# Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 61298 Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. RN102452307

Docket No. 2021-1187-PWS-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:

**PWS** 

#### **Small Business:**

Yes

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

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, 2240 County Road 60, near Plainview, Hale 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:** May 6, 2022

Comments Received: No

# **Penalty Information**

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$5,500

**Amount Deferred for Naturally Occurring Inorganic Contaminants: \$5,500** 

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

Payment Plan: N/A

## **Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - Unclassified Site/RN - Unclassified

Major Source: No

**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: August 23, 2021 through September 3, 2021

Date(s) of NOE(s): September 3, 2021

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#### **Violation Information**

Failed to comply with the acute maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 10 milligrams per liter for nitrate [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.106(f)(2) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.031(a)].

## 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, treatment technology, or other means of completing the necessary corrective actions to achieve compliance within 1,095 days with the acute MCL for nitrate;
- 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 action taken to provide water which meets the acute MCL for nitrate;
- d. Within 1,095 days, return to compliance with the acute MCL for nitrate based on the single sample concentration; and
- 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 4, MC R-06, (915) 834-4968; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

**Respondent:** Jim Collins, President, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., P.O. Box 1000, Johnston, Iowa 50131-9411

Timothy Schniers, Production Location Manager, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., 2240 County Road 60, Plainview, Texas 79072

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Fin	al Assessed Penalty	\$5,500

Final Assessed Penalty **DEFERRAL** 100.0% -\$5,500 Reduction Adjustment Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. The Executive Director recommends a conditional deferral for naturally

**\$0** 

Notes occurring constituents.

**PCW** 

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Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

**Respondent** Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

**Case ID No.** 61298

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102452307

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

**Media** Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Ecko Beggs

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	Other written NOVs	0	0%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
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	0	0%
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 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
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Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN601098999, RN102452307, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Repeat Violator: NO

Rating: -----

Customer, Respondent, CN601098999, Pioneer Hi-Bred Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Rating: -----

or Owner/Operator: International, Inc.

**Regulated Entity:** RN102452307, PIONEER HI-BRED

INTERNATIONAL

Complexity Points: 3

CH Group: 14 - Other

**Location:** 2240 COUNTY ROAD 60 NEAR PLAINVIEW, HALE COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 02 - LUBBOCK

ID Number(s):

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 3168

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AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 4547 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 5385

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 15213 AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER HA0056J

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 72399 INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE EPA ID

TXD026945790

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

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** December 13, 2021 **Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

Component Period Selected: December 13, 2016 to December 13, 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
 August 24, 2017
 (1429481)

 Item 2
 September 11, 2019
 (1592158)

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: 04/23/2021 (1760435)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(2)

Description: NO3 AMCL 2Q2021 - This system exceeded the MCL of 10 mg/L for nitrate (as

nitrogen) with a sample result of 13 mg/L collected on 04/20/2021.

2 Date: 08/17/2021 (1760435)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(2)

Description: NO3 AMCL 3Q2021 - This system exceeded the MCL of 10 mg/L for nitrate (as

nitrogen) with a sample result of 13 mg/L collected on 07/20/2021.

#### 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 12/13/2016 and 12/13/2021

1\* Date: 04/23/2021 (1760435)

Classification: Moderate

Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(2)

Description: NO3 AMCL 2Q2021 - This system exceeded the MCL of 10 mg/L for nitrate (as

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#### Appendix B

#### All Investigations Conducted During Component Period December 13, 2016 and December 13, 2021

(1429481)

Item 1\* August 24, 2017\*\* For Informational Purposes Only

(1592158)

Item 2\* September 11, 2019\*\*For Informational Purposes Only

(1760435)

Item 3 September 02, 2021 For Informational Purposes Only

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Item 4 September 03, 2021 For Informational Purposes Only

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

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Investigation applicable for the Compliance History Rating period between 09/01/2016 and 08/31/2021.

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	<b>§</b>	
CONCERNING	<b>§</b>	
PIONEER HI-BRED	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
INTERNATIONAL, INC.	§	
RN102452307	<b>§</b>	ENVIRONMENTAL OUALITY

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2021-1187-PWS-E

On	, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or "TCEQ'	') considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
action regarding Pioneer	r Hi-Bred International, Inc. (the "Respondent") under the authority of
TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY C	CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the
Enforcement Division, a	nd 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 2240 County Road 60 near Plainview, Hale County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately five 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 from August 23, 2021 through September 3, 2021, an investigator documented that the single sample concentrations for nitrate were 13 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the second and third quarters of 2021.

#### 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, the Respondent failed to comply with the acute maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 10 mg/L for nitrate, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(2) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.031(a).
- 3. 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.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,500 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 \$5,500 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. 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: Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Docket No. 2021-1187-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, 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 acute MCL for nitrate 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 action taken to provide water which meets the acute MCL for nitrate.
- d. Within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the acute MCL for nitrate based on the single sample concentration, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106.
- 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 No. 2.d. 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.
- 9. 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.

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
Lin the	9/14/2022
For the Executive Director	Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the a the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment on such representation.	l conditions specified therein. I further
I also understand that failure to comply with the On and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, m	
<ul> <li>A negative impact on compliance history;</li> <li>Greater scrutiny of any permit applications some Referral of this case to the Attorney General's additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or Increased penalties in any future enforcement Automatic referral to the Attorney General's CTCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law</li> </ul>	Office for contempt, injunctive relief, to a collection agency; t actions; Office of any future enforcement actions; and
In addition, any falsification of any compliance doc	cuments may result in criminal prosecution.
Signature Selmi	4-12-2022 Date
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	Production Location Manager Title

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