

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 61395**

**City of Coahoma**

**RN107705188**

**Docket No. 2021-1297-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:**

City of Coahoma PWS, 122 North 1st Street, Coahoma, Howard 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:** September 2, 2022

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

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

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

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

Payment Plan: N/A

**Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) Conditional Offset:** \$5,500

Name of SEP: Water System Improvements (Compliance)

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - Unclassified

Site/RN - N/A

**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:** September 13, 2021 through September 24, 2021

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** September 24, 2021

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 61395**

**City of Coahoma**

**RN107705188**

**Docket No. 2021-1297-PWS-E**

***Violation Information***

Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level of 0.080 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes based on the locational running annual average [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c)].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

**Technical Requirements:**

1. The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).
2. The Order will also require the Respondent to:
  - a. Within 365 days, return to compliance with the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes based on the locational running annual average; and
  - b. Within 380 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorney:** N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** America Ruiz, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 4, MC 219, (512) 239-2601; 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 Jay Holt, Mayor, City of Coahoma, P.O. Box 420, Coahoma, Texas 79511

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



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	27-Sep-2021	<b>Screening</b>	27-Sep-2021	<b>EPA Due</b>	31-Dec-2021
	<b>PCW</b>	27-Sep-2021				

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Respondent</b>	City of Coahoma
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN107705188
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	7-Midland
<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Major

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	61395	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1
<b>Docket No.</b>	2021-1297-PWS-E	<b>Order Type</b>	Findings
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Public Water Supply	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	Yes
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	America Ruiz
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 2
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$50	<b>Maximum</b>	\$5,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$5,000
---	-------------------	---------

### ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

<b>Compliance History</b>	10.0% Adjustment	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$500
---------------------------	------------------	--------------------------------	-------

Notes: Enhancement for two NOVs with the same/similar violations.

<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0% Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
--------------------	----	------------------	-------------------	-----

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	\$0
--	-------------------	-----

<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0% Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
-------------------------	-------------------	-------------------	-----

Total EB Amounts: \$36,626  
 Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$207,587  
 \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$5,500
-----------------------------	-----------------------	---------

<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	0.0%	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
---	------	-------------------	-----

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$5,500
-----------------------------	---------

<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$5,500
-----------------------------------	-------------------------------	---------

<b>DEFERRAL</b>	0.0%	Reduction	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
-----------------	------	-----------	-------------------	-----

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes: No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$5,500
------------------------	---------

Screening Date 27-Sep-2021

Docket No. 2021-1297-PWS-E

PCW

Respondent City of Coahoma

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

Case ID No. 61395

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN107705188

Media Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator America Ruiz

### Compliance History Worksheet

#### >> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	2	10%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i> )	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)** 10%

#### >> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)** 0%

#### >> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Unclassified

**Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)** 0%

#### >> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for two NOVs with the same/similar violations.

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

#### >> Final Compliance History Adjustment

**Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100%** 10%

<b>Screening Date</b> 27-Sep-2021	<b>Docket No.</b> 2021-1297-PWS-E	<b>PCW</b>
<b>Respondent</b> City of Coahoma		<i>Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)</i>
<b>Case ID No.</b> 61395		<i>PCW Revision February 11, 2021</i>
<b>Reg. Ent. Reference No.</b> RN107705188		
<b>Media</b> Public Water Supply		
<b>Enf. Coordinator</b> America Ruiz		

<b>Violation Number</b>	1
<b>Rule Cite(s)</b>	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.115(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)
<b>Violation Description</b>	Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 milligram per liter ("mg/L") for total trihalomethanes ("TTHM"), based on the locational running annual average. Specifically, the locational running annual average concentrations of TTHM for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 1 were 0.176 mg/L for the first quarter of 2021, 0.178 mg/L for the second quarter of 2021, and 0.172 mg/L for the third quarter of 2021, and at Site 2 were 0.166 mg/L for the first quarter of 2021, 0.167 mg/L for the second quarter of 2021, and 0.160 mg/L for the third quarter of 2021.

**Base Penalty**

**>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix**

<b>OR</b>		<b>Harm</b>			
	<b>Release</b>	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	x	<input type="text"/>	<b>Percent</b> <input type="text" value="50.0%"/>
Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

**>> Programmatic Matrix**

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Percent</b> <input type="text" value="0.0%"/>

Matrix Notes

**Adjustment**

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events   Number of violation days

	daily	<input type="text"/>			
	weekly	<input type="text"/>			
	monthly	<input type="text"/>			
	quarterly	<input type="text"/>			
	semiannual	<input type="text"/>			
	annual	x			
	single event	<input type="text"/>			
					<b>Violation Base Penalty</b> <input type="text" value="\$5,000"/>

**Good Faith Efforts to Comply**  Reduction

	Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
	Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
	N/A	x	<input type="text"/>		

Notes

**Violation Subtotal**

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

**Estimated EB Amount**  **Violation Final Penalty Total**

**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)**

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** City of Coahoma  
**Case ID No.** 61395  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN107705188  
**Media** Public Water Supply  
**Violation No.** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
------------------	-----------	---------------	------------	-----	----------------	-------------	-----------

## Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$207,587	31-Mar-2021	7-Oct-2023	2.52	\$1,744	\$34,882	\$36,626
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

**Notes for DELAYED costs**  
 The other (as needed) cost includes the estimated amount to investigate, identify, and implement the necessary corrective actions to return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, calculated from the last day of the first quarter of noncompliance to the estimated date of compliance.

## Avoided Costs

### ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Notes for AVOIDED costs**

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$207,587

**TOTAL** \$36,626

The TCEQ is committed to accessibility.

To request a more accessible version of this report, please contact the TCEQ Help Desk at (512) 239-4357.



# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600630628, RN107705188, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

**Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:** CN600630628, City of Coahoma      **Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED      **Rating:** -----

**Regulated Entity:** RN107705188, CITY OF COAHOMA      **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE      **Rating:** N/A

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

**CH Group:** 14 - Other

**Location:** 122 NORTH 1ST STREET IN COAHOMA, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

**TCEQ Region:** REGION 07 - MIDLAND

**ID Number(s):**  
**PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION**  
1140002

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

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** February 24, 2022

**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

**Component Period Selected:** February 24, 2017 to February 24, 2022

**TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.**  
**Name:** America Ruiz      **Phone:** (512) 239-2601

## 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	February 27, 2018	(1472761)
Item 3	January 06, 2021	(1692363)
Item 4	January 14, 2021	(1699022)

### **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: 04/29/2021 (1762870)  
Self Report? NO      Classification: Moderate  
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)  
Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 2Q2021 - During the 2nd quarter of 2021 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.167 mg/L at 406 S Main, Coahoma (DBP2-02) and with a LRAA of 0.178 mg/L at N 4th and North Ave City Park, Coahoma (DBP2-01).



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
CITY OF COAHOMA  
RN107705188**

**§           BEFORE THE  
§  
§           TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
§  
§           ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2021-1297-PWS-E**

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding the City of Coahoma (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, 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 122 North 1st Street in Coahoma, Howard County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 1,397 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 September 13, 2021 through September 24, 2021, an investigator documented that the locational running annual average concentrations of total trihalomethanes ("TTHM") for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 1 were 0.176 milligram per liter ("mg/L") for the first quarter of 2021, 0.178 mg/L for the second quarter of 2021, and 0.172 mg/L for the third quarter of 2021, and at Site 2 were 0.166 mg/L for the first quarter of 2021, 0.167 mg/L for the second quarter of 2021, and 0.160 mg/L for the third quarter 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 maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 mg/L for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
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). Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, \$5,500 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.

## 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 Coahoma, Docket No. 2021-1297-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 implement and complete a SEP as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4. The amount of \$5,500 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. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 365 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115.
  - b. Within 380 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. 3.a. 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

4. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
5. 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.

6. If the Respondent fails to comply with Ordering Provision No. 2 in this Order within the prescribed schedule, 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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



10/12/2022

\_\_\_\_\_  
For the Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

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

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

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

8/4/2022  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Jay Holt  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
City of Coahoma

MAYOR  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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

**Attachment A**

**Docket Number: 2021-1297-PWS-E**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

<b>Respondent:</b>	City of Coahoma
<b>Penalty Amount:</b>	Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500)
<b>SEP Offset Amount:</b>	Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500)
<b>Type of SEP:</b>	Compliance
<b>Project Name:</b>	<i>Water System Improvements</i>
<b>Location of SEP:</b>	Howard 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 public water supply (the “Facility”) which are described in this Agreed Order. This Agreed Order cites violations at Respondent’s Facility.

**1. Project Description**

**A. Project**

Respondent shall hire a contractor to purchase total trihalomethanes (TTHM) removal equipment for use at the ground storage tank located at the intersection of I-20 access road and Easterling Road in Coahoma, Howard County. The TTHM removal equipment will help improve drinking water quality by reducing the TTHM to below the maximum contaminant limit. Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount shall be used for TTHM removal equipment (the “Project”). Respondent shall solicit bids from qualified contractors to perform the Project. Any advertisement, 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 access to safe drinking water. Safe, reliable drinking water is necessary for human health and household sanitation. Untreated water may harbor bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminths (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from illnesses like gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. Safe water is also necessary in the home for bathing, flushing toilets, washing hands, and cooking.

**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**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Total</b>
TTHM Removal Equipment	1	\$207,587	Lump Sum	\$207,587
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$207,587</b>

**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 380 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 380-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
180	Actions completed during previous 90-day period
270	Actions completed during previous 90-day period
380	Notice of SEP completion

#### B. Final Report

Within 380 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. Dated photographs of the purchased materials; and
8. Any additional information Respondent believes will, or that is requested by TCEQ 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**

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 TCEQ 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.