Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 65297 Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda County RN101384717 Docket No. 2024-0124-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:

Caney Creek MUD of Matagorda County, 405 Caney Drive, Sargent, Matagorda 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: \$7,000

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$7,000 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Unclassified

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: January 8, 2024 through January 19, 2024

Date(s) of NOE(s): January 19, 2024

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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 annual 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: Mason DeMasi, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 5, MC R-13, (210) 657-8425; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Michael Dry, President, Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of

Matagorda County, P.O. Box 4108, Sargent, Texas 77404-4108

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

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

 DATES
 Assigned
 22-Jan-2024

 PCW
 24-Jan-2024

PCW 24-Jan-2024 Screening 23-Jan-2024 EPA Due 31-Mar-2024

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.
Facility/Site Region

Respondent
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.
Facility/Site Region

Respondent
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CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No. 65297
Docket No. 2024-0124-PWS-E
Media Program(s) Multi-Media
Multi-Media

Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum \$50 Maximum

Mo. of Violations Order Type Findings

Order Type Findings

Overnment/Non-Profit Enf. Coordinator EC's Team

EC's Team

\$5,000

				Penalty	Calcula	ation Section	on		
								Subtotal 1	\$5,000
ADJU	STMENTS (+	/-) T (SUBTOT	AL 1	alty (Subtatal	1) by the indicated p	orcontago		
	Compliance Hi		y murupiying the	e Total base Fello	40.0%			otals 2, 3, & 7	\$2,000
	Notes Enhancement for three NOVs with the same/similar violations and one agreed order without a denial of liability.								
	Culpability	No			0.0%	Enhancement		Subtotal 4	\$0
	Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.								
	Good Faith Eff	ort to	Comply Tota	ıl Adjustmer	nts			Subtotal 5	\$0
Economic Benefit 0.0% Enhancement* Subtotal 6								Subtotal 6	\$0
	Estimated		EB Amounts Compliance	\$807 \$5,000	*Сарре	ed at the Total EB \$.	Amount		
SUM (OF SUBTOTA	LS 1-	7				ı	Final Subtotal	\$7,000
	R FACTORS A				E	0.0%		Adjustment	\$0
	Notes		,						
							Final Pe	nalty Amount	\$7,000
STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty							essed Penalty	\$7,000	
DEFE		enalty by	the indicated ne	rcentage		0.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. Notes No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.									
PAYA	BLE PENALT	Y							\$7,000

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Respondent Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda County **Case ID No.** 65297

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101384717

Media Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Mason DeMasi

Compliance History Worksheet								
>> Co	mpliance Hist Component	ory Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2) 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	1	25%				
Judgments and Consent		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%				
	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%				
	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%				
	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	No	0%				
	Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%				
		Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%				
		Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%				
s Da	nost Violator	Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 2) 40%				
-> KE	peat Violator	` <u> </u>		-				
No Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%								
>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)								
	Satisfactory Performer Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%							
>> Compliance History Summary								
	Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for three NOVs with the same/similar violations and one agreed or denial of liability.	der without a					
Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 40%								
>> Final Compliance History Adjustment								
Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 40%								

Economic Benefit Worksheet							
Respondent Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda County							
Case ID No.	Case ID No. 65297						
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101384717	,					
Media Public Water Supply Violation No. 1 Percent Interest Depreciation							
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
Item Description							
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Delayed Costs				_			
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$5,000	30-Jun-2023	19-Oct-2025	2.31	\$38	\$769	\$807
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 Permit Costs				0.00	\$0 \$0	n/a	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a n/a	\$0 \$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 o	osts before er			one-time avoided	
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs				<u> 0.00</u>	1 40	Ψ0	4 0
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$5,000			TOTAL		\$807

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600631410, RN101384717, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

Classification: SATISFACTORY

Repeat Violator: NO

Rating: 0.82

Rating: -----

Customer, Respondent, CN600631410, Caney Creek Municipal or Owner/Operator:

Utility District of Matagorda County

RN101384717, CANEY CREEK MUD OF Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Complexity Points:

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: 405 CANEY DRIVE IN SARGENT, MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: **REGION 12 - HOUSTON**

ID Number(s):

Regulated Entity:

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION

1610087

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: July 12, 2024

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: July 12, 2019 to July 12, 2024

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

Name: Mason DeMasi Phone: (210) 657-8425

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:

ADMINORDER 2020-1455-PWS-E (Findings Order-Agreed Order Without 1 Effective Date: 09/29/2021

Denial)

Classification: Moderate

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

5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 3Q2020 - During the 3rd quarter of 2020 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.117 mg/L at Samp PT 5: 2-04 Seagull RD, Sargent

(DBP2-01).

Classification: Moderate

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

5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 2Q2020 - During the 2nd quarter of 2020 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.091 mg/L at Samp PT 5: 2-04 Seagull RD, Sargent

(DBP2-01).

Classification: Moderate

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

5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 1Q2020 - During the 1st quarter of 2020 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.090 mg/L at Samp PT 5: 2-04 Seagull RD, Sargent

(DBP2-01).

B. Criminal convictions:

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

Item 1 August 24, 2021 (1745915) Item 4 March 30, 2023 (1873252)

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: 08/17/2023 (1951488)

Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate

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

Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 202023 - During the 2nd guarter of 2023 the system

violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.120 mg/L at Samp PT 5: 2-04 Seagull RD, Sargent (DBP2-01). ETT Point

Value = 5

2 Date: 09/21/2023 (1951488)

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 0.160 mg/L at Samp PT 5: 2-04 Seagull RD, Sargent (DBP2-01). ETT Point Value =

5

3 Date: 12/29/2023 (1951488)

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 0.169 mg/L at Samp PT 5: 2-04 Seagull RD, Sargent (DBP2-01) and LRAA of 0.118 mg/L at 4-84 Live Oak Bend, Sargent (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/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
CANEY CREEK MUNICIPAL UTILITY	§	
DISTRICT OF MATAGORDA COUNTY	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
RN101384717	§	

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2024-0124-PWS-E

On	the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or "TCEC	") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
action regarding Caney	Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda County (the "Respondent")
under the authority of	TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ,
through the Enforceme	ent 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 405 Caney Drive in Sargent, Matagorda County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 2,685 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 January 8, 2024 through January 19, 2024, an investigator documented that the locational running annual average concentrations of total trihalomethanes ("TTHM") for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 1 were 0.120 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the second quarter of 2023, 0.160 mg/L for the third quarter of 2023, and 0.169 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2023 and at Site 2 was 0.118 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 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 comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 mg/L for TTHM, based on the locational running annual 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 \$7,000 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 \$7,000 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: Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda County, Docket No. 2024-0124-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 Functions Section Manager Water Supply Division, MC 155 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. 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.

Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda County DOCKET NO. 2024-0124-PWS-E Page 5

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	Date
- Cun Fl	9/3/2024
For the Executive Director	Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the atta the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and c acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for on such representation.	onditions specified therein. I further
I also understand that failure to comply with the Ord and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may	
 A negative impact on compliance history; Greater scrutiny of any permit applications subtaction. Referral of this case to the OAG for contempt, is and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency; Increased penalties in any future enforcement and Automatic referral to the OAG of any future enforcement. TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law. 	njunctive relief, additional penalties, actions; forcement actions; and
In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents of the second	ments may result in criminal prosecution. $8 - 4 - 2024$ Date
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Caney Creek Municipal Utility District of Matagorda C	President

 $\hfill \Box$ If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below: