

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 59604
Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21
RN102077807
Docket No. 2020-0970-MWD-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21, 228 Cedar Lane,
Channelview, Harris County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: August 20, 2021

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$16,500

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$3,300

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$13,200

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: Yes

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: February 28, 2020

Date(s) of NOE(s): June 26, 2020

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Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total copper, total zinc, and *Enterococci* [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010105001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to, within 130 days, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010105001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ellen Ojeda, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC 219, (512) 239-2581; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Jimmy Smith, President, Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21, 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, Texas 77530
Ronny Daniels, General Manager, Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21, 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, Texas 77530

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

DATES	Assigned	7-Jul-2020	Screening	16-Jul-2020	EPA Due	5-Jun-2020
	PCW	30-Jul-2020				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102077807
Facility/Site Region	12-Houston
Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	59604	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2020-0970-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Ellen Ojeda
		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	10.0% Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$1,500
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Notes	Enhancement for two self-reported effluent violations.
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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	\$1,225	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$10,000	

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$16,500
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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.

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Final Penalty Amount	\$16,500
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$16,500
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DEFERRAL	20.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	-\$3,300
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes	Deferral offered for expedited settlement.
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PAYABLE PENALTY	\$13,200
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Screening Date 16-Jul-2020

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PCW

Respondent Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 59604

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102077807

Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Ellen Ojeda

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>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 10%

>> **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 self-reported effluent violations.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 10%

>> **Final Compliance History Adjustment**

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 10%

Screening Date 16-Jul-2020 **Docket No.** 2020-0970-MWD-E **PCW**
Respondent Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21 *Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)*
Case ID No. 59604 *PCW Revision March 26, 2014*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102077807
Media Water Quality
Enf. Coordinator Ellen Ojeda

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 ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010105001, 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			Percent 15.0%	
	Release	Major	Moderate		Minor
	Actual				X
	Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes
 A simplified model was used to evaluate total zinc to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded levels protective of human health or the environment. Enterococci was also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2 92 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	X
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

Two quarterly events are recommended for the quarters containing the monthly monitoring periods of March 2019, April 2019, and October 2019.

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 \$7,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation **Statutory Limit Test**

Estimated EB Amount \$1,225 **Violation Final Penalty Total** \$8,250

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$8,250

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21
Case ID No. 59604
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102077807
Media Violation No. Water Quality
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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)	\$10,000	31-Mar-2019	10-Sep-2021	2.45	\$1,225	n/a	\$1,225

Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost to determine the cause of noncompliance and make any necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility to achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. 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 \$10,000

TOTAL \$1,225

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PCW

Respondent Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 59604

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102077807

Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Ellen Ojeda

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010105001, 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

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual		X	
Potential			

Percent 30.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

A simplified model was used to evaluate total copper to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded levels protective of human health or the environment. Enterococci was also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$17,500

\$7,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 30

daily	
weekly	
monthly	X
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

One monthly event is recommended for the monthly monitoring period of November 2019.

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 \$7,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$8,250

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$8,250

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21
Case ID No. 59604
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102077807
Media Violation No. Water Quality
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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)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

See Economic Benefit for Violation No. 1.

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 \$0

TOTAL \$0

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21
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TPDES Permit No. WQ0010105001

Effluent Violation Table

Month/Year	Enterococci		Total Copper		Total Zinc
	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum Concentration	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum Concentration	Daily Average Concentration
	Limit = 35 CFU/100 mL	Limit = 104 mg/L	Limit = 0.007 mg/L	Limit = 0.015 mg/L	Limit = 0.074 mg/L
March 2019	59.75	187	c	c	c
April 2019	c	c	c	c	0.076
October 2019	c	326	c	c	c
November 2019	c	488	0.00871	0.0213	c

c= compliant

CFU/100 mL= colony-forming units per 100 milliliters

mg/L= milligrams per liter

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600735864, RN102077807, Rating Year 2019 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2019.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN600735864, Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21 **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 0.34

Regulated Entity: RN102077807, Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21 **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 0.53

Complexity Points: 9 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

Location: 228 Cedar Lane, in the City of Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

ID Number(s):

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0010105001 **WASTEWATER EPA ID** TX0022756

WASTEWATER LICENSING LICENSE WQ0010105001

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: July 15, 2020

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: July 15, 2015 to July 15, 2020

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

Name: Ellen Ojeda

Phone: (512) 239-2581

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five-year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO

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

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

B. Criminal convictions:
N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:
N/A

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

Item 1	July 20, 2015	(1277111)
Item 2	August 28, 2015	(1283290)
Item 3	September 28, 2015	(1290429)
Item 4	October 26, 2015	(1296631)
Item 5	November 13, 2015	(1302082)
Item 6	December 28, 2015	(1309015)
Item 7	January 15, 2016	(1315796)
Item 8	February 22, 2016	(1325188)
Item 9	March 22, 2016	(1331923)
Item 10	April 21, 2016	(1339081)
Item 11	May 17, 2016	(1345878)
Item 12	June 16, 2016	(1352326)

Item 13	July 21, 2016	(1359294)
Item 14	August 17, 2016	(1365722)
Item 15	September 22, 2016	(1372420)
Item 16	October 21, 2016	(1378595)
Item 17	November 23, 2016	(1384561)
Item 18	December 16, 2016	(1390696)
Item 19	February 14, 2017	(1397308)
Item 20	February 16, 2017	(1404194)
Item 21	March 16, 2017	(1377596)
Item 22	April 12, 2017	(1417795)
Item 23	April 24, 2017	(1440003)
Item 24	May 17, 2017	(1425383)
Item 25	June 13, 2017	(1431395)
Item 26	August 04, 2017	(1443689)
Item 27	September 15, 2017	(1450305)
Item 28	November 16, 2017	(1461613)
Item 29	December 15, 2017	(1467993)
Item 30	February 13, 2018	(1486916)
Item 31	March 14, 2018	(1490592)
Item 32	April 13, 2018	(1493844)
Item 33	May 14, 2018	(1500774)
Item 34	June 13, 2018	(1507872)
Item 35	August 09, 2018	(1520252)
Item 36	September 18, 2018	(1527419)
Item 37	October 18, 2018	(1533774)
Item 38	November 14, 2018	(1541611)
Item 39	November 30, 2018	(1560159)
Item 40	December 14, 2018	(1545391)
Item 41	February 13, 2019	(1560157)
Item 42	March 19, 2019	(1560158)
Item 43	June 14, 2019	(1583583)
Item 44	July 15, 2019	(1593314)
Item 45	August 16, 2019	(1599654)
Item 46	September 20, 2019	(1606553)
Item 47	October 18, 2019	(1613401)
Item 48	January 17, 2020	(1634207)
Item 49	February 17, 2020	(1640825)
Item 50	March 12, 2020	(1647345)
Item 51	April 17, 2020	(1653683)
Item 52	May 13, 2020	(1660266)

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: 10/31/2019 (1619216)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

- 2 Date: 11/30/2019 (1626565)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
HARRIS COUNTY WATER
CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT NO. 21
RN102077807**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2020-0970-MWD-E**

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21 (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 together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located at 228 Cedar Lane, in the City of Channelview, Harris 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 the Respondent agree that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that the 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 the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$16,500 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$13,200 of the penalty and \$3,300 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). 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 the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions 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 compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During a record review conducted on February 28, 2020, an investigator documented that the Respondent:

1. 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 Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010105001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

Month/Year	Enterococci		Total Copper		Total Zinc
	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum Concentration	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum Concentration	Daily Average Concentration
	Limit = 35 CFU/100 mL	Limit = 104 mg/L	Limit = 0.007 mg/L	Limit = 0.015 mg/L	Limit = 0.074 mg/L
March 2019	59.75	187	c	c	c
April 2019	c	c	c	c	0.076
October 2019	c	326	c	c	c
November 2019	c	488	0.00871	0.0213	c

c= compliant

CFU/100 mL= colony-forming units per 100 milliliters

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III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The payment of this penalty and the 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 action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21, Docket No. 2020-0970-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. Within 130 days after the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010105001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall include photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete.

I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

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

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager
Houston Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
5425 Polk Street, Suite H
Houston, Texas 77023-1452

3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
4. 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.
5. If the 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, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
6. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this 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. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
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



For the Executive Director

4/11/2022

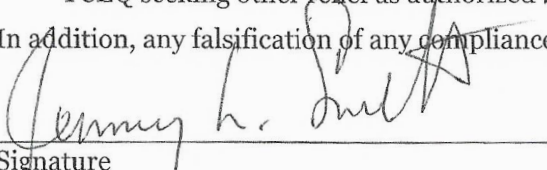
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I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



Signature

Date



Name (Printed or typed)

1-4-2022

President

Title

Authorized Representative of
Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21

If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below:

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