Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 68204
City of Woodville
RN101720704
Docket No. 2025-1236-MWD-E

Order Type:
1660 Agreed Order
Findings Order Justification:
N/A
Media:
MWD
Small Business:
No
Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:
South Plant, 320 Veterans Way, Woodville, Tyler County
Type of Operation:
Wastewater treatment facility
Other Significant Matters:
Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No
Past-Due Penalties: No
Past-Due Fees: No
Other: N/A
Interested Third-Parties: None
Texas Register Publication Date: February 13, 2026
Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: $15,625
Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: $3,125
Total Paid to General Revenue: $0
Total Due to General Revenue: $0
Payment Plan: N/A
Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: $12,500
Name of SEP: Chemical Injection System Improvements (Compliance)
Compliance History Classifications:
Person/CN - Satisfactory
Site/RN - Satisfactory
Major Source: Yes
Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A
Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A
Complaint Information: N/A
Date(s) of Investigation: June 30, 2025
Date(s) of NOE(s): July 16, 2025

Violation Information

1. Failed to submit progress reports at the intervals specified in the permit as documented by a TCEQ record review. Specifically, the Respondent did not submit the final effluent limitations notification for total copper at Outfall 001 for the scheduled due date of December 6, 2024 [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (18), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010322001, Other Requirements No. 8].

2. Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for total copper [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010322001, Final 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:

a. Within 30 days, submit the final effluent limitations notification for total copper at Outfall 001;

b. Within 45 days, submit written certification of compliance with a.; and

c. Within 130 days, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010322001, 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.

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Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Samantha Smith, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 7, MC 219, (512) 239-2099; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC R-12, (512) 239-2548
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Adena Crider, Litigation Division, MC 175, (512) 239-0648
Respondent: The Honorable Amy Bythewood, Mayor, City of Woodville, 400 West Bluff Street, Woodville, Texas 75979-5122
Stephen Ramos, City Administrator, City of Woodville, 400 West Bluff Street, Woodville, Texas 75979-5122
Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

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

DATES						
	Assigned	21-Jul-2025				
	PCW	16-Sep-2025	**Screening**	21-Jul-2025	**EPA Due**	5-Sep-2025

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION			
Respondent	City of Woodville		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101720704		
Facility/Site Region	10-Beaumont	**Major/Minor Source**	Major

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	68204	**No. of Violations**	2
Docket No.	2025-1236-MWD-E	**Order Type**	1660
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	**Government/Non-Profit**	Yes
Multi-Media		**Enf. Coordinator**	Samantha Smith
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7

Admin. Penalty $ Limit Minimum $0 Maximum $25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) — ***Subtotal 1*** **$12,500**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

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

Compliance History **25.0%** Adjustment — ***Subtotals 2, 3, & 7*** **$3,125**

Notes: Enhancement for four months of self-reported effluent violations and one NOV with same/similar violations.

Culpability No **0.0%** Enhancement — ***Subtotal 4*** **$0**

Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments — ***Subtotal 5*** **$0**

Economic Benefit **0.0%** Enhancement* — ***Subtotal 6*** **$0**

Total EB Amounts $992
Estimated Cost of Compliance $12,050
**Capped at the Total EB $ Amount*

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 — ***Final Subtotal*** **$15,625**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **0.0%** — ***Adjustment*** **$0**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount **$15,625**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT — ***Final Assessed Penalty*** **$15,625**

DEFERRAL **20.0%** Reduction — ***Adjustment*** **-$3,125**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY **$12,500**

Screening Date	21-Jul-2025	**Docket No.** 2025-1236-MWD-E	**PCW**
Respondent	City of Woodville		*Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)*
Case ID No.	68204		*PCW Revision February 11, 2021*
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101720704		
Media	Water Quality		
Enf. Coordinator	Samantha Smith		

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*)	5	25%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (*number of orders meeting criteria*)	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 (*number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria*)	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 (*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%
	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%
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) 25%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

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 four months of self-reported effluent violations and one NOV with same/similar violations.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 25%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage ****capped at 100%*** 25%

Screening Date	21-Jul-2025	**Docket No.** 2025-1236-MWD-E	**PCW**
Respondent	City of Woodville		*Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)*
Case ID No.	68204		*PCW Revision February 11, 2021*
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101720704		
Media	Water Quality		
Enf. Coordinator	Samantha Smith		

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. WQ0010322001, Final 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 30.0%

>>Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes: A simplified model was used to evaluate total copper to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. Human health or the environment has been exposed to insignificant amounts of pollutants that do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment $17,500

$7,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 — 90 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	X
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty $7,500

One quarterly event is recommended for the quarter containing the months of January, February, and March 2025.

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

Estimated EB Amount $988

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $9,375

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $9,375

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent City of Woodville
Case ID No. 68204
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101720704
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
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)	$12,000	31-Jan-2025	24-Sep-2026	1.65	$988	n/a	$988
Notes for DELAYED costs	Estimated other 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 $12,000

TOTAL $988

Screening Date 21-Jul-2025 **Docket No.** 2025-1236-MWD-E **PCW**

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PCW Revision February 11, 2021

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101720704

Media Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Samantha Smith

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and (18), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0010322001, Other Requirements No. 8

Violation Description Failed to submit progress reports at the intervals specified in the permit as documented by a TCEQ record review. Specifically, the Respondent did not submit the final effluent limitations notification for Total Copper at Outfall 001 for the scheduled due date December 6, 2024.

Base Penalty $25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm: Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0.0%

>>Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	X		

Percent 20.0%

Matrix Notes: 100% of the rule requirements was not met.

Adjustment $20,000

$5,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events: 1 — 227 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	X

Violation Base Penalty $5,000

One single event is recommended.

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 $5,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Estimated EB Amount $4

Statutory Limit Test

Violation Final Penalty Total $6,250

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) $6,250

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent City of Woodville
Case ID No. 68204
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101720704
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
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	$50	6-Dec-2024	16-Jun-2026	1.53	$4	n/a	$4
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	Estimated cost to submit the progress report for attaining final effluent limitations for Total Copper at Outfall 001. Date Required is the date report was due 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 $50

TOTAL $4

City of Woodville TPDES Permit No. WQ0010322001 Case No. 68204 Docket No. 2025-1236-MWD-E		
Effluent Violation Table		
	Total Copper Daily Average Concentration	Total Copper Daily Maximum Concentration
Monitoring Period	Limit = 0.00552 mg/L	Limit = 0.0116 mg/L
January 2025	0.00903	c
February 2025	0.00757	c
March 2025	0.00964	0.0132

mg/L = milligrams per liter c = compliant

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Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600636435, RN101720704, Rating Year 2024 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2024.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN600636435, City of Woodville **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 2.65

Regulated Entity: RN101720704, SOUTH PLANT **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 3.18

Complexity Points: 5 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 08 - Sewage Treatment Facilities

Location: 320 Veterans Way, Woodville, Tyler County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 10 - BEAUMONT

ID Number(s):
WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0010322001 **WASTEWATER** EPA ID TX0025828
WASTEWATER AUTHORIZATION R10322001

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

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: July 21, 2025

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: July 21, 2020 to July 21, 2025

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

Name: Samantha Smith **Phone:** (512) 239-2099

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	August 17, 2020	(1680668)	Item 14	September 17, 2021	(1766591)
Item 2	October 05, 2020	(1687237)	Item 15	October 19, 2021	(1777154)
Item 3	October 19, 2020	(1693578)	Item 16	November 16, 2021	(1783947)
Item 4	November 18, 2020	(1713429)	Item 17	December 16, 2021	(1790977)
Item 5	December 18, 2020	(1713430)	Item 18	February 11, 2022	(1806642)
Item 6	March 01, 2021	(1726488)	Item 19	March 16, 2022	(1813707)
Item 7	March 19, 2021	(1726489)	Item 20	April 27, 2022	(1820279)
Item 8	April 20, 2021	(1726490)	Item 21	May 19, 2022	(1829119)
Item 10	May 20, 2021	(1740549)	Item 22	June 17, 2022	(1835410)
Item 11	June 16, 2021	(1740550)	Item 23	August 19, 2022	(1848744)
Item 12	July 15, 2021	(1752029)	Item 24	September 19, 2022	(1856544)
Item 13	August 17, 2021	(1757483)	Item 25	October 19, 2022	(1862902)

Item 26	November 21, 2022	(1869815)	Item 39	January 19, 2024	(1968400)
Item 27	December 20, 2022	(1875664)	Item 40	March 20, 2024	(1984026)
Item 28	January 30, 2023	(1882485)	Item 41	April 22, 2024	(1990556)
Item 29	March 20, 2023	(1898861)	Item 42	May 20, 2024	(1997012)
Item 30	April 19, 2023	(1905650)	Item 43	June 25, 2024	(2003967)
Item 31	May 18, 2023	(1912828)	Item 44	July 19, 2024	(2011523)
Item 32	June 21, 2023	(1919435)	Item 45	August 21, 2024	(2017118)
Item 33	July 20, 2023	(1926401)	Item 46	October 11, 2024	(2024139)
Item 34	August 18, 2023	(1933359)	Item 47	October 17, 2024	(2030262)
Item 35	September 20, 2023	(1939500)	Item 48	November 18, 2024	(2036587)
Item 36	October 13, 2023	(1946348)	Item 49	December 26, 2024	(2042931)
Item 37	November 20, 2023	(1952037)	Item 50	January 17, 2025	(2049519)
Item 38	December 20, 2023	(1961806)			

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: 01/31/2025 (2057089)
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: 02/28/2025 (2065653)
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: 03/28/2025 (2048616)
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
P.C. No. 2(g), pg. 10 PERMIT
Description: Failure by the City of Woodville (City) to prevent the discharge of wastewater

into or adjacent to waters in the state.
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.039(b)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(9)(A)
MRR No. 7(A) Pg. 7 PERMIT
Description: Failure by the City of Woodville (City) to report an unauthorized discharge (UD) to the Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware by phone or facsimile. Failure to submit a written report within five working days of becoming aware of the non-compliance to the TCEQ Region 10 office and Enforcement Division (Mail Code 224).
Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)
30 TAC Chapter 317 317.3(e)(4)(C)
OPR Pg. 13, No. 1 PERMIT
Description: Failure by City of Woodville (City) to properly operate and maintain units of collection, treatment, and disposal, and maintain a fence with controlled access.

4 Date: 03/31/2025 (2072466)
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: 04/30/2025 (2078856)
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	**§**	**BEFORE THE**
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	**§**	
CONCERNING	**§**	**TEXAS COMMISSION ON**
CITY OF WOODVILLE	**§**	
RN101720704	**§**	**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2025-1236-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 City of Woodville (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 320 Veterans Way in Woodville, Tyler 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 $15,625 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The amount of $3,125 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

   Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067, $12,500 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

1. During a record review for the Facility conducted on June 30, 2025, an investigator documented that:

   a. The Respondent failed to submit progress reports at the intervals specified in the permit as documented by a TCEQ record review, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and (18), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0010322001, Other Requirements No. 8. Specifically, the Respondent did not submit the final effluent limitations notification for Total Copper at Outfall 001 for the scheduled due date of December 6, 2024.

   b. 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 TPDES Permit No. WQ0010322001, Final Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as shown in the effluent violation table below:

Effluent Violation Table

	Total Copper Daily Average Concentration	Total Copper Daily Maximum Concentration
Monitoring Period	Limit = 0.00552 mg/L	Limit = 0.0116 mg/L
January 2025	0.00903	c
February 2025	0.00757	c
March 2025	0.00964	0.0132

mg/L = milligrams per liter c = compliant

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: City of Woodville, Docket No. 2025-1236-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 $12,500 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 undertake the following technical requirements:

   a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this order, submit the attain final effluent limitations notification for Total Copper at Outfall 001 to:

      Water Section Manager
      Beaumont Regional Office
      Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
      3870 Eastex Freeway
      Beaumont, Texas 77703-1830

      and

      Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
      Compliance Monitoring Section - MC 224
      P.O. Box 13087
      Austin, TX 78711-3087

   b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this order, submit written certification of compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. in accordance with Ordering Provision No. 2.c.

c. Within 130 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limitations of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010322001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall include 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

Kristin Mello-Jurach 03/23/2026
_____ _____
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.

Stephen Ramos 1-21-2026
_____ _____
Signature Date

STEPHEN RAMOS CITY ADMINISTRATOR
_____ _____
Name (Printed or typed) Title
Authorized Representative of
City of Woodville

☐ *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: 2025-1236-MWD-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	City of Woodville
Penalty Amount:	$12,500
SEP Offset Amount:	$12,500
Type of SEP:	Compliance
Project Name:	*Chemical Injection System Improvements*
Location of SEP:	Tyler County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") agrees to offset the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order in exchange for Respondent's performance of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The SEP Offset Amount is set forth above and such offset is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

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

1. Project Description

A. Project

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

Respondent shall use the SEP Offset Amount only for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including supplies, materials, and equipment rentals, as listed below in Subsection C. Minimum Expenditure, Estimated Cost Schedule. No portion of the SEP Offset Amount shall be spent on administrative costs, including operating costs, reporting expenses, handling of expenses, project coordination, liability, or equipment breakdowns.

Respondent's signature affixed to the attached Agreed Order certifies that Respondent has no prior commitment to perform this Project and that the SEP is being performed solely as part of the terms of settlement in this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by improving the quality of wastewater effluent being released into the environment. Inadequately treated effluent can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa (parasitic organisms), helminths (intestinal worms), and bioaerosols (inhalable molds and fungi). The diseases they may cause range in severity from mild gastroenteritis to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis,

and severe gastroenteritis. Additional risks include occurrences of low dissolved oxygen, fish kills, algal bloom, and bacterial contamination in waterways.

C. Minimum Expenditure

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

Estimated Cost Schedule

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Solution Injection Pump	$3,950.00	1	$3,950.00
½ Inch PVC Conduit	$2.00	145 linear feet	$290.00
Low Voltage Communication Wire	$4.00	20 linear feet	$80.00
UV Polyethylene Tubing	$2.00	145 linear feet	$290.00
Clear Polyethylene Tubinh	$2.50	15 linear feet	$37.50
Coagulation and Flocculation Chemicals	$15.00	500 gallons	$7,500.00
Installation	$1,800.00	Lump Sum	$1,800.00
Total			**$13,947.50**

2. Performance Schedule

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

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

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

3. Records and Reporting

A. Progress Report

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a Notice of Commencement to TCEQ describing actions performed to date to implement the Project. Within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, Respondent shall submit a report detailing the progress made and all actions completed on the Project during the previous

60-day period and setting forth a schedule for achieving completion of the Project within the 130-day timeframe set forth above in Section 2, Performance Schedule.

Reporting Schedule

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

B. Final Report

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

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

C. Submittals

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

4. Additional Information and Access

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

5. Failure to Fully Perform

If Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described above in Sections 2 through 4, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount as set forth in the attached Agreed Order.

In the event the ED determines that Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for reimbursement of a SEP, shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," and shall mail it to the SEP Coordinator at the address provided above.

6. Publicity

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

7. Recognition

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

8. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

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