#### Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 62488 City of Grand Saline RN102330081 Docket No. 2022-0765-MWD-E

**Order Type:** 1660 Agreed Order **Findings Order Justification:** N/A Media: MWD **Small Business:** No Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred: City of Grand Saline WWTP, 500 East South Pacific Street, Grand Saline, Van Zandt 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: September 16, 2022 Comments Received: No

# **Penalty Information**

Total Penalty Assessed: \$10,500 Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$2,100 Total Paid to General Revenue: \$8,400 Total Due to General Revenue: \$0 Payment Plan: N/A 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: April 20, 2022 Date(s) of NOE(s): May 25, 2022

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# **Violation Information**

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010179001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

# **Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements**

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

N/A

# **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to, within 130 days, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010179001, 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.

# **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Ellen Ojeda, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC 219, (512) 239-2581; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

**Respondent:** The Honorable Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor, City of Grand Saline, 132 East Frank Street, Grand Saline, Texas 75140

Dana Clair, City Administrator, City of Grand Saline, 132 East Frank Street, Grand Saline, Texas 75140

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

SOMMISE RECOMMENDAL	Policy R	Pe evision 5 (January 28	-	Calculatio	n Workst	neet (PC	-	vision February	11, 2021
DATES	Assigned	6-Jun-2022							
	PCW	18-Jun-2022	Screening	g 12-Jun-2022	EPA Due				
RESPO	NDENT/FACTLT	TY INFORMATI	ON						
KESI O		City of Grand Sa							
	g. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102330081							
Facili	ty/Site Region	5-Tyler			Major/M	inor Source	Minor		
CASE T	NFORMATION								
	f./Case ID No.	62488		1	No. c	of Violations	1		
	•	2022-0765-MWI	D-E			Order Type	1660		
Mec	lia Program(s)	Water Quality			Government	•			
	Multi-Media				Enf.	Coordinator	2	form 1	
Adı	nin. Penalty \$	Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000	EC S Team	Enforcement		
			Pena	Ity Calcula	tion Section	on			
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	Compliance Hi			40.0%	Adjustment		tals 2, 3, & 7		\$3,000
	Notes			nths of self-reportion taining a denia	rted effluent vio		]	L	+-/
	Culpability	No		0.0%	Enhancement		Subtotal 4		\$0
	Notes	The Re	espondent do	bes not meet the	culpability crite	eria.			· · · ·
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	Notes		Deferral offe	red for expedited	d settlement.				
ΡΔΥΔ	BLE PENALT	Y					4		\$8,400
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	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 and Consent	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 (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 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	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	rcentage (Sub	total 2)	40%		
>> Re	peat Violator	(Subtotal 3)					
	No	Adjustment Per	rcentage (Sub	total 3)	0%		
>> Co	mpliance Hist	ory Person Classification (Subtotal 7)					
	Satisfactory I	Performer Adjustment Per	rcentage (Sub	total 7)	0%		
>> Co	mpliance Hist	ory Summary					
	Compliance History Notes						
>> Fina	<b>Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7)</b> 40%						
		Final Adjustment Percent	age *capped	at 100%	40%		

#### Case ID No. 62488 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102330081 Media Water Quality Enf. Coordinator Ellen Ojeda

Respondent City of Grand Saline

Screening Date 12-Jun-2022

Number of...

Other written NOVs

orders meeting criteria )

Component

NOVs

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

Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in

Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of

the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)

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		ening Date	12-Jun-2022 City of Grand Saline	<b>Docket No.</b> 2022-076		PCW
	C	Case ID No.	62488			Revision 5 (January 28, 2021) N Revision February 11, 2021
Reg.	Ent. Ref		RN102330081 Water Quality			
		Coordinator	Ellen Ojeda			
	Viola	ation Number		05 125(1) Tau Watar Cada 6 26 12		
		Rule Cite(s)	Pollutant Discharge Elir	05.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.12 mination System Permit No. WQ0010 ons and Monitoring Requirements No	179001, Effluent	
	Violatio	n Description	Failed to comply with p	ermitted effluent limitations, as shov effluent violation table.	vn in the attached	
					Base Penalty	\$25,000
>> Env	vironme	ntal, Prope	rty and Human Healt <sub>Harm</sub>	th Matrix		
0.0		Release	Major Moderate			
OR		Actual Potential		X     Percent	15.0%	
>>Pro	gramma	tic Matrix Falsification	Maior Moderate	e Minor		
		Faisincation	Major Moderate	Percent	0.0%	
	Matrix			ammonia nitrogen to determine whe tive levels. Human health or the env		
	Notes	exposed to an	n insignificant amount of po	ollutants that do not exceed levels the ental receptors as a result of the vio	at are protective of	
		<u> </u>			+21.250	
				Adjustment	\$21,250	
					l	\$3,750
Violati	on Even	ts				
		Number of V	/iolation Events 2	Number o	f violation days	
			daily			
			weekly monthly			
			quarterly x	Viola	ation Base Penalty	\$7,500
			semiannual annual			
			single event			
		Two quarter	•	d for the months of September 2021	, December 2021,	
			d	nd January 2022.		
Good F	aith Eff	orts to Com			Reduction	\$0
			Before NOE/NO Extraordinary	OV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer		
			Ordinary			
					authorite.	
			Notes The Resp	ondent does not meet the good faith for this violation.	CILEIIA	
					Violation Subtotal	\$7,500
Econor	nic Bene	efit (EB) for	this violation	Statuto	ry Limit Test	
		Estimate	ed EB Amount	\$465 Violation	Final Penalty Total	\$10,500
			This vi	olation Final Assessed Penalty (a	djusted for limits)	\$10,500

	Economic Benefit Worksheet						
Respondent Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No.	62488						
	Water Quality					Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	<b>Date Required</b>	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 Other (as needed)	\$5,000	30-Sep-2021	10-Aua-2023	0.00	\$0 \$465	n/a n/a	<u>\$0</u> \$465
Notes for DELAYED costs	the Facility to	return to complia	ance with the pe	rmitted	effluent limitation	necessary repairs/a s. Date required is t nated date of compl	he end date of
Avoided Costs	ANNU	ALIZE avoided o	osts before en	tering	item (except for	one-time avoided	l 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		\$5,000			TOTAL		\$465

# City of Grand Saline Docket No. 2022-0765-MWD-E TPDES Permit No. WQ0010179001 Case No. 62488

	Ammonia Nitrogen	Ammonia Nitrogen	Ammonia Nitrogen
Month/Year	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum	Daily Average Loading
	Limit = 3 mg/L	Limit = 10 mg/L	Limit = 14 lbs/day
September 2021	19.7	31.1	30
December 2021	3.35	10.5	С
January 2022	6.9	20.1	С

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



# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600341135, RN102330081, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN600341135, City of Grand Saline	Classification: SATISFACTO	DRY Rating: 3.80
<b>Regulated Entity:</b>	RN102330081, GRAND SALINE WWTP	Classification: SATISFACTO	DRY Rating: 3.80
Complexity Points: CH Group:	4 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities	Repeat Violator: NO	
Location:	500 East South Pacific Street, Grand Salir	ne, Van Zandt County, Texas	
TCEQ Region:	REGION 05 - TYLER		
ID Number(s): WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0 WASTEWATER EPA ID TX002		TEWATER EPA ID TX0037545	
Compliance History Peri	od: September 01, 2016 to August 31, 2	021 Rating Year: 2021	Rating Date: 09/01/2021
Date Compliance History	y Report Prepared: June 12, 2022		
Agency Decision Requiri	ing Compliance History: Enforceme	nt	
Component Period Selec	<b>tted:</b> June 12, 2017 to June 12, 2022		
TCEQ Staff Member to C	ontact for Additional Information	Regarding This Compliance	History.
Name: Ellen Ojeda		<b>Phone:</b> (512) 239-25	581
Site and Owner/Operation	<u>ator History:</u>		
,	nce and/or operation for the full five-year c change in ownership/operator of the site du		YES NO

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

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

Effective Date: 10/16/2018 ADMINORDER 2018-0488-MWD-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial) Classification: Moderate Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Rgmt Prov: Effluent Limitations No. 1 PERMIT

EFFLUENT LIMITS PERMIT

Description: Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE §26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §305.125(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010179001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1

#### B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

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# C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

Item 1	July 13, 2017	(1440237)	Item 3	September 06, 2017	(1450525)
Item 2	August 04, 2017	(1443919)	Item 4	October 06, 2017	(1438936)

Item 5	October 11, 2017	(1456380)	Item 30	February 24, 2020	(1641057)
Item 6	November 13, 2017	(1461844)	Item 31	March 09, 2020	(1647575)
Item 7	March 19, 2018	(1474389)	Item 32	May 08, 2020	(1660498)
Item 8	April 09, 2018	(1490820)	Item 33	June 10, 2020	(1667011)
Item 9	April 12, 2018	(1490819)	Item 34	July 17, 2020	(1673960)
Item 10	May 14, 2018	(1501014)	Item 35	August 13, 2020	(1680739)
Item 11	June 13, 2018	(1508103)	Item 36	September 16, 2020	(1687308)
Item 12	July 16, 2018	(1514436)	Item 37	October 20, 2020	(1693648)
Item 13	September 11, 2018	(1520488)	Item 38	November 13, 2020	(1713636)
Item 14	October 09, 2018	(1534018)	Item 39	December 17, 2020	(1696779)
Item 16	November 07, 2018	(1541850)	Item 40	February 16, 2021	(1726700)
Item 17	December 11, 2018	(1545623)	Item 41	March 12, 2021	(1726701)
Item 18	January 23, 2019	(1533060)	Item 42	March 30, 2021	(1705698)
Item 19	March 18, 2019	(1560867)	Item 43	April 19, 2021	(1726702)
Item 20	April 05, 2019	(1572221)	Item 44	May 19, 2021	(1740657)
Item 21	July 15, 2019	(1593559)	Item 45	June 15, 2021	(1740658)
Item 22	August 01, 2019	(1599889)	Item 46	June 16, 2021	(1724307)
Item 24	September 09, 2019	(1606790)	Item 47	July 15, 2021	(1752098)
Item 25	October 16, 2019	(1613633)	Item 48	August 16, 2021	(1757552)
Item 26	November 08, 2019	(1604795)	Item 49	September 15, 2021	(1766665)
Item 27	November 14, 2019	(1619447)	Item 50	November 12, 2021	(1784018)
Item 28	December 09, 2019	(1626800)	Item 51	December 13, 2021	(1791050)
Item 29	December 11, 2019	(1612523)	Item 52	March 15, 2022	(1813778)

#### 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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#### F. Environmental audits:

N/A

- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):  $_{\mbox{$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



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING CITY OF GRAND SALINE RN102330081 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL OUALITY

#### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2022-0765-MWD-E

#### I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

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 Grand Saline (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, together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located at 500 East South Pacific Street in Grand Saline, Van Zandt 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. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE §§ 7.002, 7.051, and 7.073, and that the Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction. The TCEQ has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 5.013 because it alleges violations of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 3. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,500 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$8,400 of the penalty and \$2,100 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.
- 5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.

- 6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 7. 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.
- 8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.

#### **II. ALLEGATIONS**

During a record review conducted on April 20, 2022, an investigator documented that 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. WQ0010179001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as shown in the attached effluent violation table below:

	Ammonia Nitrogen	Ammonia Nitrogen	Ammonia Nitrogen
Month/Year	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum	Daily Average Loading
	Limit = 3 mg/L	Limit = 10 mg/L	Limit = 14 lbs/day
September 2021	19.7	31.1	30
December 2021	3.35	10.5	С
January 2022	6.9	20.1	С

mg/L = milligrams per liter

lbs/day = pounds per day

c = compliant

#### **III. DENIALS**

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

# IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ"

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and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Grand Saline, Docket No. 2022-0765-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. Within 130 days after the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010179001, 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. The certification shall include detail supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. 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 Tyler Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2916 Teague Drive Tyler, Texas 75701-3734

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 5. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of

this Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

- 6. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Enforcement Division at the address listed above
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

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#### SIGNATURE PAGE

#### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission <

Date

12/19/2022 Date

For the Executive Director

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.

Signature

Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of City of Grand Saline

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□ 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.

<u>Blalaoaa</u> Date <u>City</u> Administrator