# Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 61074 City of La Marque RN101917284 Docket No. 2021-0952-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 La Marque Westside WWTP, 2701B Woodland Street, La Marque, Galveston County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment plant **Other Significant Matters:** 

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: November 25, 2022

Comments Received: No

**Penalty Information** 

Total Penalty Assessed: \$97,500 Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0 Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

**Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset:** \$97,500 Name of SEP: Wastewater Collection System Improvements (Compliance)

**Compliance History Classifications:** 

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

**Major Source:** Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** January 2021

**Investigation Information** 

Complaint Date(s): N/A Complaint Information: N/A

**Date(s) of Investigation:** June 16, 2021

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** July 14, 2021

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# Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total copper and *Enterococci* [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0010410003, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

# Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

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

The Respondent achieved compliance with the permitted effluent limitations by February 28, 2021.

# **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).

# **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Harley Hobson, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-09, (512) 239-1337; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

**TCEQ SEP Coordinator**: Betty Sanders, SEP Coordinator, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 239-3992

**Respondent:** The Honorable Keith Bell, Mayor, City of La Marque, 1111 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas 77568

Cesar Garcia, City Manager, City of La Marque, 1111 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas 77568

**Respondent's Attorney:** Nathan Vassar, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701



S COMMISSION OF THE PROPERTY O	Policy Revi	Pe	nalty Calc	culatio	n Worksh	neet (PC	•	ion February 11, 2021
DATES	Assigned PCW	19-Jul-2021 20-Jul-2021	Screening 19	-Jul-2021	EPA Due	5-Jun-2021		
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Re	Respondent g. Ent. Ref. No.	City of La Marqu RN101917284						
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	Notes	The Re	spondent does no	ot meet the	e culpability crite	eria.		
	<b>Good Faith Effo</b>	ort to Comply T	otal Adjustment	ts			Subtotal 5	-\$18,750
	<b>Economic Bene</b>				Enhancement*		Subtotal 6	\$0
	Estimated	Total EB Amounts Cost of Compliance	\$832 \$25,000	*Сарре	ed at the Total EB \$ /	Amount		
SUM (	OF SUBTOTAL	LS 1-7				F	inal Subtotal	\$97,500

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE
Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. 0.0% Adjustment Notes

Final Penalty Amount \$97,500

**\$0** 

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty \$97,500 **DEFERRAL** 0.0% Reduction Adjustment **\$0** 

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders. Notes

**PAYABLE PENALTY** \$97,500 **Case ID No.** 61074

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101917284

**Media** Water Quality

**Enf. Coordinator** Alyssa Loveday

**Docket No.** 2021-0952-MWD-E

**PCW** 

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021) PCW Revision February 11, 2021

# **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%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	1	20%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	1	25%
Judgments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
and Consent Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
Addits	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%

	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) 55%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for two months of self-reported effluent violations, one order containing a denial of liability, and one order without a denial of liability.

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

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100%

55%

	Scree	ning Date	19-Jul-2021		Docke	<b>t No.</b> 2021-095	2-MWD-E		PCW
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			Water Quality						
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Economic Benefit Worksheet								
Respondent	City of La Mare	que						
Case ID No.		•						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.								
	Water Quality						Years of	
Violation No.	• '					Percent Interest	Depreciation	
						5.0	15	
	<b>Item Cost</b>	<b>Date Required</b>	<b>Final Date</b>	Yrs	<b>Interest Saved</b>	<b>Costs Saved</b>	<b>EB Amount</b>	
Item Description								
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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)	\$25,000	30-Jun-2020	28-Feb-2021	0.67	\$832	n/a	\$832	
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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				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		\$25,000			TOTAL		\$832	

Screening Date 19	9-Jul-2021	<b>Docket No.</b> 2021-0952-MWD-E	PCW
Respondent Ci		Policy	Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)
Case ID No. 63		PC	CW Revision February 11, 2021
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RI			
	later Quality		
Enf. Coordinator Al	lyssa Loveday		
	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305	5.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES	7
F		, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No.  1	
Violation Description	Failed to comply with per	mitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.	
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OR Actual	Х		
Potential		Percent 100.0%	
>>Programmatic Matrix			
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		Percent 0.0%	
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		en exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are ronmental receptors as a result of the violation.	
Notes protective	ve or numan health or envir	offinerital receptors as a result of the violation.	
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			\$25,000
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	weekly		
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	annual		
	single event		
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On	ne monthly event is recomm	nended for the month of September 2020.	
<b>Good Faith Efforts to Comp</b>	ly 25.0%	Reduction	n \$6,250
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	Extraordinary		
	Ordinary x N/A		
	The Respon	dent achieved compliance on February 28,	
	Notes 2021, prior t	to the Notice of Enforcement dated July 14, 2021.	
		Violation Subtota	\$18,750
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	This viol	ation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits	\$32,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet								
Respondent	City of La Mar	que						
Case ID No.								
Reg. Ent. Reference No.								
	Water Quality						Years of	
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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 \$0	n/a	\$0	
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0	
Notes for DELAYED costs		See	Economic Bene	efit Work	sheet for Violation	No. 1.		
Avoided Costs	ANNU	ALIZE avoided co	osts before er	tering	item (except for	one-time avoide	d costs)	
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Notes for AVOIDED costs								
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$0			TOTAL		\$0	

# City of La Marque TPDES Permit No. WQ0010410003 Docket No. 2021-0952-MWD-E

Case No. 61074

Effluent Violation Table							
		Total Copper		Enter	Enterococci		
Monitoring Period	Daily Average Concentration Limit = 0.00766 mg/L	Daily Maximum Concentration Limit = 0.0162 mg/L	Daily Average Loading Limit = 0.19 lbs/day	Daily Average Concentration Limit = 35 CFU/100 mL	Daily Maximum Concentration Limit = 104 CFU/100 mL		
June 2020	0.0136	0.0367	0.237	37.2	c		
September 2020	c	0.0298	c	232	980		
October 2020	c	0.0364	С	c	c		
November 2020	0.0181	0.0967	0.2674	c	c		
January 2021	С	c	c	с	436		

c = compliant mg/L = milligrams per liter

2021

lbs/day = pounds per day CFU/100 mL = colony-forming units per 100 milliliters

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# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600593412, RN101917284, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respondent, CN600593412, City of La Margue Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 8.00

or Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN101917284, CITY OF LA MARQUE Classification: SATISFACTORY Rating: 10.08

Complexity Points: 8 Repeat Violator: NO

**CH Group:** 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

**Location:** 2701B Woodland Street, La Marque, Galveston County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 12 - HOUSTON

ID Number(s):

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0010410003 WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0114821

WASTEWATER LICENSING LICENSE WQ0010410003

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2016 to August 31, 2021 Rating Year: 2021 Rating Date: 09/01/2021

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: January 13, 2022

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: January 13, 2017 to January 13, 2022

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

Name: Alyssa Loveday Phone: (512) 239-5504

#### 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:

1 Effective Date: 05/30/2018 ADMINORDER 2016-0402-MLM-E (Findings Order-Agreed Order Without Denial)

Classification: Moderate

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

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Rqmt Prov: Interim Effluent Limitations and Monitor PERMIT

Description: Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010410003,

Interim Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1.

2 Effective Date: 05/26/2021 ADMINORDER 2019-0549-MWD-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 281, SubChapter A 281.25(a)(4)

40 CFR Chapter 122, SubChapter D, PT 122, SubPT B 122.26(c)

TWC Chapter 26 26.121

Description: Failed to obtain authorization to discharge stormwater associated with industrial activities

Classification: Minor

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

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.126(a)

Rqmt Prov: WQ0010410003 PERMIT

Description: Failed to initiate engineering and financial planning for expansion and/or upgrading of the wastewater treatment and/or collection facilities whenever the flow measurements reach 75% of the permitted daily average flow for three consecutive months. Specifically, the Facility reached 75% of the permitted effluent limitation for flow of three million gallons per day for the months of June 2017, July 2017, and August 2017.

Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Rqmt Prov: Monitoring and Reporting Requirements No PERMIT

Description: Failed to submit accurate discharge monitoring reports ("DMRs"). Specifically, the reported DMR data for daily average flow and daily maximum flows for the months of October 2018 and November 2018 did not match the Facility's operator logs; and the annual average flows for the months of October 2018, November 2018, and December 2018 did not match the Facility's operator logs.

#### **B.** Criminal convictions:

N/A

#### C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

Item 1	February 20, 2017	(1405692)	Item 21	April 18, 2020	(1655122)
Item 2	April 19, 2017	(1441481)	Item 22	May 15, 2020	(1661683)
Item 3	June 20, 2017	(1432919)	Item 23	June 18, 2020	(1668218)
Item 5	September 29, 2017	(1445159)	Item 24	August 13, 2020	(1663583)
Item 6	October 20, 2017	(1457615)	Item 25	August 18, 2020	(1681932)
Item 7	November 20, 2017	(1463049)	Item 26	September 14, 2020	(1688510)
Item 8	January 19, 2018	(1476184)	Item 27	January 18, 2021	(1717197)
Item 9	February 20, 2018	(1488351)	Item 28	March 19, 2021	(1730277)
Item 11	March 20, 2018	(1492021)	Item 29	April 16, 2021	(1730278)
Item 12	April 20, 2018	(1495308)	Item 30	May 14, 2021	(1742424)
Item 13	May 17, 2018	(1502239)	Item 31	May 25, 2021	(1712113)
Item 14	June 22, 2018	(1509356)	Item 32	June 18, 2021	(1748398)
Item 15	September 28, 2018	(1521711)	Item 34	July 20, 2021	(1753269)
Item 16	August 19, 2019	(1601095)	Item 35	August 16, 2021	(1758670)
Item 17	November 18, 2019	(1620664)	Item 36	September 19, 2021	(1767974)
Item 18	December 13, 2019	(1628013)	Item 37	October 19, 2021	(1778532)
Item 19	January 17, 2020	(1635640)			
Item 20	February 13, 2020	(1642258)			

#### 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: 01/31/2021 (1730276)

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: 10/31/2021 (1785200)

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 1/13/2017 and 1/13/2022

1 Date: 02/28/2017 (1412775)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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: 03/31/2017 (1419285)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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: 04/30/2017 (1426928)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

4 Date: 05/24/2017 (1349928)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only

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

Description: Failed to provide notification of a noncompliance which may endanger human

health or safety, or the environment in a timely manner. Specifically, the unauthorized discharge occurring on July 22, 2016 was not submitted the permittee to the Regional Office and the Enforcement Division (MC 224) within five working days of becoming aware of the noncompliance. The unauthorized discharge was received on August 17, 2016 or 19 working days after the

occurrence.

5 Date: 08/31/2017 (1451737)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

6 Date: 11/30/2017 (1469483)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

7 Date: 03/06/2018 (1429019)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)

Description: Failure to maintain the collection system.

8 Date: 06/30/2018 (1515670)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

9 08/31/2018 (1528899)Date:

> Classification: Moderate

For Informational Purposes Only YES Self Report?

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

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

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

10 Date: 09/30/2018 (1535222)

> Classification: Moderate

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report? YES

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

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

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

11 Date: 10/31/2018 (1543079)

> Classification: Moderate

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report? YES

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

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

12 11/30/2018 (1546815)Date:

Classification: Moderate

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report? YES

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

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

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

13 Date: 12/27/2018 (1505601)

> Classification: Minor

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report? NO

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

30 TAC Chapter 317 317.3(c)(2)

WQ0010410003 PERMIT

Description: Failed to maintain firm pumping capacity at the lift station.

Classification: Minor

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report? NO

30 TAC Chapter 317 317.4(a)(8) Citation:

Failed to test the reduced-pressure principal backflow prevention assembly Description:

(RPBA) annually.

Classification: Minor

For Informational Purposes Only NO Self Report?

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

WQ0010410003 PERMIT

Description: Failure to maintain compliance with permitted effluent limits.

Classification: Moderate

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report?

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 281, SubChapter A 281.25(a)(4)

40 CFR Chapter 122, SubChapter D, PT 122, SubPT B 122.26(c)

TWC Chapter 26 26.121

Description: Failed to obtain authorization to discharge stormwater associated with industrial

activities

Classification:

For Informational Purposes Only Self Report? NO

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

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.126(a)

WQ0010410003 PERMIT

Description: Failed to initiate engineering and financial planning for expansion and/or

upgrading of the wastewater treatment and/or collection facilities whenever the flow measurements reach 75% of the permitted daily average flow for three consecutive months. Specifically, the Facility reached 75% of the permitted

effluent limitation for flow of three millions gallons per day for the months of June 2017, July 2017, and August 2017.

14 Date: 12/31/2018 (1564569)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

15 Date: 01/31/2019 (1564567)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

16 Date: 02/28/2019 (1564568)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

17 Date: 03/31/2019 (1573455)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

18 Date: 04/30/2019 (1586502)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

19 Date: 05/31/2019 (1586503)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

20 Date: 06/30/2019 (1594796)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

21 Date: 08/31/2019 (1608008)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

22 Date: 09/30/2019 (1614875)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

23 Date: 10/03/2019 (1592921)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)

Description: Failure to maintain the collection system.

24 Date: 02/29/2020 (1648768)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

25 Date: 06/30/2020 (1675164)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

26\* Date: 09/30/2020 (1694870)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

27\* Date: 10/31/2020 (1717195)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

28\* Date: 11/30/2020 (1717196)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

29\* Date: 01/31/2021 (1730276)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

30 Date: 10/31/2021 (1785200)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? YES For Informational Purposes Only

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

<sup>\*</sup> NOVs applicable for the Compliance History rating period 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2021

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Item 22	December 13, 2018**	For	(1546815) Informational	Purposes	Only
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Item 25	February 20, 2019**	For	(1564567) Informational	Purposes	Only
Item 26	March 18, 2019**	For	(1541299) Informational	Purposes	Only
Item 27	March 19, 2019**	For	(1564568) Informational	Purposes	Only
Item 28	April 17, 2019**	For	(1573455) Informational	Purposes	Only
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Item 29	May 13, 2019**	For	Informational	Purposes	Only
Item 30	June 17, 2019**	For	(1586503) Informational	Purposes	Only
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Item 34	October 03, 2019**	For	(1592921) Informational	Purposes	Only
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Item 45*	August 13, 2020**	(1663583) For Informational Purposes Only
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Item 47*	September 14, 2020*	(1688510) *For Informational Purposes Only
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Item 55*	May 14, 2021**	(1742424) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 56*	May 25, 2021**	(1712113) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 57*	June 18, 2021**	(1748398) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 58	July 15, 2021**	(1736233) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 59*	July 20, 2021**	(1753269) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 60*	August 16, 2021**	(1758670) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 61*	September 19, 2021	(1767974) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 62*	October 19, 2021	(1778532) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 63	November 18, 2021	(1785200) For Informational Purposes Only

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

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
CITY OF LA MARQUE	§	
RN101917284	§	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b>

#### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2021-0952-MWD-E

On	the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or "TC	EQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
action regarding the	City of La Marque (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, rep	resented by Mr. Nathan Vassar of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle
	esented 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 plant located at 2701B Woodland Street in La Marque, Galveston County, Texas (the "Plant"). The Plant is near or adjacent to water in the state as defined in Tex. Water Code § 26.001(5).
- 2. During a record review conducted for the Plant on June 16, 2021, an investigator documented that the Respondent did not comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

	Total Copper			Enterococci		
Monitoring Period	Daily Average Concentration Limit = 0.00766 mg/L	Daily Maximum Concentration Limit = 0.0162 mg/L	Daily Average Loading Limit = 0.19 lbs/day	Daily Average Concentration Limit = 35 CFU/100 mL	Daily Maximum Concentration Limit = 104 CFU/100 mL	
June 2020	0.0136	0.0367	0.237	37.2	С	
September 2020	С	0.0298	С	232	980	
October 2020	С	0.0364	С	С	С	
November 2020	0.0181	0.0967	0.2674	С	С	
January 2021	С	С	С	С	436	

c = compliant mg/L = milligrams per liter lbs/day = pounds per day

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

3. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent achieved compliance with the permitted effluent limitations by February 28, 2021.

#### II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEO pursuant to Tex. Water Code ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEO.
- 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 Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WQ0010410003, 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 \$97,500 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Water Code § 7.053. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.067, \$97,500 of the penalty shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's timely and satisfactory completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") as defined in the attached SEP Agreement ("Attachment A" incorporated herein by reference). The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the penalty shall be discharged upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order, which includes the timely and satisfactory completion of all provisions of the SEP Agreement, as determined by the Executive Director.

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#### 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 La Marque, Docket No. 2021-0952-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. The Respondent shall implement and complete an SEP as set forth in Section II, Conclusion of Law No. 4. The amount of \$97,500 of the assessed penalty is conditionally offset based on the Respondent's implementation and completion of the SEP pursuant to the terms of the SEP Agreement, as defined in Attachment A. Penalty payments for any portion of the SEP deemed by the Executive Director as not complete shall be paid within 30 days after the date the Executive Director demands payment.
- 3. 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 Plant 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 address listed below:

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

- 7. 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.
- 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.

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## SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TEAAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	
For the Commission	Date
Un	2/27/2023
For the Executive Director	Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and coacknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for on such representation.	onditions specified therein. I further
I also understand that failure to comply with the Orde and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may	
A negative impact on compliance history; Greater scrutiny of any permit applications subn Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Of additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a Increased penalties in any future enforcement ac Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Offi TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.	fice for contempt, injunctive relief, a collection agency; ctions;
In addition, any falsification of any compliance docum	nents may result in criminal prosecution.
	1-30-2023
Signature	Date
Cesar Garcia	Date City Manager
Name (Printed or typed)	Title

Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of

City of La Marque

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

#### Attachment A

#### Docket Number: 2021-0952-MWD-E

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of La Marque		
Penalty Amount:	Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$97,500)		
SEP Offset Amount:	Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$97,500)		
Type of SEP:	Compliance		
Project Name:	Wastewater Collection System Improvements		
Location of SEP:	Galveston County		

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

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

## 1. Project Description

#### A. Project

Respondent shall hire a contractor to repair the blower system and the chlorination system at the Plant. The decant tubes, non-potable pumps, and re-piping will be included in these repairs. The SEP will improve the City's effluent and reduce the risk of negative impacts to the receiving waters from the City's discharge. Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount shall be used for materials, supplies, and equipment for blower system and chlorination system repairs (the "Project"). Respondent shall solicit bids from qualified contractors to perform the Project. Any invitation for bids, including publication, related to the SEP must include the enforcement statement as stated in Section 6, Publicity. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including permits that may be required prior to commencement of the SEP.

Respondent shall use the SEP Offset Amount only for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including supplies, materials, and equipment rentals, as listed in Subsection C. Minimum Expenditure, Estimated Cost Schedule, below. No portion of the SEP Offset Amount shall be spent on administrative costs, including but not limited to operating costs, reporting expenses, handling of expenses, project coordination, liability, or equipment breakdowns.

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

#### B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by improving the quality of wastewater effluent being released into the environment. Inadequately treated effluent can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminths (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. Additional risks include occurrences of low dissolved oxygen, fish kills, algal bloom, and bacterial contamination in waterways.

#### C. Minimum Expenditure

Respondent shall spend at least the SEP Offset Amount to complete the project described in Section 1, above, and comply with all other provisions of this SEP. Respondent understands that it may cost more than the SEP Offset Amount to complete the Project.

Estimated Cost Schedule				
Item	Quantity	Cost	Units	Total
Repair Blower for Train #2	1	\$23,000	Lump Sum	\$23,000
Repair/Update SO2 and C1 Systems	1	\$28,000	Lump Sum	\$28,000
Repair Decant Tubes	1	\$35,000	Lump Sum	\$35,000
Repair Non-potable Pumps and Re-piping	1	\$15,000	Lump Sum	\$15,000
Total				\$101,000

#### **Estimated Cost Schedule**

#### 2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall begin implementation of the SEP. Respondent shall have completed the SEP in its entirety within 130 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order.

#### 3. Records and Reporting

#### A. Progress Report

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a Notice of Commencement to the TCEQ describing actions performed to date to implement the Project. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a report detailing the progress made and all actions completed on the Project during the previous 60-day period and setting forth a schedule for achieving completion of the Project within the 130-day timeframe set forth in Section 2, Performance Schedule, above. Thereafter, Respondent shall submit progress reports to the TCEQ containing detailed information on all actions completed on the Project to date as set forth in the Reporting Schedule table below:

## **Reporting Schedule**

Days from Effective Order Date	Information Required
30	Notice of Commencement describing actions taken to begin project
90	Actions completed during previous 60-day period
130	Notice of SEP completion

#### B. Final Report

Within 130 days after the effective date of the Agreed Order, or within 30 days after completion of the SEP, whichever is earlier, Respondent shall submit a Final Report to the TCEQ, which shall include the following:

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

## C. Address

Respondent shall submit all SEP reports and any additional information as requested to the following address:

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

#### 4. Additional Information and Access

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

#### 5. Failure to Fully Perform

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

In the event the ED determines that Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for reimbursement of a SEP, shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," and shall mail it to:

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

#### 6. Publicity

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

### 7. Recognition

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

#### 8. Other SEPs by TCEO or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.