

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 62050
The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A
RN103051827
Docket No. 2022-0268-MWD-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

People or environmental receptors have been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective.

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

The Colony MUD 1A WWTF, 274 Farm-to-Market Road 969, Bastrop, Bastrop County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: March 1, 2024

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$45,312

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) Conditional Offset: \$45,312

Name of SEP: WWTP Improvements (Compliance)

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Satisfactory

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: January 20, 2022

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 17, 2022

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Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total suspended solids, *Escherichia coli*, dissolved oxygen, and carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (5-day) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014427001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6].

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, within 130 days, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014427001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations to demonstrate compliance.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

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

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Adena Crider, SEP Coordinator, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 239-0648

Respondent: Clay Ingram, President, The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300, Austin, Texas 78701

Holly Marie Howard, Vice President, The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300, Austin, Texas 78701

Respondent's Attorney: John W. Bartram, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300, Austin, Texas 78701-2744



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

DATES	Assigned	28-Feb-2022			
	PCW	3-Mar-2022	Screening	3-Mar-2022	EPA Due

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN103051827				
Facility/Site Region	11-Austin	Major/Minor Source	Minor		

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	62050	No. of Violations	3
Docket No.	2022-0268-MWD-E	Order Type	Findings
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Harley Hobson
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$36,250
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History	25.0%	Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$9,062
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Notes	Enhancement for five months of self-reported effluent violations.			
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Culpability	No	0.0%	Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes	The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.			
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Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$1,048
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$10,000

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$45,312
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount	\$45,312
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$45,312
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DEFERRAL	0.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$45,312
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Screening Date

3-Mar-2022

Docket No.

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PCW

Respondent

The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A

Case ID No.

62050

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RN103051827

Media

Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator

Harley Hobson

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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>)	5	25%
	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)

25%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for five months of self-reported effluent violations.

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

25%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

25%

Screening Date	3-Mar-2022	Docket No.	2022-0268-MWD-E	PCW
Respondent	The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A			<i>Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)</i>
Case ID No.	62050	<i>PCW Revision February 11, 2021</i>		
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN103051827			
Media	Water Quality			
Enf. Coordinator	Harley Hobson			
Violation Number	1			
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014427001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1			
Violation Description	Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.			
Base Penalty				\$25,000
>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix				
OR	Release	Major	Moderate	Minor
	Actual	X		
	Potential			
				Percent 50.0%
>> Programmatic Matrix				
	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
				Percent 0.0%
Matrix Notes	Human health or the environment has been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.			
Adjustment				\$12,500
				\$12,500
Violation Events				
Number of Violation Events		1	30	Number of violation days
	daily			
	weekly			
	monthly	X		
	quarterly			
	semiannual			
	annual			
	single event			
				Violation Base Penalty \$12,500
One monthly event is recommended for the month of April 2021.				
Good Faith Efforts to Comply		0.0%	Reduction	\$0
	Extraordinary		Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
	Ordinary			
	N/A	X		
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.			
Violation Subtotal				\$12,500
Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation				
Statutory Limit Test				
Estimated EB Amount	\$1,048	Violation Final Penalty Total	\$15,625	
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)				\$15,625

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No. Media Violation No.

The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A 62050 RN103051827 Water Quality 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$10,000	30-Nov-2020	4-Jan-2023	2.10	\$1,048	n/a	\$1,048

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated Other cost to determine the cause of noncompliance, make the necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility, and achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. The Date Required is the end date of the first month of noncompliance. The Final Date is 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

\$10,000

TOTAL

\$1,048

Screening Date 3-Mar-2022		Docket No. 2022-0268-MWD-E		PCW	
Respondent The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A		<i>Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)</i>			
Case ID No. 62050		<i>PCW Revision February 11, 2021</i>			
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103051827					
Media Water Quality					
Enf. Coordinator Harley Hobson					
Violation Number 2					
Rule Cite(s)		30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0014427001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6			
Violation Description		Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.			
		Base Penalty		\$25,000	
>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix					
OR			Harm		
	Release	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual		X		Percent 25.0%
	Potential				
>> Programmatic Matrix					
	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
					Percent 0.0%
Matrix Notes	Human health or the environment has been exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.				
Adjustment					\$18,750
					\$6,250
Violation Events					
Number of Violation Events		2	62	Number of violation days	
	daily				
	weekly				
	monthly	X			
	quarterly				
	semiannual				
	annual				
	single event				
		Violation Base Penalty \$12,500			
Two monthly events are recommended for the months of December 2020 and May 2021.					
Good Faith Efforts to Comply		0.0%		Reduction \$0	
		Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer		
	Extraordinary				
	Ordinary				
	N/A	X			
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.				
Violation Subtotal					\$12,500
Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation			Statutory Limit Test		
Estimated EB Amount		\$0		Violation Final Penalty Total \$15,625	
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)					\$15,625

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No. Media Violation No. The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A 62050 RN103051827 Water Quality 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated Other cost to determine the cause of noncompliance, make the necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility, and achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limitations is captured in Economic Benefit Worksheet No. 1.

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

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

Screening Date 3-Mar-2022		Docket No. 2022-0268-MWD-E		PCW	
Respondent The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A		<i>Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)</i>			
Case ID No. 62050		<i>PCW Revision February 11, 2021</i>			
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN103051827					
Media Water Quality					
Enf. Coordinator Harley Hobson					
Violation Number 3					
Rule Cite(s)		30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0014427001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1			
Violation Description		Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.			
		Base Penalty		\$25,000	
>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix					
OR			Harm		
	Release	Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual			X	
	Potential				Percent 15.0%
>> Programmatic Matrix					
	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
					Percent 0.0%
Matrix Notes	A simplified model was used to evaluate carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (5-day) to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. E. coli and total suspended solids were also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants that do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.				
Adjustment					\$21,250
					\$3,750
Violation Events					
Number of Violation Events		3	123		Number of violation days
	daily				
	weekly				
	monthly				
	quarterly	X			
	semiannual				
	annual				
	single event				
		Violation Base Penalty \$11,250			
Three quarterly events are recommended for the quarters containing the months of November 2020 and July, August, and October 2021.					
Good Faith Efforts to Comply		0.0%		Reduction \$0	
	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer			
	Extraordinary				
	Ordinary				
	N/A	X			
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.				
Violation Subtotal					\$11,250
Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation			Statutory Limit Test		
Estimated EB Amount		\$0	Violation Final Penalty Total		\$14,063
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)					\$14,063

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No. Media Violation No.

The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A 62050 RN103051827 Water Quality 3

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated Other cost to determine the cause of noncompliance, make the necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility, and achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limitations is captured in Economic Benefit Worksheet No. 1.

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

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A
Docket No. 2022-0268-MWD-E
TPDES Permit No. WQ0014427001
Case No. 62050

Effluent Violation Table

	CBOD5 Daily Average Conc.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Daily Average Conc.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Single Grab Conc.	Dissolved Oxygen Monthly Minimum	Total Suspended Solids Daily Average Conc.	Total Suspended Solids Single Grab Conc.
Monitoring Period	Limit = 10 mg/L	Limit = 126 CFU/100mL	Limit = 399 CFU/100mL	Limit = 5.0 mg/L	Limit = 15 mg/L	Limit = 60 mg/L
November 2020	c	c	649	c	c	c
December 2020	c	153.7	1,730	c	c	c
April 2021	c	201	4,350	c	c	c
May 2021	c	630	3,500	4.1	23	c
July 2021	c	c	c	c	20	c
August 2021	c	c	c	c	20	c
October 2021	10.3	c	c	c	30	112

c = compliant Conc. = concentration mg/L = milligrams per liter
CBOD5 = carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)
CFU/100mL = colony forming units per 100 milliliters



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN603103755, RN103051827, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN603103755, The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 3.00

Regulated Entity: RN103051827, THE COLONY MUD 1A WWTF **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 3.00

Complexity Points: 3 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

Location: 274 Farm-to-Market Road 969 in Bastrop County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 11 - AUSTIN

ID Number(s):
WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0014427001 **WASTEWATER EPA ID** TX0125741
WASTEWATER AUTHORIZATION R14427001

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: June 02, 2022

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: June 02, 2017 to June 02, 2022

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

Name: Harley Hobson

Phone: (512) 239-1337

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	June 12, 2017	(1433257)	Item 19	May 17, 2019	(1587184)
Item 2	September 14, 2017	(1445504)	Item 20	September 12, 2019	(1608341)
Item 3	October 17, 2017	(1457966)	Item 21	October 15, 2019	(1615216)
Item 4	November 16, 2017	(1463396)	Item 22	November 15, 2019	(1621019)
Item 5	December 19, 2017	(1469821)	Item 23	December 13, 2019	(1628357)
Item 6	January 17, 2018	(1476529)	Item 24	January 20, 2020	(1635980)
Item 7	February 13, 2018	(1488694)	Item 25	March 02, 2020	(1642602)
Item 8	March 14, 2018	(1492360)	Item 26	June 10, 2020	(1668556)
Item 9	April 18, 2018	(1495658)	Item 27	July 14, 2020	(1675508)
Item 10	May 23, 2018	(1502601)	Item 28	August 18, 2020	(1682283)
Item 11	June 14, 2018	(1509706)	Item 29	September 14, 2020	(1688843)
Item 12	July 16, 2018	(1516023)	Item 30	November 16, 2020	(1718236)
Item 13	September 07, 2018	(1529266)	Item 31	February 26, 2021	(1731293)
Item 14	October 09, 2018	(1535570)	Item 32	March 10, 2021	(1731294)
Item 15	December 13, 2018	(1547151)	Item 33	April 13, 2021	(1731295)
Item 16	February 13, 2019	(1565647)	Item 34	July 14, 2021	(1753597)
Item 17	March 19, 2019	(1565648)	Item 35	October 13, 2021	(1779042)
Item 18	April 16, 2019	(1573796)	Item 36	December 15, 2021	(1792579)

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.

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|---|---|
| 1 | Date: 07/31/2021 (1758981)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter |
| 2 | Date: 08/31/2021 (1768339)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter |
| 3 | Date: 10/31/2021 (1785531)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter |
| 4 | Date: 12/31/2021 (1800418)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter |
| 5 | Date: 02/28/2022 (1815297)
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter |

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
THE COLONY MUNICIPAL UTILITY
DISTRICT NO. 1A
RN103051827

§ BEFORE THE
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§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
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§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2022-0268-MWD-E

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent, represented by Mr. John W. Bartram of the law firm of Armbrust & Brown, PLLC, 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 wastewater treatment facility located at 274 Farm-to-Market Road 969 in Bastrop 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 a record review for the Facility conducted on January 20, 2022, an investigator documented that the Respondent did not comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

Effluent Violation Table						
	CBOD5 Daily Average Conc.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Daily Average Conc.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Single Grab Conc.	Dissolved Oxygen Monthly Minimum	Total Suspended Solids Daily Average Conc.	Total Suspended Solids Single Grab Conc.
Monitoring Period	Limit = 10 mg/L	Limit = 126 CFU/100mL	Limit = 399 CFU/100mL	Limit = 5.0 mg/L	Limit = 15 mg/L	Limit = 60 mg/L
November 2020	c	c	649	c	c	c
December 2020	c	153.7	1,730	c	c	c
April 2021	c	201	4,350	c	c	c
May 2021	c	630	3,500	4.1	23	c
July 2021	c	c	c	c	20	c
August 2021	c	c	c	c	20	c
October 2021	10.3	c	c	c	30	112

c = compliant Conc. = concentration mg/L = milligrams per liter
CBOD5 = carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)
CFU/100mL = colony forming units per 100 milliliters

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. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014427001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6.
3. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$45,312 is justified by the facts recited in this Order. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, \$45,312 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: The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A, Docket No. 2022-0268-MWD-E" to:

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

2. The Respondent implemented and completed the SEP as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4. The amount of \$45,312 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, within 130 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification of compliance with the permitted effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014427001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance. 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:

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

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager
Austin Regional Office
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 any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
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 Enforcement Division 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.

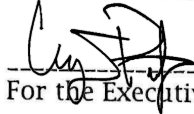
11. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic 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



3/22/2024

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 OAG 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 OAG 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.



February 5, 2024

Signature

Date

Holly Marie Howard

Vice President

Name (Printed or typed)

Title

Authorized Representative of

The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A

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

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order.

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2022-0268-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	The Colony Municipal Utility District No. 1A
Penalty Amount:	\$45,312
SEP Offset Amount:	\$45,312
Type of SEP:	Compliance
Project Name:	<i>WWTP Improvements</i>
Location of SEP:	Bastrop County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order in exchange for Respondent’s performance of a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”).

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

1. Project Description

A. Project

Respondent hired a contractor to purchase and install two aeration blowers at the Facility. The blowers are used to provide aeration and promote aerobic digestion to help breakdown waste. Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount was used for the purchase of two aeration blowers (the “Project”). Respondent hired qualified contractors to perform the Project. The SEP was performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

Respondent used the SEP Offset Amount only for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including supplies, materials, and equipment rentals, as listed below in Subsection C. Expenses. No portion of the SEP Offset Amount was spent on administrative costs, including 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 had no prior commitment to perform this Project and that the SEP was performed solely as part of the terms of settlement in this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

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

C. Expenses

Respondent spent at least the SEP Offset Amount to complete the project described above in Section 1.A., and complied with all other provisions of this SEP. Respondent understood that it may have cost more than the SEP Offset Amount to complete the Project.

Expenses

Item	Total
Blowers (2)	\$88,333.51
Total	\$88,333.51

2. Records

As of June 19, 2023, Respondent provided TCEQ the following documentation as proof of completion of the proposed SEP:

1. An itemized list of expenditures and total cost of the Project;
2. Copies of invoices or receipts corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 2.1., above;
3. Copies of cleared checks or payment records corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 2.1., above;
4. A certified statement of SEP completion and document authentication;
5. A detailed map showing the specific location of the project site(s); and
6. Photographs of the purchased materials and supplies, and of the completed Project.

3. 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 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.

4. 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 above in Sections 2 through 3, 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 the SEP Coordinator at the address provided below:

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

5. 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 TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Recognition

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

7. 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 TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.