent.
- 6. 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. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.

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11. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this fully executed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date the Order is final, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106(d) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.144.

# SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUAI	LITY
For the Commission	Date

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



# UNSWORN DECLARATION OF MISTY JAMES

"On behalf of the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the 'Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against and Requiring Certain Actions of Josefa Lomas' (the "EDPRP") was filed in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on June 2, 2021.

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More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing."

"My name is Misty James and I am an employee of the following governmental agency: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I am executing this declaration as part of my assigned duties and responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed in Travis County, State of Texas, on the 21st day of October, 2021

Declarant