Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 65381 CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P. RN111033726 Docket No. 2024-0229-WQ-E

Order Type: 1660 Agreed Order **Findings Order Justification:** N/A Media: WQ **Small Business:** No Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred: Orchards 12B, located at the intersection of Plantation Drive and Pinehurst Drive, Granbury, Hood County **Type of Operation:** Residential construction site **Other Significant Matters:** Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No Past-Due Penalties: No Other: N/A Interested Third-Parties: The complainant has expressed an interest in this matter but does not wish to speak at Agenda. Texas Register Publication Date: July 12, 2024 Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$32,055 Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$6,411 Total Paid to General Revenue: \$25,644 Total Due to General Revenue: \$0 Payment Plan: N/A Compliance History Classifications: Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Unsatisfactory Major Source: No Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): October 22, 2023 and October 27, 2023 Complaint Information: Alleged that the operator allowed an illicit sediment discharge. Date(s) of Investigation: November 17, 2023 Date(s) of NOE(s): January 23, 2024

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Violation Information

1. Failed to prevent an unauthorized discharge of sediment into or adjacent to any water in the state. Specifically, sediment accumulations were observed throughout the channel that runs from the Site outfall to the Brazos River [TEX. WATER CODE \S 26.121(a)(2)].

2. Failed to maintain authorization to discharge stormwater associated with construction activities. Specifically, the Respondent did not achieve final stabilization of the channel that runs from the Site outfall to the Brazos River prior to submitting a Notice of Termination for Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") General Permit No. TXR1532CB on December 9, 2021 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 281.25(a)(4), 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), and TPDES System General Permit No. TXR150000 Part II, Section F and Part IV, Section B].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Respondent no longer operates the Site as of January 26, 2024.

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

a. Within 60 days, remove and properly dispose of accumulated sediment, from the impacted channel that runs from the Site outfall to the Brazos River, to restore proper water flow and make all reasonable efforts, as determined by the Executive Director, to work with owners and/or operators of affected properties to remove accumulated sediment; and

b. Within 75 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Nancy Sims, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-12, (512) 239-5053; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548 **Respondent:** Jesus Martinez, Director, CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P., 5327 Wichita Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76119 Brock Huggins, President, CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P., 5327 Wichita Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76119 **Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

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	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%					
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		Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%					
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Case ID No. 65381 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN111033726 Media Water Quality

Respondent CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P.

Enf. Coordinator Nancy Sims

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Screening Date 5-Feb-2024

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

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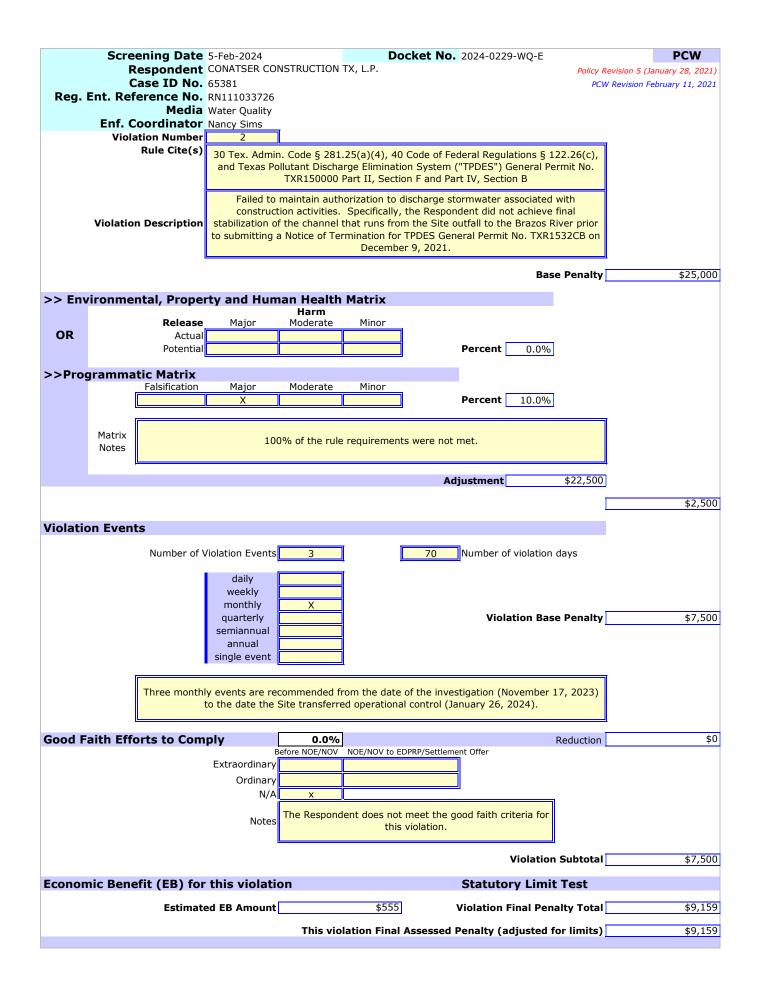
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Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN602529091, RN111033726, Rating Year 2023 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN602529091, CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P.	Classification: SATISFACTORY	Rating: 31.25				
Regulated Entity:	RN111033726, ORCHARDS 12B	Classification: UNSATISFACTORY	Rating: 125.00				
Complexity Points:	0	Repeat Violator: NO					
CH Group:	14 - Other						
Location:	Intersection of Plantation Drive and Pinehurst Drive, Granbury, Hood County, Texas						
TCEQ Region:	REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX						
ID Number(s):							
Compliance History Peri	od: September 01, 2018 to August 31, 202	23 Rating Year: 2023 Ratin	ng Date: 09/01/2023				
Date Compliance Histor	y Report Prepared: April 09, 2024						
Agency Decision Requir	ing Compliance History: Enforcemen	t					
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Name: Nancy M. Sims

Phone: (512) 239-5053

Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five-year compliance period?	NO
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:

- 1
 Effective Date: 09/29/2021
 ADMINORDER 2020-0780-WQ-E (1660 Order-Agreed Order With Denial)

 Classification: Major
 Classification: Major
 - Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 281, SubChapter A 281.25(a)(4) 40 CFR Chapter 122, SubChapter D, PT 122, SubPT B 122.26(c) TWC Chapter 26 26.121

Description: Failed to obtain authorization to discharge stormwater associated with construction activities. Specifically, the Respondent was performing construction activities prior to obtaining authorization under TPDES General Permit No. TXR150000. Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(2)

Description: Failed to prevent an unauthorized discharge of sediment into or adjacent to any water in the state. Specifically, sediment accumulations were observed throughout the channel that runs from the northwest corner of the Site to the Brazos River.

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.): $_{\mbox{$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. N/A

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs): $_{\mbox{N/A}}$
- H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates: $$N\!/\!A$$
- I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program: \$N/A\$
- J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P. RN111033726 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2024-0229-WQ-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 CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P. (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 operated a residential construction site located at the intersection of Plantation Drive and Pinehurst Drive in Granbury, Hood County, Texas (the "Site"). The Site 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 \$32,055 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$25,644 of the penalty and \$6,411 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.
- 5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.

- 6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 7. This Order represents the complete and fully integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
- 8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent no longer operates the Site as of January 26, 2024.

II. ALLEGATIONS

During an investigation at the Site conducted on November 17, 2023, an investigator documented that the Respondent:

- 1. Failed to prevent an unauthorized discharge of sediment into or adjacent to any water in the state, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(2). Specifically, sediment accumulations were observed throughout the channel that runs from the Site outfall to the Brazos River.
- 2. Failed to maintain authorization to discharge stormwater associated with construction activities, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 281.25(a)(4), 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit No. TXR150000 Part II, Section F and Part IV, Section B. Specifically, the Respondent did not achieve final stabilization of the channel that runs from the Site outfall to the Brazos River prior to submitting a Notice of Termination for TPDES General Permit No. TXR1532CB on December 9, 2021.

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: CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P., Docket No. 2024-0229-WQ-E" to:

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> 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 60 days of the effective date of this Order, remove and properly dispose of accumulated sediment, from the impacted channel that runs from the Site outfall to the Brazos River, to restore proper water flow and make all reasonable efforts, as determined by the Executive Director, to work with owners and/or operators of affected properties to remove accumulated sediment.
 - b. Within 75 days of 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 Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2309 Gravel Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951

- 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.
- 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. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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

For the Executive Director

Date

_____7/22/2024 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

Brock Huggins

Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of CONATSER CONSTRUCTION TX, L.P.

Date

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