

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 66516
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
RN102314465
Docket No. 2024-1269-MWD-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

TDCJ Wainwright Unit, 2665 Prison Road 1, Lovelady, Houston County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: Yes, Docket No. 2024-1506-MWD-E

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: April 18, 2025

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$19,250

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$3,850

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) Conditional Offset: \$15,400

Name of SEP: Angelina Beautiful Clean (Third-Party Pre-Approved)

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: May 31, 2024

Date(s) of NOE(s): July 15, 2024

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Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen and *Escherichia coli* [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0011181001, 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. WQ0011181001, 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: Taylor Williamson, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC R-12, (512) 239-2097; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Stuart Beckley, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-3565

SEP Third-Party Administrator: Angelina Beautiful Clean, 1615 South Chestnut Drive Lufkin, Texas 75901

Respondent: Ron Hudson, Director, Facilities Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, P.O. Box 4011, Huntsville, Texas 77342

Ron Steffa, Chief Financial Officer, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, P.O. Box 4011, Huntsville, Texas 77342

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

DATES	Assigned	29-Jul-2024	Screening	29-Jul-2024	EPA Due	
	PCW	23-Jan-2025				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Texas Department of Criminal Justice				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN102314465				
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont	Major/Minor Source	Minor		

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	66516	No. of Violations	2
Docket No.	2024-1269-MWD-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Taylor Williamson
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$13,750
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	40.0%	Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$5,500
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Notes Enhancement for eight months of self-reported effluent violations.

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

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0%	Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts \$1,821
Estimated Cost of Compliance \$15,000
*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$19,250
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

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Final Penalty Amount	\$19,250
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$19,250
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DEFERRAL	20.0%	Reduction	Adjustment	-\$3,850
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$15,400
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Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102314465			
Media	Water Quality			
Enf. Coordinator	Taylor Williamson			

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	8	40%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 40%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No	Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)	0%
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>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer	Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)	0%
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>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for eight months of self-reported effluent violations.
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Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 40%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 40%

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Case ID No.	66516	PCW Revision February 11, 2021		
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102314465			
Media	Water Quality			
Enf. Coordinator	Taylor Williamson			
Violation Number	1			
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0011181001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1			
Violation Description	Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.			
			Base Penalty	\$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR		Release	Harm		
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual		x		
	Potential				
				Percent	25.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	
				Percent	0.0%

Matrix Notes
Escherichia coli was evaluated to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. Human health or the environment has been exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$18,750

\$6,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events	1		30	Number of violation days
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	daily				
	weekly				
	monthly		x		
	quarterly				
	semiannual				
	annual				
	single event				

Violation Base Penalty \$6,250

One monthly event is recommended for the month of April 2023.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

	0.0%			
	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer		
Extraordinary				
Ordinary				
N/A	x			

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$6,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

	Statutory Limit Test	
Estimated EB Amount	\$1,821	Violation Final Penalty Total
		\$8,750
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)		\$8,750

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Case ID No. 66516
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102314465
Media Water Quality
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$15,000	30-Apr-2023	2-Oct-2025	2.43	\$1,821	n/a	\$1,821
Notes for DELAYED costs Estimated cost to determine the cause of noncompliance, make the necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility, and achieve compliance with the permitted effluent limitations. The Date Required is the end date of the first month of noncompliance, and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.							

Avoided Costs

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

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

Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$15,000	TOTAL	\$1,821
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Case ID No.	66516			PCW Revision February 11, 2021
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN102314465			
Media	Water Quality			
Enf. Coordinator	Taylor Williamson			
Violation Number	2			
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0011181001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1			
Violation Description	Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, as shown in the attached effluent violation table.			
		Base Penalty		\$25,000
>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix				
OR	Release	Major	Harm Moderate	Minor
	Actual			x
	Potential			
			Percent	15.0%
>> Programmatic Matrix				
	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
			Percent	0.0%
Matrix Notes	A simplified model was used to evaluate ammonia nitrogen to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. <i>Escherichia coli</i> was also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.			
		Adjustment		\$21,250
				\$3,750
Violation Events				
	Number of Violation Events	2	152	Number of violation days
	daily			
	weekly			
	monthly			
	quarterly	x		
	semiannual			
	annual			
	single event			
			Violation Base Penalty	\$7,500
	Two quarterly events are recommended for the quarters containing the months of October, November, and December 2023, and January and February 2024.			
Good Faith Efforts to Comply				
		0.0%	Reduction	\$0
	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer		
	Extraordinary			
	Ordinary			
	N/A	x		
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.			
		Violation Subtotal		\$7,500
Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation				
	Statutory Limit Test			
Estimated EB Amount	\$0	Violation Final Penalty Total		\$10,500
	This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)			\$10,500

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Case ID No. 66516
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102314465
Media Water Quality
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

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

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs	See Economic Benefit Worksheet for Violation No. 1.						

Avoided Costs

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

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

Approx. Cost of Compliance

TOTAL

Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Wainwright Unit
 TPDES Permit No. WQ0011181001
 Case No. 66516
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Effluent Violation Table

	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Daily Avg. Conc.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Daily Maximum Conc.	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Avg. Conc.	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Avg. Loading
Monitoring Period	Limit = 126 CFU/100 mL	Limit = 399 CFU/100 mL	Limit = 2 mg/L	Limit = 16 lbs/day
April 2023	329	1,230	c	c
October 2023	c	656	c	c
November 2023	c	c	2.98	c
December 2023	c	731	5.75	23.1
January 2024	c	c	2.32	c
February 2024	c	c	2.12	c

Avg. = average Conc. = concentration c = compliant mg/L = milligrams per liter
 lbs/day = pounds per day CFU/100 mL = colony forming units per 100 milliliters



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN601550650, RN102314465, Rating Year 2024 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2024.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN601550650, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Classification: SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 1.87

Regulated Entity: RN102314465, TDCJ WAINWRIGHT UNIT
Classification: SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 2.00

Complexity Points: 8
Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 12 - Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting

Location: 2665 Prison Road 1, Lovelady, Houston County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 10 - BEAUMONT

ID Number(s):

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 1130004

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 45345

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 53361

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 169263

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION 36092

WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0031593

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 44383

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER HS0012U

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 168937

USED OIL EPA ID TXD980747919

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0011181001

WASTEWATER AGRICULTURE PERMIT TXG920537

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2019 to August 31, 2024 **Rating Year:** 2024 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2024

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: January 23, 2025

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: January 23, 2020 to January 23, 2025

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

Name: Taylor Williamson

Phone: (512) 239-2097

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five-year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

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

Item 1	February 13, 2020	(1641099)	Item 11	December 09, 2020	(1713760)
Item 2	March 11, 2020	(1647616)	Item 12	January 15, 2021	(1713761)
Item 3	April 14, 2020	(1653960)	Item 13	February 12, 2021	(1726823)
Item 4	May 12, 2020	(1660539)	Item 14	March 19, 2021	(1726824)
Item 5	June 16, 2020	(1667053)	Item 15	April 15, 2021	(1726825)
Item 6	July 17, 2020	(1674001)	Item 16	May 18, 2021	(1740719)
Item 7	August 18, 2020	(1680780)	Item 17	June 17, 2021	(1747815)
Item 8	September 14, 2020	(1687349)	Item 18	July 19, 2021	(1752138)
Item 9	October 13, 2020	(1693689)	Item 19	August 18, 2021	(1757589)
Item 10	November 09, 2020	(1713759)	Item 20	September 15, 2021	(1766768)

Item 21	October 20, 2021	(1777266)	Item 34	November 15, 2022	(1869925)
Item 22	November 15, 2021	(1784058)	Item 35	December 15, 2022	(1875775)
Item 23	December 16, 2021	(1791093)	Item 36	January 18, 2023	(1882595)
Item 24	January 18, 2022	(1798877)	Item 37	February 16, 2023	(1890407)
Item 25	February 15, 2022	(1806754)	Item 38	March 17, 2023	(1898975)
Item 26	March 16, 2022	(1813819)	Item 39	April 19, 2023	(1905761)
Item 27	April 18, 2022	(1820392)	Item 40	June 19, 2023	(1919545)
Item 28	May 19, 2022	(1829231)	Item 41	July 19, 2023	(1926510)
Item 29	June 20, 2022	(1835524)	Item 42	August 18, 2023	(1933468)
Item 30	July 18, 2022	(1842724)	Item 43	September 19, 2023	(1939608)
Item 31	August 22, 2022	(1848855)	Item 44	October 19, 2023	(1946456)
Item 32	September 20, 2022	(1856656)	Item 45	April 19, 2024	(1990665)
Item 33	October 19, 2022	(1863013)	Item 46	November 20, 2024	(2036696)

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.

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| 1 | Date: 01/31/2024 (1977567) | | |
| | 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: 02/29/2024 (1984145) | | |
| | 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: 04/30/2024 (1997121) | | |
| | 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 | | |
| 4 | Date: 05/31/2024 (2004076) | | |
| | 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 | | |
| 5 | Date: 06/30/2024 (2011633) | | |
| | 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: 07/31/2024 (2017227) | | |
| | 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: 08/31/2024 (2024250) | | |
| | 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: 09/30/2024 (2030371) | | |
| | 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 | | |

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
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE
RN102314465

§ BEFORE THE
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§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2024-1269-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 Texas Department of Criminal Justice (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 facility located at 2665 Prison Road 1 in Lovelady, Houston 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 \$19,250 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The amount of \$3,850 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 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, \$15,400 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 May 31, 2024, 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. WQ0011181001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

Effluent Violation Table				
	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Daily Avg. Conc.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Daily Maximum Conc.	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Avg. Conc.	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Avg. Loading
Monitoring Period	Limit = 126 CFU/100 mL	Limit = 399 CFU/100 mL	Limit = 2 mg/L	Limit = 16 lbs/day
April 2023	329	1,230	c	c
October 2023	c	656	c	c
November 2023	c	c	2.98	c
December 2023	c	731	5.75	23.1
January 2024	c	c	2.32	c
February 2024	c	c	2.12	c

Avg. = average Conc. = concentration c = compliant mg/L = milligrams per liter
lbs/day = pounds per day CFU/100mL = colony forming units per 100 milliliters

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: Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Docket No. 2024-1269-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 the SEP as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The amount of \$15,400 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 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. WQ0011181001, 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. This certification shall include detailed 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
Beaumont Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
3870 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703-1830

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.

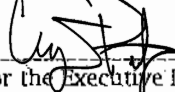
9. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date



5/20/2025

For the Executive Director

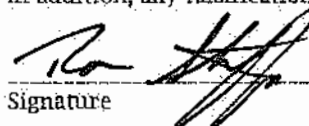
Date

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.



Signature

3-10-25

Date

Ron Steffa

Chief Financial Officer

Name (Printed or typed)

Title

Authorized Representative of

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order.

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2024-1269-MWD-E
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Payable Penalty Amount:	\$15,400
SEP Offset Amount:	\$15,400
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Angelina Beautiful Clean
Project Name:	<i>Household Hazardous Waste Collection</i>
Total Project Budget:	\$301,080 (\$30,108 per event)
Location of SEP:	Angelina, Cherokee, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Polk, San Augustine, Trinity, and Tyler Counties

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to **Angelina Beautiful Clean** for the *Household Hazardous Waste Collection* project (the “Project”). The Project is to conduct events for residents to bring in Household Hazardous Waste (“HHW”) such as paint, thinners, pesticides, oil and gas, corrosive cleaners, and fertilizers for proper disposal (“Collection Event”). When possible, the Collection Event may also provide electronics collection, disposal, and recycling. The Third-Party Administrator or its contractors shall determine exactly which materials will be accepted and how they will be disposed of or recycled. The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that individuals qualified to make determinations regarding receiving, handling, and temporarily storing HHW are present at each event.

The Third-Party Administrator shall ensure that, at least 45 days before each Collection Event, Form TCEQ-20459 Notification for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, as may be amended, is submitted to TCEQ in accordance with Chapter 335, Texas Administrative Code.

The Third-Party Administrator shall use only licensed haulers and authorized disposal sites. The Project will be done in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including, but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director (“ED”), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that the Respondent has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit from this SEP.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a means of properly disposing of HHW which might otherwise be disposed of in regular landfills, storm drains, sewer systems, or other means detrimental to the environment. This SEP will provide assistance to help rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with HHW and will provide for proper and protective disposal or recycling of collected materials.

C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Angelina Beautiful Clean SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

Angelina Beautiful Clean
Attention: Project Manager
1615 South Chestnut Drive
Lufkin, Texas 75901

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Litigation SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the 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 in Sections 2 and 3, above the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the 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. The Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment

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is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

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

6. Recognition

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

7. 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 the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.