## **TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum**

То:	Mary Smith, General Counsel
Thru: <sup>MB(</sup>	<sup>2</sup> Melissa Cordell, Assistant Deputy Director Enforcement Division
From: MP	Michael Parrish, Team Leader Special Functions Team
Date:	April 3, 2024
Subject:	<b>Backup Revision</b> <b>April 12, 2024 Commission Agenda</b> Item No. 17 – Town of Little Elm

Item No. 17 – Town of Little Elm Docket No. 2023-0339-MWD-E

Enclosed please find the following:

## **Agreed Order:**

• Page 1, I. Jurisdiction and Stipulations, Paragraph 4 - Revised to remove language indicating the Respondent paid \$39,200.

Please do not hesitate to call Michael Parrish at (512) 239-2548 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

 cc: Garrett Arthur, Public Interest Counsel Melissa Schmidt, Public Interest Counsel Gill Valls, Office of General Counsel Katherine McKenzie, Agenda Coordinator, Litigation Division Amy Settemeyer, Deputy Director, Enforcement Division Melissa Cordell, Assistant Deputy Director, Enforcement Division Rebecca Margain-Nunez, Executive Assistant, Enforcement Division Brett Lanham, Manager, Special Functions and Compliance Monitoring Section, Enforcement Division Kristy Deaver, Manager, Water Section, Enforcement Division Megan Crinklaw, Enforcement Coordinator, Water Section, Enforcement Division

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING TOWN OF LITTLE ELM RN102909124 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2023-0339-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 Town of Little Elm (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 plant located at 1600 Mark Tree Lane in Little Elm, Denton 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 \$49,000 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The amount of \$9,800 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, \$39,200 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

#### Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 63727 Town of Little Elm RN102909124 Docket No. 2023-0339-MWD-E

**Order Type:** 1660 Agreed Order **Findings Order Justification:** N/A Media: MWD **Small Business:** No Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred: Town of Little Elm WWTP, 1600 Mark Tree Lane, Little Elm, Denton County Type of Operation: Wastewater treatment plant **Other Significant Matters:** Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No Past-Due Penalties: No Other: N/A Interested Third-Parties: None Texas Register Publication Date: January 26, 2024 Comments Received: No

#### **Penalty Information**

Total Penalty Assessed: \$49,000 Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$9,800 Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0 Total Due to General Revenue: \$0 Payment Plan: N/A Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$39,200 Name of SEP: WWTP Improvements (Compliance) Compliance History Classifications: Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

#### **Investigation Information**

Complaint Date(s): N/A Complaint Information: N/A Date(s) of Investigation: November 30, 2022 Date(s) of NOE(s): February 16, 2023

#### Executive Summary - Enforcement Matter - Case No. 63727 Town of Little Elm RN102909124 Docket No. 2023-0339-MWD-E

## **Violation Information**

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total copper, ammonia nitrogen, total phosphorous, 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. WQ0011600001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

## **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 effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0011600001, 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: Megan Crinklaw, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC 219, (512) 239-1129; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548 TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Adena Crider, SEP Coordinator, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 239-0648 Respondent: The Honorable Curtis J. Cornelious, Mayor, Town of Little Elm, 100 West Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, Texas 75068 Respondent's Attorney: N/A

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Enf. Co	ordinator Megan Crinklaw			
	Compliance History Worksheet			
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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> )	8	40%	
	Other written NOVs	0	0%	
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%	
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%	
Judgments and Consen	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%	
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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 (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%	
Other	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%	
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Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for seven months of self-reported effluent violations and one NOV similar violations.	with same or		
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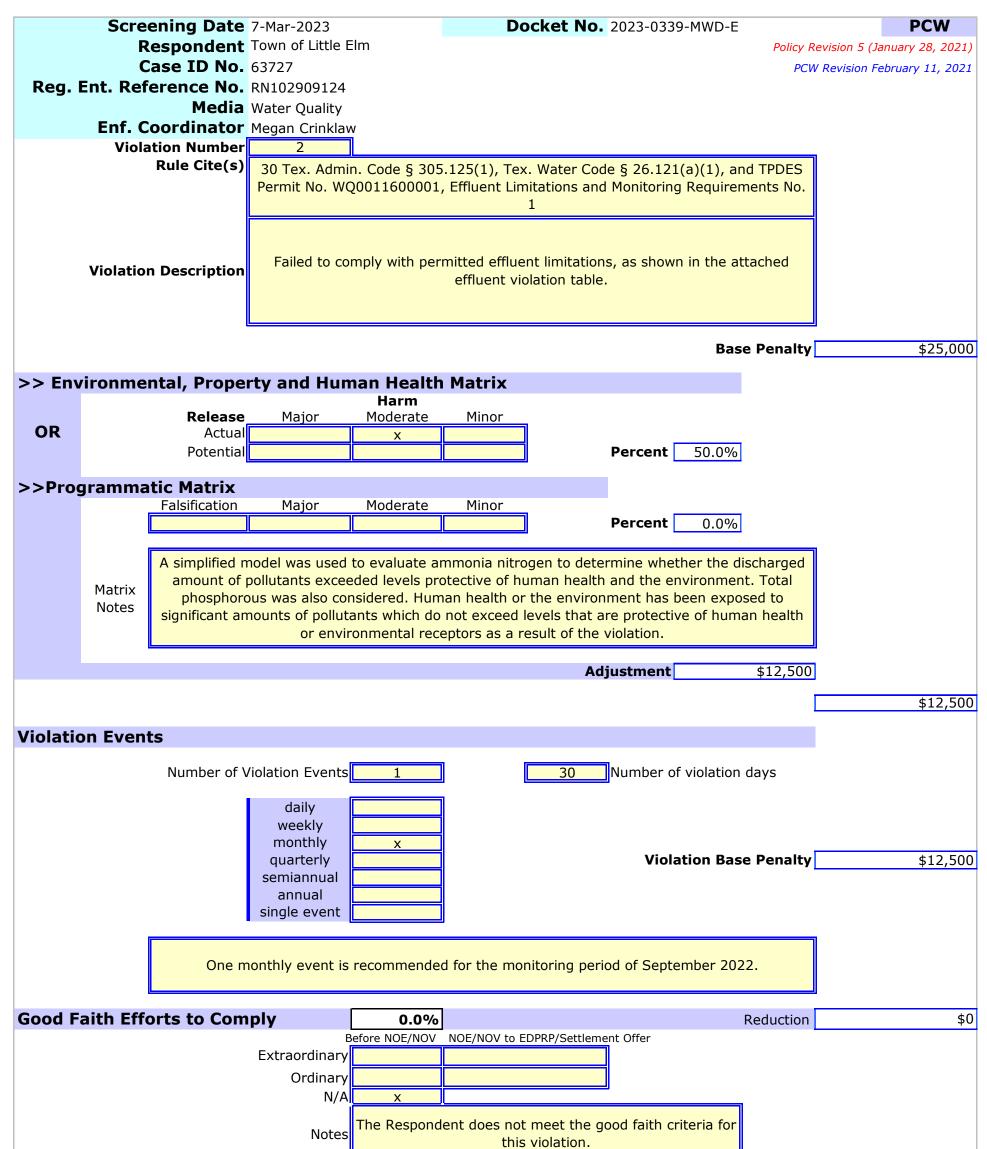
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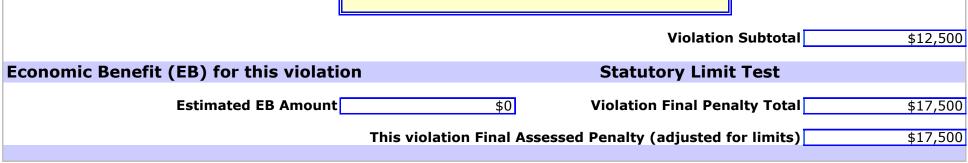
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Respondent Town of Little Elm

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		Water Quality		
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Vic	olation Description	Failed to comply with p	ermitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.	
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Respondent	Town of Little	Elm					
Case ID No.							
Reg. Ent. Reference No.							
	Water Quality						Years of
Violation No.						Percent Interest	Depreciation
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		Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description							
Delayed Costs	·			7			
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings		<u>  </u>		0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 #0	\$0 ¢0
Engineering/Construction Land				0.00	\$0 \$0	<u>\$0</u> n/a	\$0 \$0
Record Keeping System		<u>  </u>		0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs		. <u></u>		0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$15,000	30-Nov-2021	10-May-2024		\$1,833	n/a	\$1,833
Notes for DELAYED costs	the Facility to	return to complia	nce with the pe	rmitted	effluent limitation	necessary repairs/a s. Date required is nated date of comp	the end date of
Avoided Costs	ANNUA	LIZE avoided c	osts before en	tering		one-time avoide	d 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		\$15,000			TOTAL		\$1,833





	E	conomic	Benefit	Wo	rksheet		
Respondent	Town of Little	Elm					
Case ID No.							
Reg. Ent. Reference No.							
	Water Quality						Years of
Violation No.	- /					Percent Interest	Depreciation
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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 \$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal Permit Costs				0.00	\$0 \$0	n/a	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0 \$0	n/a n/a	\$0
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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 \$0	\$0 ¢0
Other (as needed)		<u> </u>		0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$0			TOTAL		\$0

#### Town of Little Elm Docket No. 2023-0339-MWD-E TPDES Permit No. WQ0011600001

## Effluent Violation Table

	C-BOD (5-day)	Total Copper	Total Copper	Ammonia Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus
Monitoring Period	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum	Daily Maximum	Daily Average Concentration
	Limit = 5 mg/L	Limit = 0.030 mg/L	Concentration Limit = 0.064 mg/L	Concentration Limit = 6 mg/L	Limit = 1.0 mg/L
November 2021	5.41	С	С	С	С
July 2022	С	0.049	0.076	С	С
August 2022	С	0.040	0.098	С	С
September 2022	С	С	С	7.46	1.05

C-BOD (5-day) = Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day) mg/L = milligrams per liter c = compliant



# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600247712, RN102909124, Rating Year 2022 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2022.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN600247712, Town of Little Elm	Classification: SATISFACT	ORY Rating: 0.38				
Regulated Entity:	RN102909124, TOWN OF LITTLE E	LM Classification: SATISFACT	TORY Rating: 0.62				
Complexity Points: CH Group:	8 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities	Repeat Violator: NO					
Location:	1600 Mark Tree Lane, Little Elm, D	enton County, Texas					
TCEQ Region:	REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX						
ID Number(s):PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATIONAIR QUALITY NON PERMITTED ID NUMBER R04102909124PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATIONSTORMWATER PERMIT TXR05GB15UTILITIES REGISTRATION 11202WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0011600001WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0053783WASTEWATER AUTHORIZATION R11600001WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0053783							
Compliance History Peri	od: September 01, 2017 to August	t 31, 2022 Rating Year: 2022	Rating Date: 09/01/2022				
Date Compliance History	y Report Prepared: May 31, 2	023					
Agency Decision Requir	ing Compliance History: Enfo	prcement					
<b>Component Period Selec</b>	cted: May 31, 2018 to May 31, 20	023					
TCEQ Staff Member to C	ontact for Additional Informa	ntion Regarding This Compliance	e History.				
Name: Heather Lancou	ır	<b>Phone:</b> (806) 468-0	)507				
Site and Owner/Oper	ator History:						
,	nce and/or operation for the full five change in ownership/operator of the	, , ,	YES NO				
Components (Multime	edia) for the Site Are Liste	d in Sections A - J					
<b>A. Final Orders, court j</b> N/A	udgments, and consent decre	es:					
<b>B. Criminal convictions</b> N/A	:						
C. Chronic excessive er	nissions events:						

N/A

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

Item 1	June 15, 2018	(1508330)	Item 11	December 18, 2019	(1627039)
Item 2	August 10, 2018	(1520717)	Item 12	January 14, 2020	(1634666)
Item 3	September 17, 2018	(1527888)	Item 13	February 13, 2020	(1641280)
Item 4	October 15, 2018	(1534243)	Item 14	March 03, 2020	(1629712)
Item 5	November 15, 2018	(1542078)	Item 15	March 16, 2020	(1647796)
Item 6	December 17, 2018	(1545848)	Item 16	April 16, 2020	(1654145)
Item 7	February 15, 2019	(1561556)	Item 17	May 18, 2020	(1660717)
Item 8	April 12, 2019	(1572446)	Item 18	June 18, 2020	(1667242)
Item 9	May 17, 2019	(1584504)	Item 19	July 20, 2020	(1674190)
Item 10	August 14, 2019	(1680963)	Item 20	October 19, 2020	(1693881)

Item 21	November 19, 2020	(1714309)	Item 28	February 16, 2022	(1806935)
Item 22	January 20, 2021	(1714311)	Item 29	March 16, 2022	(1814002)
Item 23	February 19, 2021	(1727374)	Item 30	April 20, 2022	(1820574)
Item 24	April 20, 2021	(1727376)	Item 31	May 20, 2022	(1829409)
Item 25	May 18, 2021	(1740988)	Item 32	June 20, 2022	(1835703)
Item 26	November 27, 2021	(1784246)	Item 33	August 08, 2022	(1842904)
Item 27	January 18, 2022	(1799059)	Item 34	January 20, 2023	(1882772)

#### 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.

-	entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, not proof that a violation has actual
1	Date: 07/31/2022 (1849033)
	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: 08/31/2022 (1856834)
	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: 09/30/2022 (1863192)
5	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
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4	Date: 10/31/2022 (1870104)
	Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
	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: 11/30/2022 (1875953)
	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
6	Date: 01/31/2023 (1890586) 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
7	Date: 02/28/2023 (1899151)
	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
8	Date: 05/22/2023 (1898424) Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
	TX0053783 PERMIT WQ0011600001 PERMIT
	Description: Failure to prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater.
	Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
	Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) TX0053783 PERMIT
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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:  $_{\mbox{N/A}}$
- I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program: \$N/A\$
- J. Early compliance: N/A

#### Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

## **Component Appendices**

## Appendix A All NOVs Issued During Component Period 5/31/2018 and 5/31/2023

1	Date: 02	/28/2019	(1561557)	
	Self Report?	YES	Classification:	Moderate
	Citation:		Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)	
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2	Date: 05	/08/2019	(1551811)	
	Self Report? Citation:	NO	Classification:	Moderate
	Citation		Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)	
			Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Conditions 2.g PERMIT	
	Description:	Failed to	prevent the unauthorized discharge of wastewater.	
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	Description:		o meet the limit for one or more permit parameter	
4	Date: 06	/30/2019	(1593785)	
	Self Report? Citation:	YES	Classification:	Moderate
			Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)	
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5	Date: 07	/31/2019	(1600113)	
	Self Report?	YES	Classification:	Moderate
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9	Date: 08/31/2020 (1687535)	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapt 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap Description: Failure to meet the limit for on	ter F 305.125(1)
10	Date: 11/30/2020 (1714310)	
10	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapt 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap Description: Failure to meet the limit for on	ter F 305.125(1)
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11	Date: 02/28/2021 (1727375)	
	Self Report? YES Citation:	Classification: Moderate
	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapt	
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap Description: Failure to meet the limit for on	
12	Date: 05/24/2021 (1711078)	
	Self Report? NO Citation:	Classification: Minor
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap Sludge Provisions, Section III(	
	Description: Failed to submit the annual slu	idge report.
	Self Report? NO Citation:	Classification: Moderate
	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapt 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap See Permit Conditions, No. 2, 3	ter F 305.125(1)
	Description: Failure to prevent the unautho	rized discharge of wastewater.
	Self Report? NO Citation:	Classification: Minor
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap Permit PERMIT	ter F 305.125(19)
	Description: Failed to accurately complete t	he discharge monitoring reports (DMRs).
13	Date: 05/31/2021 (1747908)	
15	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapt	ter A 26 121(a)
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap	ter F 305.125(1)
	Description: Failure to meet the limit for on	le or more permit parameter
14	Date: 06/30/2021 (1752321)	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate
	Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapt	
	30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChap Description: Failure to meet the limit for on	
15	Date: 07/31/2021 (1757760)	
	Self Report? YES	Classification: Moderate

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING TOWN OF LITTLE ELM RN102909124 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL OUALITY

#### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2023-0339-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 Town of Little Elm (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 plant located at 1600 Mark Tree Lane in Little Elm, Denton 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 \$49,000 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$39,200 of the penalty, and \$9,800 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.

Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, \$39,200 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.

- 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 for the Facility conducted on November 30, 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. WQ0011600001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

	C-BOD (5-day)	Total Copper	Total Copper	Ammonia Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus
Monitoring Period	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Average Concentration	Daily Maximum Concentration	Daily Maximum Concentration	Daily Average Concentration
	Limit = 5 mg/L	Limit = 0.030 mg/L	Limit = 0.064 mg/L	Limit = 6 mg/L	Limit = 1.0 mg/L
November 2021	5.41	С	С	С	С
July 2022	С	0.049	0.076	С	С
August 2022	С	0.040	0.098	С	С
September 2022	С	С	С	7.46	1.05

C-BOD (5-day) = carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)

mg/L = milligrams per liter 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" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Town of Little Elm, Docket No. 2023-0339-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 shall implement and complete an SEP as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The amount of \$39,200 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 of 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 effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0011600001, 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 Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2309 Gravel Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951

- 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. 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.

#### SIGNATURE PAGE

#### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	
For the Executive Director	
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Date

2/14/2024 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.

Signature 10 B

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Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Town of Little Elm

Date MANOR

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

#### Attachment A

#### Docket Number: 2023-0339-MWD-E

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Town of Little Elm
Penalty Amount:	\$39,200
SEP Offset Amount:	\$39,200
Type of SEP:	Compliance
Project Name:	WWTP Improvements
Location of SEP:	Denton County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "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"). The SEP Offset Amount is set forth above and such offset is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

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

#### 1. Project Description

#### A. Project

Respondent shall hire a contractor to purchase and install two shaftless screw conveyors and two volute dewatering press units in the existing dewatering building at their Facility. Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount shall be used for materials, supplies, and equipment for two shaftless screw conveyors and two volute press units (the "Project"). Respondent shall solicit bids from qualified contractors to perform the Project. Any advertisement or invitation for bids, including publication, related to the SEP must include the enforcement statement as stated below in Section 6, Publicity. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including permits that may be required prior to commencement of the SEP. The Commission's approval and issuance of this Agreed Order shall not itself be construed to authorize any activity for which Respondent is required by statute or rule to obtain authorization from the Commission.

Respondent shall use 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. Minimum Expenditure, Estimated Cost Schedule. No portion of the SEP Offset Amount shall be 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 has no prior commitment to perform this Project and that the SEP is being performed solely as part of the terms of settlement in this enforcement action.

#### *B. Environmental Benefit*

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by improving the quality of wastewater effluent being released into the environment. Inadequately treated effluent 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. Minimum Expenditure

Respondent shall spend at least the SEP Offset Amount to complete the project described above in Section 1.A, and comply with all other provisions of this SEP. Respondent understands that it may cost more than the SEP Offset Amount to complete the Project. Costs in excess of the SEP Offset Amount shall not be grounds to relieve Respondent of its obligations to perform this SEP.

#### **Estimated Cost Schedule**

Item	Total
Shaftless Screw Conveyors and Volute Dewatering Press Units	\$1,400,000
Total	\$1,400,000

#### 2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall begin implementation of the SEP. Respondent shall have completed the SEP in its entirety within 130 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order.

Executive Director ("ED") staff may grant an extension to any deadline for Respondent's performance of the SEP described herein, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions must be made by Respondent and shall be made in writing to ED staff. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from ED staff. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with ED staff. Extension requests shall be sent to the SEP Coordinator by first class mail or electronic mail, at:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Litigation Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087 Email: <u>sepreports@tceq.texas.gov</u>

#### 3. Records and Reporting

#### A. Progress Report

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a Notice of Commencement to TCEQ describing actions performed to date to implement the Project. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a report detailing the progress made and all actions completed on the Project during the previous 60-day period and setting forth a schedule for achieving completion of the Project within the 130-day timeframe set forth above in Section 2, Performance Schedule.

Days from Effective Order Date	Information Required
30	Notice of Commencement describing actions taken to begin project
90	Actions completed during previous 60-day period
130	Notice of SEP completion

## **Reporting Schedule**

#### B. Final Report

Within 130 days after the effective date of the Agreed Order, or within 30 days after completion of the SEP, whichever is earlier, Respondent shall submit a Final Report to TCEQ, which shall include the following:

- 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 3.B.1., above;
- 3. Copies of cleared checks or payment records corresponding to the itemized list in paragraph 3.B.1., above;
- 4. Copies of proof of advertisement of invitation for bids, if applicable;
- 5. A certified statement of SEP completion and document authentication;
- 6. A detailed map showing the specific location of the Project site(s);
- 7. Copies of all engineering plans related to work performed pursuant to the Project, if applicable;
- 8. Dated photographs of the purchased materials and supplies; before and after work being performed during the Project; and of the completed Project; and
- 9. Any additional information Respondent believes will, or that is requested by TCEQ to demonstrate compliance with this Attachment A.
  - *C. Submittals*

Respondent shall submit all SEP reports and any additional information as requested to the SEP Coordinator at the address provided above.

#### 4. Additional Information and Access

Respondent shall provide additional information as requested by TCEQ staff and shall allow access to all records related to the SEP Offset Amount. Respondent shall also allow representatives of TCEQ access to the site of any work being financed in whole or in part by the SEP Offset Amount. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreed Order.

#### 5. Failure to Fully Perform

If Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described above in Sections 2 through 4, the 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 above.

#### 6. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this Project made by or on behalf of Respondent must include a clear statement that **the Project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

#### 7. Recognition

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

#### 8. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.