# Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 60280 Frio Canon Water Company, LLC RN105472682 Docket No. 2021-0130-PWS-E

## **Order Type:**

Findings Agreed Order

## **Findings Order Justification:**

Three or more enforcement actions (NOVs, orders, etc.) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

### Media:

**PWS** 

### **Small Business:**

No

## Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Frio Canon Water, 6000 U.S. Highway 83 North, Leakey, Real County

## **Type of Operation:**

Public water supply

# **Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: June 11, 2021

Comments Received: No

# **Penalty Information**

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$2,475

**Amount Deferred for Naturally Occurring Radionuclides:** \$2,475

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$0 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

# **Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - N/A Site/RN - N/A

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: December 14, 2020 through January 8, 2021

Date(s) of NOE(s): January 8, 2021

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## Violation Information

- 1. Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 15 picoCuries per liter for gross alpha particle activity, based on the running annual average [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.108(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)].
- 2. Failed to comply with the MCL of 5 picoCuries per liter for combined radium-226 and -228, based on the running annual average [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.108(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)].

## Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

## **Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

## **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 180 days, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule and any applicable planning materials, to the Executive Director that provides for an alternate water source or treatment technology, or other means of completing the necessary corrective actions to achieve compliance within 1,095 days with the MCLs for gross alpha particle activity and combined radium-226 and -228.
- b. Within 195 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.
- c. Within 365 days and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCLs for gross alpha particle activity and combined radium-226 and -228.
- d. Within 1,095 days:
- i. Return to compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity based on the running annual average; and
- ii. Return to compliance with the MCL for combined radium-226 and -228 based on the running annual average.
- e. Within 1,110 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with d.

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# **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Ecko Beggs, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC R-06, (915) 834-4968; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: David Dalgleish, Director, Frio Canon Water Company, LLC, 4019

Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78759-8764

Christina Pfeiffer, Office Manager, Frio Canon Water Company, LLC, 4019 Spicewood

Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78759-8764

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision September 1, 2019

DATES Assigned 11-Jan-2021
PCW 14-Jan-2021

PCW 14-Jan-2021 Screening 14-Jan-2021

**EPA Due** 31-Dec-2020

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION					
Respondent	Frio Canon Water Company, LLC				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN105472682				
Facility/Site Region	13-San Antonio	Major/Minor Source Minor			

CASE INFORMATION				
Enf./Case ID No.	60280		No. of Violation	ns 2
Docket No.	2021-0130-PWS-E		Order Tyj	e Findings
Media Program(s)	Public Water Supply		Government/Non-Pro	it No
Multi-Media			Enf. Coordinat	or Ecko Beggs
			EC's Tea	m Enforcement Team 2
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	Culpability	No		0.0%	Enhancement		Subtotal 4	\$0
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	Good Faith Eff	ort to Comply	Total Adjustments				Subtotal 5	\$0
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PAYA	BLE PENALT	Y						\$2,475

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)
PCW Revision September 1, 2019

Respondent Frio Canon Water Company, LLC

Case ID No. 60280

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105472682

**Media** Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Ecko Beggs

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>>		npliance Histo Component	ory <i>Site</i> En Number of	hancement (Subtotal 2)	Number	Adjust.	
		NOVs	Written not	cices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	3	15%	
			Other writte	en NOVs	0	0%	
				final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of ting criteria</i> )	0	0%	
		Orders	without a	cated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal t, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%	
		Judgments	of liability	judicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or crees meeting criteria)	0	0%	
		and Consent Decrees	final court j	rated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated udgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state ral government	0	0%	
		Convictions	Any crimina counts)	al convictions of this state or the federal government (number of	0	0%	
		Emissions	Chronic exc	ressive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%	
	Texas Environmental		Texas Envir	fying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the ronmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, ber of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%	
		Audits		of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit tt, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were</i>	0	0%	
			Environmen	ntal management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%	
		Other		on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director ecial assistance program	No	0%	
			Participation	n in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%	
			, ,	liance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal t environmental requirements	No	0%	
				Adjustment Per	rcentage (Sub	total 2)	15%
>>	Rep	eat Violator	(Subtotal 3				
		N/A Adjustment Po				total 3)	0%
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		N/A		Adjustment Per	rcentage (Sub	total 7)	0%
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			Frio Canon Water Company,	LLC		Policy	Revision 4 (April 2014)
		Case ID No.				PCW Revi:	sion September 1, 2019
Reg.	Ent. Ref	ference No.					
			Public Water Supply				
		coordinator					
	VIOI	ation Number	,				1
		Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code	§ 290.108(f)(1 341.03	l) and Tex. Health & Safety ( 315(c)	Code §	
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			Ordinary				
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					Violati	on Subtotal	\$750
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		Estimate	ed EB Amount	\$17,997	Violation Final P	enalty Total	\$1,238
			This vio	lation Final A	ssessed Penalty (adjuste	d for limits)	\$1,238

	E	conomic	Benefit	Wo	rksheet		
Respondent	Frio Canon Wa	ter Company, LLC					
Case ID No.	60280						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.							
	Public Water S						Years of
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Violation No.	1					F 0	•
						5.0	15
		Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description							
Delayed Costs				_			
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$60,000	31-Mar-2020	12-Jul-2024	4.28	\$857	\$17,140	\$17,997
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 Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
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					of compliance.		
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Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0
Other (as needed)		<u> </u>		0.00	<b>3</b> 0	<b>3</b> 0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$60,000			TOTAL		\$17,997

	эсге	ening Date	14-Jan-2021	<b>Docket No.</b> 2021-0130-PWS-E	PCW
	F	Respondent	Frio Canon Wa	ter Company, LLC Policy	Revision 4 (April 2014)
		Case ID No.		PCW Revi	sion September 1, 2019
Reg.	Ent. Ref		RN105472682		
			Public Water Si	hbla	
		coordinator		1	
	Viola	ation Number			1
		Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin	. Code § 290.108(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)	
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	violatio	n Description	concentrations	of combined radium-226 and -228 were 7 pCi/L for the first through	
				third quarters of 2020.	
				Base Penalty	\$5,000
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					\$750
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		orts to Com	daily weekly monthly quarterly semiannual annual single event   ply  Extraordinary Ordinary N/A Notes	One annual event is recommended.  One annual event is recommended.  Reduction  Sefore NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer  X  The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.  Violation Subtotal  Statutory Limit Test	\$0
		orts to Com	daily weekly monthly quarterly semiannual annual single event   ply  Extraordinary Ordinary N/A Notes	One annual event is recommended.  One annual event is recommended.  Reduction  Sefore NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer  X  The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.  Violation Subtotal  Statutory Limit Test	\$750
		orts to Com	daily weekly monthly quarterly semiannual annual single event   ply  Extraordinary Ordinary N/A Notes	One annual event is recommended.  One annual event is recommended.  Reduction  Sefore NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer  X  The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.  Violation Subtotal  Statutory Limit Test	\$750 \$1,238

	E	conomic	Benefit	Wo	rksheet		
Respondent	Frio Canon Wa	iter Company, LLC	2				
Case ID No.	60280						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.							
	Public Water S						Years of
Violation No.		паррту				<b>Percent Interest</b>	Depreciation
Violation No.	2						
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description							
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
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Notes for DELAYED costs		-				in the Economic Be	
Notes for DELATED Costs	compliance wi	th the MCL for cor			on No. 1.	in the Economic Be	iche Worksheet
Avoided Costs	ANNU	ALIZE avoided c	osts before er	ntering	item (except for	r 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		\$0			TOTAL		\$0

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Compliance History Report for CN603265612, RN105472682, Rating Year 2020 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2020.

Customer, Respondent, CN603265612, Frio Canon Water

Classification: NOT APPLICABLE Rating: N/A

or Owner/Operator: Company, LLC

Regulated Entity: RN105472682, FRIO CANON WATER Classification: NOT APPLICABLE Rating: N/A

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

CH Group: 14 - Other

**Location:** 6000 UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 83 NORTH IN LEAKEY, REAL COUNTY, TX

TCEQ Region: REGION 13 - SAN ANTONIO

ID Number(s):

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 1930023

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2015 to August 31, 2020 Rating Year: 2020 Rating Date: 09/01/2020

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: January 11, 2021

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: January 11, 2016 to January 11, 2021

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

Name: Ecko Beggs Phone: (915) 834-4968

### 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 October 30, 2020 (1678753)

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: 04/23/2020 (1697480)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)

Description: COMB RAD MCL and GA MCL 1Q2020 - During the 1st quarter of 2020 the system

violated the maximum contaminant level for combined radium 226 and 228 with

a RAA of 7 pCi/L and for gross alpha with a RAA of 16 pCi/L.

2 Date: 09/02/2020 (1697480)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)

Description: COMB RAD MCL and GA MCL 2Q2020 - During the 2nd quarter of 2020 the

system violated the maximum contaminant level for combined radium 226 and

228 with a RAA of 7 pCi/L and for gross alpha with a RAA of 16 pCi/L.

3 Date: 12/08/2020 (1697480)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)

Description: COMB RAD MCL and GA MCL 3Q2020 - During the 3rd quarter of 2020 the system

violated the maximum contaminant level for combined radium 226 and 228 with

a RAA of 7 pCi/L and for gross alpha with a RAA of 18 pCi/L.

### 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	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
FRIO CANON WATER COMPANY,	§	TEAAS COMMISSION ON
LLC	§	
RN105472682	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2021-0130-PWS-E

On	, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or "TO	EQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
action regarding Fri	o Canon Water Company, LLC (the "Respondent") under the authority of
TEX. HEALTH & SAFE	TY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the
<b>Enforcement Division</b>	on, 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 public water supply located at 6000 United States Highway 83 North in Leakey, Real County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 16 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.38(71).
- 2. During a record review conducted on December 14, 2020 through January 8, 2021, an investigator documented that:
  - a. The running annual average concentrations of gross alpha particle activity were 16 picoCuries per liter ("pCi/L") for the first and second quarters of 2020 and 18 pCi/L for the third quarter of 2020.
  - b. The running annual average concentrations of combined radium-226 and -228 were 7 pCi/L for the first through third quarters of 2020.

### 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. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 15 pCi/L for gross alpha particle activity, based on the running annual average, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.108(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c).
- 3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b, the Respondent failed to comply with the MCL of 5 pCi/L for combined radium-226 and -228, based on the running annual average, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.108(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c).
- 4. Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.049(a), 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.
- 5. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$2,475 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.049(b). The amount of \$2,475 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and 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 requirement contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the conditionally 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. 5 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: Frio Canon Water Company, LLC, Docket No. 2021-0130-PWS-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. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule and any applicable planning materials, to the Executive Director that provides for an alternate water source or treatment technology, or other means of completing the necessary corrective actions to achieve compliance within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Order with the MCLs for gross alpha particle activity and combined radium-226 and -228 to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.e.
  - b. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.e below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a.
  - c. Within 365 days after the effective date of this Order and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.e below. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCLs for gross alpha particle activity and combined radium-226 and -228.
  - d. Within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Order:
    - i. Return to compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity based on the running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.108; and
    - ii. Return to compliance with the MCL for combined radium-226 and -228 based on the running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.108.
  - e. Within 1,110 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.d.i and 2.d.ii. The certification shall be signed by the 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 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:

Drinking Water Special Functions Section Manager Water Supply Division, MC 155 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 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. 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.
- 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 in this Order.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.

- This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall 9. 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.
- 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
	12/13/2021
For the Executive Director	Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the at the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment on such representation.	conditions specified therein. I further
I also understand that failure to comply with the Or and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, ma	
<ul> <li>A negative impact on compliance history;</li> <li>Greater scrutiny of any permit applications su</li> <li>Referral of this case to the Attorney General's additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to increased penalties in any future enforcement.</li> <li>Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Control of TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.</li> <li>In addition, any falsification of any compliance doc</li> </ul>	Office for contempt, injunctive relief, to a collection agency; t actions; Office of any future enforcement actions; and w. uments may result in criminal prosecution.
Signature	10 112 12021
Name (Printed or typed) DAUD Authorized Representative of Frio Canon Water Company, LLC	DIRECTOR Title
☐ If mailing address has changed, please check th	nis box and provide the new address below: