

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 53890  
GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION  
RN101440733  
Docket No. 2023-0333-PWS-E

**Order Type:**

Findings Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

A violation of a commission issued enforcement order or court order.

**Media:**

PWS

**Small Business:**

Yes

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

Gafford Chapel WSC, 211 Jefferson Suite East, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County

**Type of Operation:**

Public water supply

**Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** August 30, 2024

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$4,150

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$4,150

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

Payment Plan: N/A

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - N/A

Site/RN - N/A

**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 3, 2023

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** March 2, 2023

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RN101440733  
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***Violation Information***

Failed to provide two or more wells having a total capacity of 0.6 gallons per minute ("gpm") per connection [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.45(b)(1)(D)(i) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c), and TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2017-0115-PWS-E, Ordering Provision No. 2.a].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

N/A

**Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 180 days, provide two or more wells having a total capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection; and
- b. Within 195 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorney:** N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Miles Wehner, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 5, MC 219, (512) 239-2813; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

**Respondent:** Michael Rawson, President, GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, P.O. Box 1160, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483  
Harold Bryant, Secretary/Treasurer, GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, P.O. Box 1160, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483

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



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	6-Mar-2023		
	<b>PCW</b>	7-Mar-2023	<b>Screening</b>	23-Mar-2023
			<b>EPA Due</b>	

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Respondent</b>	GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 1)
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN101440733
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	5-Tyler
<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	53890	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1
<b>Docket No.</b>	2023-0333-PWS-E	<b>Order Type</b>	Findings
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Public Water Supply	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	Yes
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Miles Wehner
		<b>EC's Team</b>	5
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$50	<b>Maximum</b>	\$1,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	<b>\$400</b>
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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.

<b>Compliance History</b>	<b>0.0%</b> Adjustment	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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Notes: No adjustment for Compliance History.

<b>Culpability</b>	No	<b>0.0%</b> Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<b>0.0%</b> Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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Total EB Amounts: \$21,457  
 Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$40,000  
 \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	<b>\$400</b>
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	<b>0.0%</b> Adjustment	<b>\$0</b>
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	<b>\$400</b>
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	<b>\$400</b>
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	<b>0.0%</b> Reduction	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes: No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	<b>\$400</b>
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Screening Date 23-Mar-2023

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PCW

Respondent GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 1)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

Case ID No. 53890

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101440733

Media Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Miles Wehner

### 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> )	0	0%
	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) 0%

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

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

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

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

#### >> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

No adjustment for Compliance History.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

#### >> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100% 0%

**Screening Date** 23-Mar-2023 **Docket No.** 2023-0333-PWS-E **PCW**  
**Respondent** GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 1) *Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)*  
**Case ID No.** 53890 *PCW Revision February 11, 2021*  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101440733  
**Media** Public Water Supply  
**Enf. Coordinator** Miles Wehner

**Violation Number** 1

**Rule Cite(s)** 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.45(b)(1)(D)(i) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c) and TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2017-0115-PWS-E, Ordering Provision No. 2.a

**Violation Description** Failed to provide two or more wells having a total capacity of 0.6 gallons per minute ("gpm") per connection. Specifically, the Facility serves 500 service connections and is required to provide two or more wells providing a total capacity of 300 gpm. However, the Facility provided three wells with a total capacity of 160 gpm, which is a 47% deficiency.

**Base Penalty** \$1,000

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

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				5.0%
	Potential		x		

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

**Matrix Notes** Failure to provide adequate well capacity could result in low pressure or outages and could expose persons served by the Facility to a significant amount of contaminants which would not exceed levels protective of human health.

**Adjustment** \$950

\$50

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events 8 711 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

**Violation Base Penalty** \$400

Eight quarterly events are recommended, calculated from the effective date of TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2017-0115-PWS-E, September 19, 2017 to August 31, 2019.

**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** \$400

**Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation**

**Statutory Limit Test**

**Estimated EB Amount** \$21,457

**Violation Final Penalty Total** \$400

**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)** \$400

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 1)  
**Case ID No.** 53890  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101440733  
**Media** Public Water Supply  
**Violation No.** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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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	\$40,000	19-Sep-2017	17-May-2025	7.66	\$1,022	\$20,435	\$21,457
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

**Notes for DELAYED costs**

The delayed cost includes the estimated amount to provide two or more wells with a minimum total capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection, calculated from the effective date of TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2017-0115-PWS-E to the estimated date of compliance.

### Avoided Costs

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

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

**Notes for AVOIDED costs**

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$40,000

**TOTAL**

\$21,457



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Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	6-Mar-2023			
	<b>PCW</b>	7-Mar-2023	<b>Screening</b>	23-Mar-2023	<b>EPA Due</b>

<b>RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION</b>					
<b>Respondent</b>	GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 2)				
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN101440733				
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	5-Tyler	<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor		

<b>CASE INFORMATION</b>					
<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	53890	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1		
<b>Docket No.</b>	2023-0333-PWS-E	<b>Order Type</b>	Findings		
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Public Water Supply	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	Yes		
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Miles Wehner		
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 5		
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	\$50	<b>Maximum</b>	\$5,000	

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$3,750
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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.

<b>Compliance History</b>	0.0%	Adjustment	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment for Compliance History.

<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0%	Enhancement	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	\$0
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0%	Enhancement*	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$0  
 Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$0  
 \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$3,750
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$3,750
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$3,750
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	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.

<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$3,750
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**Screening Date** 23-Mar-2023

**Docket No.** 2023-0333-PWS-E

**PCW**

**Respondent** GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 2)

*Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)*

**Case ID No.** 53890

*PCW Revision February 11, 2021*

**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101440733

**Media** Public Water Supply

**Enf. Coordinator** Miles Wehner

### 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> )	0	0%
	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%
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	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)** 0%

**>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)**

N/A

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

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

N/A

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

**>> Compliance History Summary**

**Compliance History Notes**

No adjustment for Compliance History.

**Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)** 0%

**>> Final Compliance History Adjustment**

**Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100%** 0%

**Screening Date** 23-Mar-2023 **Docket No.** 2023-0333-PWS-E **PCW**  
**Respondent** GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 2) *Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)*  
**Case ID No.** 53890 *PCW Revision February 11, 2021*  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101440733  
**Media** Public Water Supply  
**Enf. Coordinator** Miles Wehner

**Violation Number** 1

**Rule Cite(s)** 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.45(b)(1)(D)(i) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c) and TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2017-0115-PWS-E, Ordering Provision No. 2.a

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**Base Penalty** \$5,000

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

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual				5.0%
	Potential		x		

>> **Programmatic Matrix**

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
					0.0%

**Matrix Notes** Failure to provide adequate well capacity could result in low pressure or outages and could expose persons served by the Facility to a significant amount of contaminants which would not exceed levels protective of human health.

**Adjustment** \$4,750

\$250

**Violation Events**

Number of Violation Events 15 1299 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

**Violation Base Penalty** \$3,750

Fifteen quarterly events are recommended, calculated from September 1, 2019, to the date of screening, March 23, 2023.

**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** \$3,750

**Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation**

**Statutory Limit Test**

**Estimated EB Amount** \$0

**Violation Final Penalty Total** \$3,750

**This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)** \$3,750

## Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PCW No. 2)  
**Case ID No.** 53890  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN101440733  
**Media** Public Water Supply  
**Violation No.** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

The delayed cost to provide two or more wells with a minimum total capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection, is captured in the Economic Benefit Worksheet for Violation No. 1 on Penalty Calculation 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



# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600670277, RN101440733, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

**Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:** CN600670277, GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE **Rating:** N/A

**Regulated Entity:** RN101440733, GAFFORD CHAPEL WSC **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE **Rating:** N/A

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

**CH Group:** 14 - Other

**Location:** 211 JEFFERSON STREET EAST IN SULPHUR SPRINGS, HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

**TCEQ Region:** REGION 05 - TYLER

**ID Number(s):**  
**PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION**  
1120014

**Compliance History Period:** September 01, 2018 to August 31, 2023 **Rating Year:** 2023 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2023

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** June 06, 2024

**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

**Component Period Selected:** June 06, 2019 to June 06, 2024

**TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.**  
**Name:** Miles Wehner **Phone:** (512) 239-2813

## 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            March 16, 2021            (1703662)

**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):**  
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	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY	§	
CORPORATION	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
RN101440733	§	

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2023-0333-PWS-E

On \_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon the Respondent.

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

### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply located at 211 Jefferson Street East in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 500 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.38(73).
2. During an investigation at the Facility conducted on January 3, 2023, an investigator documented that the Facility serves 500 service connections and is required to provide two or more wells providing a total capacity of 300 gallons per minute ("gpm"). However, the Facility provided three wells with a total capacity of 160 gpm, which is a 47% deficiency.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to provide two or more wells having a total capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.45(b)(1)(D)(i) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c), and TCEQ Agreed Order Docket No. 2017-0115-PWS-E, Ordering Provision No. 2.a.
3. Pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(a), the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$4,150 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(b). The Respondent paid the \$4,150 penalty.

## III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

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

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations that are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, Docket No. 2023-0333-PWS-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
12100 Park 35 Circle  
Austin, Texas 78753

2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, provide two or more wells having a total capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.45.
  - b. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

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. 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.
6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms in this Order.
7. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's

jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

9. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

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Date

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For the Executive Director

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9/11/2024

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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.

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Signature

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Date

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Name (Printed or typed)

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Title

Authorized Representative of

GAFFORD'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

*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.