Executive Summary - Enforcement Matter - Case No. 65074 Somervell County Water District RN105491443 Docket No. 2023-1668-PWS-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

Three repeated enforcement actions (or two orders with nuisance violations) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

Media:

PWS

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Somervell County Water District - Wheeler Branch Reservior, 2099 County Road 326, Glen Rose. Somervell 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: June 21, 2024

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$5,250

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$5,250 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - High Site/RN - N/A

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 6, 2023 through November 17, 2023

Date(s) of NOE(s): November 17, 2023

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Violation Information

Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level of 0.080 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes based on the locational running average [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.115(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 365 days, return to compliance with the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes based on the locational running annual average; and
- b. Within 380 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Rachel Vulk, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 4, MC 219, (512) 239-6730; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Nemo Britton, President, Somervell County Water District, P.O. BOX 1386, Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Larry Fleming, Vice President, Somervell County Water District, P.O. BOX 1386, Glen

Rose, Texas 76043

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Economic Benefit

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7

Notes

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

DEFERRAL

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Total EB Amounts Estimated Cost of Compliance

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

\$681

Subtotal 6

Final Subtotal

Final Penalty Amount

Final Assessed Penalty

Reduction

Adjustment

Adjustment

\$0

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\$5,250

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	Respondent	Somervell Coun	ty Water Distr	ict				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN105491443								
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Enhancement for three NOVs with the same/similar violations. Reduction				. Reduction for				
	Notes High Performer classification.							
	Culpability	No		0.0%	Enhancement		Subtotal 4	\$0
	Notes	Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.						
Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments						Subtotal 5	\$0	

0.0% Enhancement*

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

0.0%

0.0%

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

Respondent Somervell County Water District

Case ID No. 65074

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105491443

Media Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Rachel Vulk

	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 (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	3	15%				
	Other written NOVs	0	0%				
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	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	0%				
Judgments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%				
and Consent Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%				
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%				
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%				
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%				
Addits	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%				
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more		0%				
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%				
36161	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%				
Repeat Violator	Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 2)				
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N/A Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0°							
>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)							
High Performer Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) -109							
Compliance Hist	ory Summary						
Compliance History Notes Enhancement for three NOVs with the same/similar violations. Reduction for High Performer classification.							

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 5%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

5%

	E	conomic	Benefit	Woi	ksheet		
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Reg. Ent. Reference No.	ase ID No. 65074						
	Public Water Supply					Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description							
Delayed Costs		1		1 0 00	1 +0	+0	+0
Equipment Buildings				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)	\$5,000	30-Jun-2023	10-Jun-2025	1.95	\$32	\$649	\$681
Engineering/Construction	\$5,000	30 3011 2023	10 Juli 2025	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 other (as needed) cost includes the estimated amount to investigate, identify, and implement the necessary corrective actions to return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, calculated from the last day of the first quarter of noncompliance to the estimated date of compliance.						
Avoided Costs	ANNU	ALIZE avoided c	osts before er	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 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed) Notes for AVOIDED costs				0.00	1 \$0	\$0	\$0
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$5,000			TOTAL		\$681



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600639181, RN105491443, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

Customer, Respondent, or CN600639181, Somervell County Water
Owner/Operator:

Classification: HIGH

Rating: 0.08

Regulated Entity: RN105491443, SOMERVELL COUNTY WATER

RN105491443, SOMERVELL COUNTY WATER Classification: NOT APPLICABLE Rating: N/A

DISTRICT - WHEELER BRANCH RESERVOIR

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

CH Group: 09 - Construction

Location: 2099 COUNTY ROAD 326 NEAR GLEN ROSE, SOMERVELL COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

ID Number(s):

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 2130042

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: March 26, 2024

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: March 26, 2019 to March 26, 2024

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

Name: Aaren Owens **Phone:** (409) 899-8741

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.):

N/A

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.

1 Date: 05/04/2023 (1943006)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 2Q2023 – During the 2nd quarter of 2023 the system violated the

maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.085 mg/L at B Paluxy

Summit / Outlaw Sation, Glenrose (DBP2-01) and

with a LRAA of 0.090 mg/L at 1171 Cheyenne Trail, Nemo (DBP2-02). ETT Point Value = 5

2 Date: 08/17/2023 (1943006)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 3Q2023 – During the 3rd quarter of 2023 the system violated the

maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.086 mg/L at B Paluxy Summit / Outlaw Sation, Glenrose (DBP2-01) and with a LRAA of 0.098 mg/L at 1171

Cheyenne Trail, Nemo (DBP2-02). ETT Point Value = 5

3 Date: 11/03/2023 (1943006)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 4Q2023 - During the 4th quarter of 2023 the system violated the

maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.103 mg/L at B Paluxy Summit / Outlaw Sation, Glenrose (DBP2-01) and with a LRAA of 0.104 mg/L at 1171

Cheyenne Trail, Nemo (DBP2-02). ETT Point Value = 5

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/Δ

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

NI/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
SOMERVELL COUNTY WATER	§	TEAAS COMMISSION ON
DISTRICT	§	
RN105491443	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2023-1668-PWS-E

On	the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or	"TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
action regarding	g Somervell County Water District (the "Respondent") under the authority of Tex.
HEALTH & SAFETY	CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement
Division, and th	e Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that they have 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 2099 County Road 326 near Glen Rose, Somervell County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 2,464 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 a record review for the Facility conducted on November 6, 2023 through November 17, 2023, an investigator documented that the locational running annual average concentrations of total trihalomethanes ("TTHM") for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 1 were 0.085 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the second quarter of 2023, 0.086 mg/L for the third quarter of 2023 and 0.103 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2023, and at Site 2 were 0.090 mg/L for the second quarter of 2023, 0.098 mg/L for the third quarter of 2023, and 0.104 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2023.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEO pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEO.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 mg/L for TTHM, based on the locational running average, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.115(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c).
- 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 \$5,250 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 \$5,250 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: Somervell County Water District, Docket No. 2023-1668-PWS-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 undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 365 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115.
 - b. Within 380 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:

Drinking Water Special Function Section Manager Water Supply Division, MC 155 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 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

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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.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	Date
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For the Executive Director	Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the OAG for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the OAG of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

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Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of

Somervell County Water District

Date

Title

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