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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER - CASE No. 61451 Texas Concrete Sand and Gravel, Inc. RN108298225 Docket No. 2021-1362-WQ-E

**Order Type:**Default Order

**Media:** WQ

**Small Business:** 

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

100 County Road 397, Cleveland, Liberty County

Type of Operation:

sand and gravel mining operation

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: Yes, 2023-0360-WQ-E

Past-Due Penalties: None Other: None Interested Third Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** January 12, 2024

Comments Received: None

**Penalty Information** 

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$10,075

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$10,075

**Compliance History Classifications:** 

Person/CN - Unsatisfactory Site/RN - Unsatisfactory

Major Source: No Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** January 28, 2021

**Investigation Information** 

**Complaint Date(s):** May 7, 2021

Complaint Information: The complainant alleged a discharge.

**Date(s) of Investigation:** May 5, 2021 through May 10, 2021

Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** July 8, 2021

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#### **Violation Information**

- 1. Failed to install and maintain best management practices at the Facility which resulted in a discharge of pollutants into or adjacent to any water in the state [Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Multi-Sector General Permit ("MSGP") No. TXR05DH80, Part V, Section J, No. 5(b)].
- 2. Failed to report an unauthorized discharge orally to the TCEQ Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the noncompliance, and in writing to the TCEQ Regional Office and the TCEQ Enforcement Division, within five days of becoming aware of the noncompliance [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and TPDES MSGP No. TXR05DH80, Part III, Section E, No. 6(b)(1)].

#### **Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**

#### Corrective Action(s) Completed:

- 1. As of May 5, 2021, repaired the berm breaches between the South Process Water Pond and the East Fork of the San Jacinto River and notified the TCEQ Regional Office of the unauthorized discharge orally.
- 2. As of May 12, 2021, prepared and submitted a noncompliance notification for the unauthorized discharge.

#### **Technical Requirements:**

None

#### **Litigation Information**

Date Petition(s) Filed:May 26, 2023; August 8, 2023Date(s) of Service:Unclaimed; August 11, 2023

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

#### **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorneys: Taylor Pearson, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

Sheldon Wayne, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

TCEQ Litigation Agenda Coordinator: Katherine McKenzie, Litigation Division, (512) 239-2575

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division, (817) 588-5865

TCEQ Regional Contact: Westin Massey, Houston Regional Office, (713) 767-3500

Respondent Contact: Somaiah Kurre, President, Texas Concrete Sand and Gravel, Inc., 1017

Wakefield Drive, Houston, Texas 77018

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



## Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

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

DATES Assigned 12-Jul-2021 PCW 7-Dec-2022 Screening 13-Jul-2021 EPA Due

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION
Respondent
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.
Facility/Site Region 12-Houston Major/Minor Source Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No. 61451
Docket No. 2021-1362-WQ-E
Media Program(s)
Multi-Media
Multi-Media

Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum

SO Maximum

No. of Violations 2
Order Type 1660

Government/Non-Profit No
Enf. Coordinator EC's Team
Enforcement Team 1

Penalty Calculation Section **TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)** Subtotal 1 \$6,500 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage. **Compliance History** 55.0% Adjustment Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$3,575 Enhancement for one order containing a denial of liability, Repeat Notes Violator Classification, and an Unsatisfactory Performer Classification. Subtotal 4 \$0 Culpability No 0.0% Enhancement Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. **Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** Subtotal 5 \$0 Subtotal 6 \$0 0.0% Enhancement\* **Economic Benefit** Total EB Amounts \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount \$2 Estimated Cost of Compliance **SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** Final Subtotal \$10,075 OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% Adiustment \$0 Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. Notes Final Penalty Amount \$10,075 STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty \$10,075 0.0% \$0 DEFERRAL Reduction Adjustment Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. Notes Deferral not offered for non-expedited settlement. **PAYABLE PENALTY** \$10,075

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

Screening Date 13-Jul-2021

**Docket No.** 2021-1362-WQ-E

**Respondent** Texas Concrete Sand and Gravel, Inc.

**Case ID No.** 61451

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN108298225

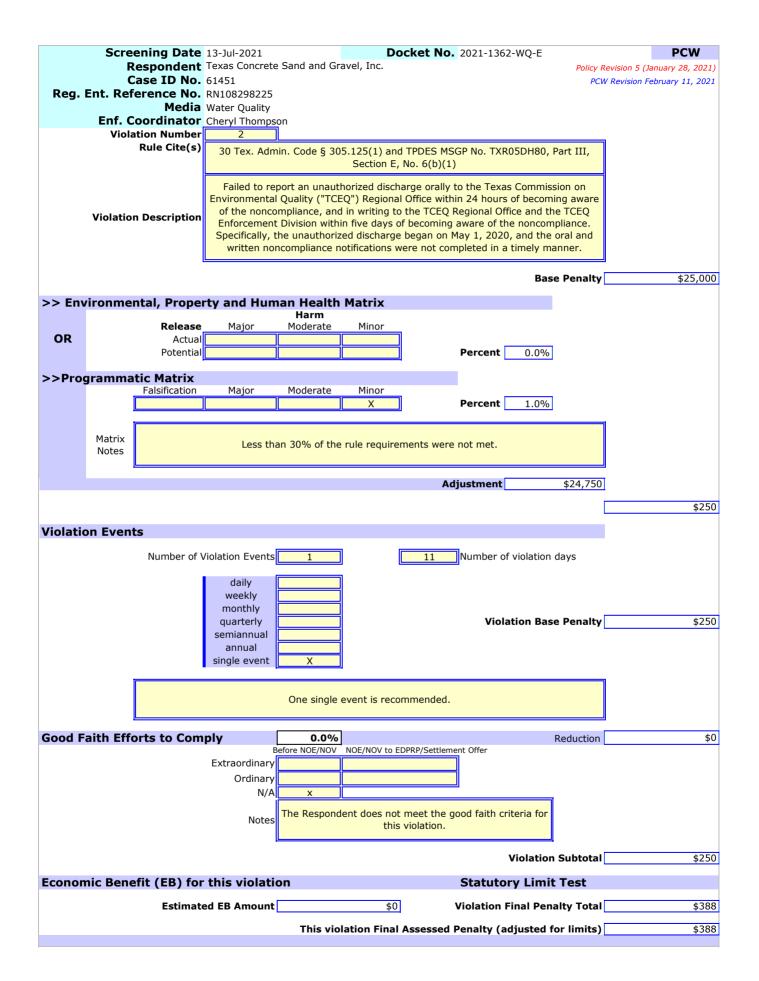
Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Cheryl Thompson

| · Cc | omnliance Hist                 | Compliance History Worksheet ory 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 (number of NOVs meeting criteria)   | 0              | 0%                    |
|      |                                | Other written NOVs   | 0              | 0%                    |
|      |                                | Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)   | 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 | 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<br>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 (number of counts)  | 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%                    |
|      |                                | 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 Per   | centage (Sub   | ototal 2) 2           |
| Re   | epeat Violator                 | (Subtotal 3)   |                |                       |
|      | Yes                            | Adjustment Per   | centage (Sub   | ototal 3) 2           |
| Co   | ompliance Hist                 | ory Person Classification (Subtotal 7)   |                |                       |
|      | Unsatisfactory                 | Performer Adjustment Per   | centage (Sub   | ototal 7) 1           |
| > Co | ompliance Hist                 | ory Summary  |                |                       |
|      | Compliance<br>History<br>Notes | Enhancement for one order containing a denial of liability, Repeat Violator Classifi<br>Unsatisfactory Performer Classification.   | cation, and an |                       |
|      |                                | Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (S  | Subtotals 2,   | <b>3, &amp; 7)</b> 5! |
| Fin  | al Compliance                  | History Adjustment   |                |                       |
|      |                                | Final Adjustment Percenta  | age *canned    | at 100% 5             |

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100% 55%

|   | E   | conomic              | Renetit         | <b>WOI</b>                                   | rksneet  |   |  |
|---|---|----------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|--|
|   |   | e Sand and Grave     | el, Inc.        |  |  |   |  |
| Case ID No.   | 61451   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| Reg. Ent. Reference No.   | RN108298225   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| Media   | Water Quality   |                      |                 |  |  | Percent Interest                              | Years of   |
| Violation No.   | 1   |                      |                 |  |  | reiteilt Interest                             | Depreciation   |
|   |   |                      |                 |  |  | 5.0   | 15   |
|   | Item Cost   | <b>Date Required</b> | Final Date      | Yrs  | <b>Interest Saved</b>                                | Costs Saved                                   | EB Amount  |
| Item Description  |   | ·                    |                 |  |  |   |  |
|   |   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| Delayed Costs   |   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| Equipment   |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | \$0   | \$0  |
| Buildings   |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | \$0   | \$0  |
| Other (as needed)   |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | \$0   | \$0  |
| Engineering/Construction  |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | \$0   | \$0  |
| Land  |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | n/a   | \$0  |
| Record Keeping System   |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | n/a   | \$0  |
| Training/Sampling   |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | n/a   | \$0  |
| Remediation/Disposal  |   |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | n/a   | \$0  |
| Permit Costs  | 15.000  |                      |                 | 0.00   | \$0  | n/a   | \$0  |
| Other (as needed)   | \$5,000   | 1-May-2021           | 4-May-2021      | 0.01   | \$2  | n/a   | \$2  |
| Estimated cost to repair the berm breaches between the South Process Water Pond and the East Fork of  |   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| Notes for DELAYED costs   | the San Jacinto River. Date required is the date the breaches occurred. Final date is the date of |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| compliance.   |   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
|   |   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
| Avoided Costs ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)  |   |                      |                 |  |  |   |  |
|   | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | osts before en  |  |  |   |  |
| Disposal  | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | osts before en  | 0.00   | \$0  | \$0   | \$0  |
| Disposal<br>Personnel   | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | osts before en  | 0.00   | \$0<br>\$0   | \$0<br>\$0                                    | \$0<br>\$0   |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling  | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | osts before en  | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00                         | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                                    | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                             | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                                    |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling<br>Supplies/Equipment  | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | osts before en  | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00                 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                      | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                      | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                             |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling<br>Supplies/Equipment<br>Financial Assurance   | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided o      | osts before en  | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00         | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0               | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                      |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling<br>Supplies/Equipment<br>Financial Assurance<br>ONE-TIME avoided costs                             | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided o      | costs before en | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling<br>Supplies/Equipment<br>Financial Assurance   | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided of     | osts before en  | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00         | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0               | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0                      |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling<br>Supplies/Equipment<br>Financial Assurance<br>ONE-TIME avoided costs                             | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | osts before en  | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        |
| Disposal<br>Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling<br>Supplies/Equipment<br>Financial Assurance<br>ONE-TIME avoided costs                             | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c      | costs before en | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        |
| Disposal Personnel Inspection/Reporting/Sampling Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance ONE-TIME avoided costs Other (as needed)                          | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided o      | costs before en | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        |
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| Disposal Personnel Inspection/Reporting/Sampling Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance ONE-TIME avoided costs Other (as needed)  Notes for AVOIDED costs | ANNU  |                      | costs before en | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 |
| Disposal Personnel Inspection/Reporting/Sampling Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance ONE-TIME avoided costs Other (as needed)                          | ANNU  | \$5,000              | costs before en | 0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00<br>0.00 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0 | \$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0<br>\$0        |



| Economic Benefit Worksheet                 |   |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •      | Respondent Texas Concrete Sand and Gravel, Inc.   |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| Case ID No.                                |   |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| Reg. Ent. Reference No.                    |   |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| Media<br>Violation No.                     | Water Quality   |                          |                           |      |                | <b>Percent Interest</b> | Years of Depreciation |  |
| Violation No.                              | 2   |                          |                           |      |                | 5.0                     | 15                    |  |
|  | Item Cost   | Date Required            | Final Date                | Yrs  | Interest Saved | Costs Saved             | EB Amount             |  |
| Item Description                           |   | - acc noquire            |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| •  |   |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| Delayed Costs                              |   |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| Equipment                                  |   |                          |                           | 0.00 | \$0            | \$0                     | \$0                   |  |
| Buildings                                  |   |                          |                           | 0.00 | \$0<br>\$0     | \$0<br>\$0              | \$0                   |  |
| Other (as needed) Engineering/Construction |   |                          |                           | 0.00 | \$0<br>\$0     | \$0<br>\$0              | \$0<br>\$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                               |   | 2.14                     | 4.14 2024                 | 0.00 | \$0            | n/a                     | \$0                   |  |
| Other (1)<br>Other (2)                     | \$5<br>\$25   | 2-May-2021<br>6-May-2021 | 4-May-2021<br>12-May-2021 | 0.01 | \$0<br>\$0     | n/a<br>n/a              | \$0<br>\$0            |  |
| Notes for DELAYED costs                    | Other delayed cost (1) is the estimated amount to notify the TCEQ Regional Office of the unauthorized discharge orally. Date required is the date the notification was due. Final date is the date the TCEQ Regional Office was notified orally.  Other delayed cost (2) is the estimated amount to prepare and submit a noncompliance notification for the unauthorized discharge. Date required is the date the notification was due. Final date is the date of compliance. |                          |                           |      |                |                         |                       |  |
| Avoided Costs                              | ANNU  | ALIZE avoided c          | osts before er            |      |                | one-time avoided        |                       |  |
| Disposal                                   |   |                          |                           | 0.00 | \$0<br>#0      | \$0                     | \$0<br>#0             |  |
| Personnel<br>Inspection/Reporting/Sampling |   |                          |                           | 0.00 | \$0<br>\$0     | \$0<br>\$0              | \$0<br>\$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                 |   | \$30                     |                           |      | TOTAL          |                         | \$0                   |  |

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# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN604045708, RN108298225, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respondent, CN604045708, Texas Concrete Sand and Classification: UNSATISFACTORY Rating: 105.70

or Owner/Operator: Gravel, Inc.

Regulated Entity: RN108298225, CLEVELAND PLANT Classification: UNSATISFACTORY **Rating:** 104.17

**Complexity Points:** Repeat Violator: YES

CH Group: 04 - Mining

Location: 100 County Road 397 in Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas

**REGION 12 - HOUSTON** TCEQ Region:

ID Number(s):

AGGREGATE PRODUCTION OPERATION REGISTRATION **STORMWATER PERMIT TXR05FH02** 

AP0002939

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: June 16, 2022

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: June 16, 2017 to June 16, 2022

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

Name: Katelyn Tubbs **Phone:** (512) 239-2512

#### Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES

NO

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

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

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

Effective Date: 08/18/2020 ADMINORDER 2019-1190-WO-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

Classification: Major

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

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

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

Rgmt Prov: TPDES General Permit No. TXR05DH80, Part PERMIT

Description: Failed to maintain a complete SWP3, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 281.25(a)(4), TEX. WATER CODE

§ 26.121(a), 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), and TPDES General Permit No. TXR05DH80, Part III,

SWP3.

Classification: Moderate

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

Description: Failed to prevent an unauthorized discharge of sediment into or adjacent to any water in the state, in

violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(2).

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

May 03, 2022 (1811122)

#### 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.

N/A

#### F. Environmental audits:

N/A

#### G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

NI/A

#### H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

NI/Z

#### I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

Ν/Δ

#### J. Early compliance:

N/A

#### **Sites Outside of Texas:**

N/A

#### **Component Appendices**

#### Appendix A

#### All NOVs Issued During Component Period 6/16/2017 and 6/16/2022

1 Date: 03/16/2018 (1330196)

Self Report? NO Classification: Major

Citation:

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 281, SubChapter A 281.25(a)(4)

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

TPDES General Permit No. TXR05DH80, Part PERMIT

Description: Failed to maintain a complete SWP3, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §

281.25(a)(4), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a), 40 CODE OF FEDERAL

REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), and TPDES General Permit No. TXR05DH80, Part III,

SWP3.

Self Report? NO Classification: Major

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(b)

Description: Failure to register as an Aggregate Production Operation (APO)

2 Date: 05/09/2018 (1473756)

Self Report? NO Classification: Major

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25 30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(a) 30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(b) 30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(c) 30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(d) 30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(e) 30 TAC Chapter 342, SubChapter B 342.25(f)

Description: Failed to obtain an Aggregate Production Operation (APO) registration

3 Date: 05/23/2019 (1553674)

Self Report? NO Classification: Major

Citation:

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 281, SubChapter A 281.25(a)(4)

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

TPDES General Permit No. TXR05DH80, Part PERMIT

Description: Failed to maintain a complete SWP3, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §

281.25(a)(4), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a), 40 CODE OF FEDERAL

REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), and TPDES General Permit No. TXR05DH80, Part III,

SWP3.

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation:

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

TXR050000, Part III, Section E PERMIT

Description: Failure to prevent the unauthorized discharge of process water into waters of the

state.

4 Date: 10/24/2019 (1599325)

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation:

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

MSGP III.A.3.(d)() PERMIT

Description: Failure to identify the location of each outfall covered by the Stormwater Multi

Sector General Permit (MSGP).

#### Appendix B

#### All Investigations Conducted During Component Period June 16, 2017 and June 16, 2022

 Item 1
 May 04, 2018\*\*
 (1473756)

 Item 2
 October 24, 2019\*\*
 (1599325)

 Item 3\*
 May 03, 2022
 (1811122)

<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            |
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| ENFORCEMENT ACTION      | § |                       |
| CONCERNING              | § | TEXAS COMMISSION ON   |
| TEXAS CONCRETE SAND AND | § | TEAAS COMMISSION ON   |
| GRAVEL, INC.;           | § |                       |
| RN108298225             | § | ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY |

# DEFAULT ORDER DOCKET NO. 2021-1362-WO-E

| On                | , the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or                     |
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| "TCEQ") consider  | red the Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition, filed pursuant to Tex. |
| WATER CODE chs.   | 7 and 26 and the rules of the TCEQ, which requests appropriate relief, including     |
| the imposition of | an administrative penalty. The respondent made the subject of this Order is          |
| Texas Concrete S  | and and Gravel, Inc. ("Respondent").   |

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent owns and operates sand and gravel mining operation located at 100 County Road 397 in Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility is near or adjacent to water in the state as defined in Tex. Water Code § 26.001(5).
- 2. During an investigation conducted on May 5, 2021 through May 10, 2021, an investigator documented that Respondent:
  - a. Failed to install and maintain best management practices at the Facility which resulted in a discharge of pollutants into or adjacent to any water in the state. Specifically, on May 1, 2021, four berm breaches occurred between the South Process Water Pond and the East Fork of the San Jacinto River. Water from the East Fork of the San Jacinto River flowed into the South Process Water Pond through two berm breaches in the northwestern corner, comingled with the process water, and discharged back into the East Fork of the San Jacinto River through two berm breaches in the southwestern corner of the South Process Water Pond, resulting in the discharge of process water; and
  - b. Failed to report an unauthorized discharge orally to the TCEQ Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the noncompliance, and in writing to the TCEQ Regional Office and the TCEQ Enforcement Division, within five days of becoming aware of the noncompliance. Specifically, the unauthorized discharge began on May 1, 2020, and the oral and written noncompliance notifications were not completed in a timely manner.
- 3. The Executive Director recognizes that Respondent implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
  - a. As of May 5, 2021, repaired the berm breaches between the South Process Water Pond and the East Fork of the San Jacinto River and notified the TCEQ Regional Office of the unauthorized discharge orally; and
  - b. As of May 12, 2021, prepared and submitted a noncompliance notification for the unauthorized discharge.
- 4. The Executive Director filed the "Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition Recommending that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enter an Enforcement Order Assessing an Administrative Penalty Against Texas Concrete Sand and Gravel, Inc." (the "EDPRP") in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on May 26, 2023.

- 5. The EDPRP was mailed to Respondent's last known address on May 26, 2023, via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. The United States Postal Service returned the EDPRP sent by certified mail as "unclaimed."
- 6. The Executive Director re-filed the EDPRP in the TCEQ Chief Clerk's office on August 8, 2023.
- 7. By letter dated August 8, 2023, sent to Respondent's last known address via certified mail, return receipt requested, and via first class mail, postage prepaid, the Executive Director served Respondent with notice of the EDPRP. According to USPS.com "Track & Confirm" delivery confirmation records, Respondent received notice of the EDPRP on August 11, 2023.
- 8. More than 20 days have elapsed since Respondent received notice of the EDPRP. Respondent failed to file an answer and failed to request a hearing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to Tex. Water Code ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.a., Respondent failed to install and maintain best management practices at the Facility which resulted in a discharge of pollutants into or adjacent to any water in the state, in violation of Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Multi-Sector General Permit ("MSGP") No. TXR05DH80, Part V, Section J, No. 5(b).
- 3. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2.b., Respondent failed to report an unauthorized discharge orally to the TCEQ Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the noncompliance, and in writing to the TCEQ Regional Office and the TCEQ Enforcement Division, within five days of becoming aware of the noncompliance, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and TPDES MSGP No. TXR05DH80, Part III, Section E, No. 6(b)(1).
- 4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact Nos. 4 through 7, the Executive Director timely served Respondent with proper notice of the EDPRP, as required by Tex. Water Code § 7.055 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.104(b)(1).
- 5. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 8, Respondent failed to file a timely answer as required by Tex. Water Code § 7.056 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.105. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.057 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106, the Commission may enter a Default Order against Respondent and assess the penalty recommended by the Executive Director.
- 6. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 7. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,075 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. Water Code § 7.053.
- 8. Tex. Water Code §§ 5.102 and 7.002 authorize the Commission to issue orders and make determinations necessary to effectuate the purposes of the statutes within its jurisdiction.

#### **ORDERING PROVISIONS**

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

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,075 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and 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 which are not raised here.
- 2. The penalty assessed by this Order shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. All checks submitted to pay the penalty imposed by this Order shall be made out to TCEQ and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Texas Concrete Sand and Gravel, Inc.; Docket No. 2021-1362-WO-E" to:

Financial Administration Division Revenue Operations Section Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent.
- 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 Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. If 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, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 7. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to Respondent if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 8. 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.
- 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. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this fully executed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Order shall be the date the Order is final, as provided by 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.106(d) and Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.144.

### SIGNATURE PAGE

| TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY |      |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| For the Commission                        | Date | _ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



#### UNSWORN DECLARATION OF TAYLOR W. PEARSON

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"My name is Taylor Wayne Pearson and I am an employee of the following governmental agency: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. I am executing this declaration as part of my assigned duties and responsibilities. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed in Travis\_County,
State of Texas,
on the 14th day of December, 2023

Declarant