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# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

### MINOR AMENDMENT

**PERMIT NO. WQ0016100001**

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Quadvest, L.P., 26926 Farm-to-Market 2978 Road, Magnolia, Texas 77354, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a minor amendment to the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016100001 to authorize the addition of an Interim II phase at a daily average flow not to exceed 250,000 gallons per day. The existing permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 750,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on March 21, 2024.

The facility will be located approximately 650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road, in Harris County, Texas 77484. The treated effluent is discharged to a Kickapoo Creek, thence to Spring Creek in Segment No. 1008 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is high aquatic life use for Kickapoo Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1008 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.890833,30.095277&level=18>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/tpdes-applications>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.**

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment) within 30 days from the date this notice is mailed.**

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Quadvest, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jeff Goebel, Consultant, at 713-724-9321.

Issuance Date: September 27, 2024



TPDES PERMIT NO. WQ0016100001  
*[For TCEQ office use only - EPA I.D.  
No. TX0142336]*

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

This minor amendment supersedes and  
replaces TPDES Permit No.  
WQ0016100001 issued on March 6,  
2023, and is issued pursuant to 30 TAC  
§ 305.62(c)(2).

PERMIT TO DISCHARGE WASTES  
under provisions of  
Section 402 of the Clean Water Act  
and Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code

Quadvest, L.P.

whose mailing address is

26926 Farm-to-Market 2978 Road  
Magnolia, Texas 77354

is authorized to treat and discharge wastes from the Binford Wastewater Treatment Facility, SIC Code  
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located approximately 650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road, in Harris  
County, Texas 77484

to a Kickapoo Creek, thence to Spring Creek in Segment No. 1008 of the San Jacinto River Basin

only according to effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in this  
permit, as well as the rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the laws of the  
State of Texas, and other orders of the TCEQ. The issuance of this permit does not grant to the  
permittee the right to use private or public property for conveyance of wastewater along the discharge  
route described in this permit. This includes, but is not limited to, property belonging to any individual,  
partnership, corporation, or other entity. Neither does this permit authorize any invasion of personal  
rights nor any violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations. It is the responsibility of the  
permittee to acquire property rights as may be necessary to use the discharge route.

This permit shall expire at midnight, **March 6, 2028**.

ISSUED DATE:

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For the Commission

INTERIM I EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTSOutfall Number 001

1. During the period beginning upon the date of issuance and lasting through the completion of expansion to the 0.25 million gallons per day (MGD) facility, the permittee is authorized to discharge subject to the following effluent limitations:

The daily average flow of effluent shall not exceed 0.125 MGD, nor shall the average discharge during any two-hour period (2-hour peak) exceed 347 gallons per minute (gpm).

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>				<u>Min. Self-Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	Daily Avg mg/l (lbs/day)	7-day Avg mg/l	Daily Max mg/l	Single Grab mg/l	Report Daily Avg. & Max. Single Grab Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow, MGD	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	Continuous	Totalizing Meter
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day)	10 (10)	15	25	35	One/week	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	15 (16)	25	40	60	One/week	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen	3 (3.1)	6	10	15	One/week	Grab
<i>E. coli</i> , colony-forming units or most probable number per 100 ml	63	N/A	N/A	200	One/month	Grab

2. The effluent shall contain a total chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/l and shall not exceed a total chlorine residual of 4.0 mg/l after a detention time of at least 20 minutes (based on peak flow), and shall be monitored five times per week by grab sample. An equivalent method of disinfection may be substituted only with prior approval of the Executive Director.
3. The pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units and shall be monitored once per month by grab sample.
4. There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts and no discharge of visible oil.
5. Effluent monitoring samples shall be taken at the following location(s): Following the final treatment unit.
6. The effluent shall contain a minimum dissolved oxygen of 4.0 mg/l and shall be monitored once per week by grab sample.

INTERIM II EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTSOutfall Number 001

1. During the period beginning upon the completion of expansion to the 0.25 million gallons per day (MGD) facility and lasting through the completion of expansion to the 0.75 MGD facility, the permittee is authorized to discharge subject to the following effluent limitations:

The daily average flow of effluent shall not exceed 0.25 MGD, nor shall the average discharge during any two-hour period (2-hour peak) exceed 694 gallons per minute (gpm).

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>				<u>Min. Self-Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	Daily Avg mg/l (lbs/day)	7-day Avg mg/l	Daily Max mg/l	Single Grab mg/l	Report Daily Avg. & Max. Single Grab Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow, MGD	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	Continuous	Totalizing Meter
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day)	10 (20)	15	25	35	One/week	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	15 (31)	25	40	60	One/week	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen	2 (4.1)	5	10	15	One/week	Grab
<i>E. coli</i> , colony-forming units or most probable number per 100 ml	63	N/A	N/A	200	One/month	Grab

2. The effluent shall contain a total chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/l and shall not exceed a total chlorine residual of 4.0 mg/l after a detention time of at least 20 minutes (based on peak flow), and shall be monitored five times per week by grab sample. An equivalent method of disinfection may be substituted only with prior approval of the Executive Director.
3. The pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units and shall be monitored once per month by grab sample.
4. There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts and no discharge of visible oil.
5. Effluent monitoring samples shall be taken at the following location(s): Following the final treatment unit.
6. The effluent shall contain a minimum dissolved oxygen of 5.0 mg/l and shall be monitored once per week by grab sample.

FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTSOutfall Number 001

1. During the period beginning upon the completion of expansion to the 0.75 million gallons per day (MGD) facility and lasting through the date of expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge subject to the following effluent limitations:

The daily average flow of effluent shall not exceed 0.75 MGD, nor shall the average discharge during any two-hour period (2-hour peak) exceed 2,083 gallons per minute (gpm).

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>				<u>Min. Self-Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	Daily Avg mg/l (lbs/day)	7-day Avg mg/l	Daily Max mg/l	Single Grab mg/l	Report Daily Avg. & Daily Max. Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow, MGD	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	Continuous	Totalizing Meter
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day)	10 (63)	15	25	35	One/week	Composite
Total Suspended Solids	15 (94)	25	40	60	One/week	Composite
Ammonia Nitrogen	2 (13)	5	10	15	One/week	Composite
<i>E. coli</i> , colony-forming units or most probable number per 100 ml	63	N/A	200	N/A	Two/month	Grab

2. The effluent shall contain a total chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/l after a detention time of at least 20 minutes (based on peak flow) and shall be monitored daily by grab sample. The permittee shall dechlorinate the chlorinated effluent to less than 0.1 mg/l total chlorine residual and shall monitor total chlorine residual daily by grab sample after the dechlorination process. An equivalent method of disinfection may be substituted only with prior approval of the Executive Director.
3. The pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units and shall be monitored twice per month by grab sample.
4. There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts and no discharge of visible oil.
5. Effluent monitoring samples shall be taken at the following location(s): Following the final treatment unit.
6. The effluent shall contain a minimum dissolved oxygen of 5.0 mg/l and shall be monitored once per week by grab sample.

## DEFINITIONS AND STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS

As required by Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 305, certain regulations appear as standard conditions in waste discharge permits. 30 TAC § 305.121 - 305.129 (relating to Permit Characteristics and Conditions) as promulgated under the Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 5.103 and 5.105, and the Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) §§ 361.017 and 361.024(a), establish the characteristics and standards for waste discharge permits, including sewage sludge, and those sections of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 122 adopted by reference by the Commission. The following text includes these conditions and incorporates them into this permit. All definitions in TWC § 26.001 and 30 TAC Chapter 305 shall apply to this permit and are incorporated by reference. Some specific definitions of words or phrases used in this permit are as follows:

### 1. Flow Measurements

- a. Annual average flow - the arithmetic average of all daily flow determinations taken within the preceding 12 consecutive calendar months. The annual average flow determination shall consist of daily flow volume determinations made by a totalizing meter, charted on a chart recorder and limited to major domestic wastewater discharge facilities with one million gallons per day or greater permitted flow.
- b. Daily average flow - the arithmetic average of all determinations of the daily flow within a period of one calendar month. The daily average flow determination shall consist of determinations made on at least four separate days. If instantaneous measurements are used to determine the daily flow, the determination shall be the arithmetic average of all instantaneous measurements taken during that month. Daily average flow determination for intermittent discharges shall consist of a minimum of three flow determinations on days of discharge.
- c. Daily maximum flow - the highest total flow for any 24-hour period in a calendar month.
- d. Instantaneous flow - the measured flow during the minimum time required to interpret the flow measuring device.
- e. 2-hour peak flow (domestic wastewater treatment plants) - the maximum flow sustained for a two-hour period during the period of daily discharge. The average of multiple measurements of instantaneous maximum flow within a two-hour period may be used to calculate the 2-hour peak flow.
- f. Maximum 2-hour peak flow (domestic wastewater treatment plants) - the highest 2-hour peak flow for any 24-hour period in a calendar month.

### 2. Concentration Measurements

- a. Daily average concentration - the arithmetic average of all effluent samples, composite or grab as required by this permit, within a period of one calendar month, consisting of at least four separate representative measurements.
  - i. For domestic wastewater treatment plants - When four samples are not available in a calendar month, the arithmetic average (weighted by flow) of all values in the previous four consecutive month period consisting of at least four measurements shall be utilized as the daily average concentration.



- ii. For all other wastewater treatment plants - When four samples are not available in a calendar month, the arithmetic average (weighted by flow) of all values taken during the month shall be utilized as the daily average concentration.
- b. 7-day average concentration - the arithmetic average of all effluent samples, composite or grab as required by this permit, within a period of one calendar week, Sunday through Saturday.
- c. Daily maximum concentration - the maximum concentration measured on a single day, by the sample type specified in the permit, within a period of one calendar month.
- d. Daily discharge - the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in terms of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the sampling day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the sampling day.

The daily discharge determination of concentration made using a composite sample shall be the concentration of the composite sample. When grab samples are used, the daily discharge determination of concentration shall be the arithmetic average (weighted by flow value) of all samples collected during that day.

- e. Bacteria concentration (*E. coli* or Enterococci) - Colony Forming Units (CFU) or Most Probable Number (MPN) of bacteria per 100 milliliters effluent. The daily average bacteria concentration is a geometric mean of the values for the effluent samples collected in a calendar month. The geometric mean shall be determined by calculating the  $n$ th root of the product of all measurements made in a calendar month, where  $n$  equals the number of measurements made; or, computed as the antilogarithm of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of all measurements made in a calendar month. For any measurement of bacteria equaling zero, a substituted value of one shall be made for input into either computation method. If specified, the 7-day average for bacteria is the geometric mean of the values for all effluent samples collected during a calendar week.
  - f. Daily average loading (lbs/day) - the arithmetic average of all daily discharge loading calculations during a period of one calendar month. These calculations must be made for each day of the month that a parameter is analyzed. The daily discharge, in terms of mass (lbs/day), is calculated as (Flow, MGD x Concentration, mg/l x 8.34).
  - g. Daily maximum loading (lbs/day) - the highest daily discharge, in terms of mass (lbs/day), within a period of one calendar month.
3. Sample Type
- a. Composite sample - For domestic wastewater, a composite sample is a sample made up of a minimum of three effluent portions collected in a continuous 24-hour period or during the period of daily discharge if less than 24 hours, and combined in volumes proportional to flow, and collected at the intervals required by 30 TAC § 319.9 (a). For industrial wastewater, a composite sample is a sample made up of a minimum of three effluent portions collected in a continuous 24-hour period or during the period of daily discharge if less than 24 hours, and combined in volumes proportional to flow, and collected at the intervals required by 30 TAC § 319.9 (b).

- b. Grab sample - an individual sample collected in less than 15 minutes.
- 4. Treatment Facility (facility) - wastewater facilities used in the conveyance, storage, treatment, recycling, reclamation and/or disposal of domestic sewage, industrial wastes, agricultural wastes, recreational wastes, or other wastes including sludge handling or disposal facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5. The term "sewage sludge" is defined as solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in 30 TAC Chapter 312. This includes the solids that have not been classified as hazardous waste separated from wastewater by unit processes.
- 6. The term "biosolids" is defined as sewage sludge that has been tested or processed to meet Class A, Class AB, or Class B pathogen standards in 30 TAC Chapter 312 for beneficial use.
- 7. Bypass - the intentional diversion of a waste stream from any portion of a treatment facility.

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Self-Reporting**

Monitoring results shall be provided at the intervals specified in the permit. Unless otherwise specified in this permit or otherwise ordered by the Commission, the permittee shall conduct effluent sampling and reporting in accordance with 30 TAC §§ 319.4 - 319.12. Unless otherwise specified, effluent monitoring data shall be submitted each month, to the Compliance Monitoring Team of the Enforcement Division (MC 224), by the 20th day of the following month for each discharge which is described by this permit whether or not a discharge is made for that month. Monitoring results must be submitted online using the NetDMR reporting system available through the TCEQ website unless the permittee requests and obtains an electronic reporting waiver. Monitoring results must be signed and certified as required by Monitoring and Reporting Requirements No. 10.

As provided by state law, the permittee is subject to administrative, civil and criminal penalties, as applicable, for negligently or knowingly violating the Clean Water Act (CWA); TWC §§ 26, 27, and 28; and THSC § 361, including but not limited to knowingly making any false statement, representation, or certification on any report, record, or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance, or falsifying, tampering with or knowingly rendering inaccurate any monitoring device or method required by this permit or violating any other requirement imposed by state or federal regulations.

### **2. Test Procedures**

- a. Unless otherwise specified in this permit, test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall comply with procedures specified in 30 TAC §§ 319.11 - 319.12. Measurements, tests, and calculations shall be accurately accomplished in a representative manner.
- b. All laboratory tests submitted to demonstrate compliance with this permit must meet the requirements of 30 TAC § 25, Environmental Testing Laboratory Accreditation and Certification.

### **3. Records of Results**

- a. Monitoring samples and measurements shall be taken at times and in a manner so as to

be representative of the monitored activity.

- b. Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the permittee's sewage sludge use or biosolids and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years (or longer as required by 40 CFR Part 503), monitoring and reporting records, including strip charts and records of calibration and maintenance, copies of all records required by this permit, records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, and the certification required by 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9) shall be retained at the facility site, or shall be readily available for review by a TCEQ representative for a period of three years from the date of the record or sample, measurement, report, application or certification. This period shall be extended at the request of the Executive Director.
- c. Records of monitoring activities shall include the following:
  - i. date, time and place of sample or measurement;
  - ii. identity of individual who collected the sample or made the measurement.
  - iii. date and time of analysis;
  - iv. identity of the individual and laboratory who performed the analysis;
  - v. the technique or method of analysis; and
  - vi. the results of the analysis or measurement and quality assurance/quality control records.

The period during which records are required to be kept shall be automatically extended to the date of the final disposition of any administrative or judicial enforcement action that may be instituted against the permittee.

#### 4. Additional Monitoring by Permittee

If the permittee monitors any pollutant at the location(s) designated herein more frequently than required by this permit using approved analytical methods as specified above, all results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the values submitted on the approved self-report form. Increased frequency of sampling shall be indicated on the self-report form.

#### 5. Calibration of Instruments

All automatic flow measuring or recording devices and all totalizing meters for measuring flows shall be accurately calibrated by a trained person at plant start-up and as often thereafter as necessary to ensure accuracy, but not less often than annually unless authorized by the Executive Director for a longer period. Such person shall verify in writing that the device is operating properly and giving accurate results. Copies of the verification shall be retained at the facility site and/or shall be readily available for review by a TCEQ representative for a period of three years.

#### 6. Compliance Schedule Reports

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of the permit shall be submitted no later

than 14 days following each schedule date to the Regional Office and the Compliance Monitoring Team of the Enforcement Division (MC 224).

#### 7. Noncompliance Notification

- a. In accordance with 30 TAC § 305.125(9) any noncompliance which may endanger human health or safety, or the environment shall be reported by the permittee to the TCEQ. Except as allowed by 30 TAC § 305.132, report of such information shall be provided orally or by facsimile transmission (FAX) to the Regional Office within 24 hours of becoming aware of the noncompliance. A written submission of such information shall also be provided by the permittee to the Regional Office and the Compliance Monitoring Team of the Enforcement Division (MC 224) within five working days of becoming aware of the noncompliance. For Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs), effective December 21, 2025, the permittee must submit the written report for unauthorized discharges and unanticipated bypasses that exceed any effluent limit in the permit using the online electronic reporting system available through the TCEQ website unless the permittee requests and obtains an electronic reporting waiver. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the potential danger to human health or safety, or the environment; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times; if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance, and to mitigate its adverse effects.
  - b. The following violations shall be reported under Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 7.a.:
    - i. Unauthorized discharges as defined in Permit Condition 2(g).
    - ii. Any unanticipated bypass that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
    - iii. Violation of a permitted maximum daily discharge limitation for pollutants listed specifically in the Other Requirements section of an Industrial TPDES permit.
  - c. In addition to the above, any effluent violation which deviates from the permitted effluent limitation by more than 40% shall be reported by the permittee in writing to the Regional Office and the Compliance Monitoring Team of the Enforcement Division (MC 224) within 5 working days of becoming aware of the noncompliance.
  - d. Any noncompliance other than that specified in this section, or any required information not submitted or submitted incorrectly, shall be reported to the Compliance Monitoring Team of the Enforcement Division (MC 224) as promptly as possible. For effluent limitation violations, noncompliances shall be reported on the approved self-report form.
8. In accordance with the procedures described in 30 TAC §§ 35.301 - 35.303 (relating to Water Quality Emergency and Temporary Orders) if the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice by applying for such authorization.
9. Changes in Discharges of Toxic Substances

All existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural permittees shall notify the Regional Office, orally or by facsimile transmission within 24 hours, and both the Regional Office and the Compliance Monitoring Team of the Enforcement Division (MC 224) in

writing within five (5) working days, after becoming aware of or having reason to believe:

- a. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant listed at 40 CFR Part 122, Appendix D, Tables II and III (excluding Total Phenols) which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following “notification levels”:
  - i. One hundred micrograms per liter (100 µg/L);
  - ii. Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 µg/L) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
  - iii. Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application; or
  - iv. The level established by the TCEQ.
- b. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a nonroutine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following “notification levels”:
  - i. Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L);
  - ii. One milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
  - iii. Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application; or
  - iv. The level established by the TCEQ.

#### 10. Signatories to Reports

All reports and other information requested by the Executive Director shall be signed by the person and in the manner required by 30 TAC § 305.128 (relating to Signatories to Reports).

#### 11. All POTWs must provide adequate notice to the Executive Director of the following:

- a. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to CWA § 301 or § 306 if it were directly discharging those pollutants;
- b. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit; and
- c. For the purpose of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on:
  - i. The quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW; and
  - ii. Any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.

**PERMIT CONDITIONS****1. General**

- a. When the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in an application or in any report to the Executive Director, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.
- b. This permit is granted on the basis of the information supplied and representations made by the permittee during action on an application, and relying upon the accuracy and completeness of that information and those representations. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked, in whole or in part, in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 305, Subchapter D, during its term for good cause including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit;
  - ii. Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; or
  - iii. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.
- c. The permittee shall furnish to the Executive Director, upon request and within a reasonable time, any information to determine whether cause exists for amending, revoking, suspending or terminating the permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Executive Director, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by the permit.

**2. Compliance**

- a. Acceptance of the permit by the person to whom it is issued constitutes acknowledgment and agreement that such person will comply with all the terms and conditions embodied in the permit, and the rules and other orders of the Commission.
- b. The permittee has a duty to comply with all conditions of the permit. Failure to comply with any permit condition constitutes a violation of the permit and the Texas Water Code or the Texas Health and Safety Code, and is grounds for enforcement action, for permit amendment, revocation, or suspension, or for denial of a permit renewal application or an application for a permit for another facility.
- c. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of the permit.
- d. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal or other permit violation that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
- e. Authorization from the Commission is required before beginning any change in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with any permit requirements.
- f. A permit may be amended, suspended and reissued, or revoked for cause in accordance

with 30 TAC §§ 305.62 and 305.66 and TWC§ 7.302. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit amendment, suspension and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.

- g. There shall be no unauthorized discharge of wastewater or any other waste. For the purpose of this permit, an unauthorized discharge is considered to be any discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to water in the state at any location not permitted as an outfall or otherwise defined in the Other Requirements section of this permit.
- h. In accordance with 30 TAC § 305.535(a), the permittee may allow any bypass to occur from a TPDES permitted facility which does not cause permitted effluent limitations to be exceeded or an unauthorized discharge to occur, but only if the bypass is also for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation.
- i. The permittee is subject to administrative, civil, and criminal penalties, as applicable, under TWC §§ 7.051 - 7.075 (relating to Administrative Penalties), 7.101 - 7.111 (relating to Civil Penalties), and 7.141 - 7.202 (relating to Criminal Offenses and Penalties) for violations including, but not limited to, negligently or knowingly violating the federal CWA §§ 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405, or any condition or limitation implementing any sections in a permit issued under the CWA § 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under the CWA §§ 402 (a)(3) or 402 (b)(8).

### 3. Inspections and Entry

- a. Inspection and entry shall be allowed as prescribed in the TWC Chapters 26, 27, and 28, and THSC § 361.
- b. The members of the Commission and employees and agents of the Commission are entitled to enter any public or private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the quality of water in the state or the compliance with any rule, regulation, permit or other order of the Commission. Members, employees, or agents of the Commission and Commission contractors are entitled to enter public or private property at any reasonable time to investigate or monitor or, if the responsible party is not responsive or there is an immediate danger to public health or the environment, to remove or remediate a condition related to the quality of water in the state. Members, employees, Commission contractors, or agents acting under this authority who enter private property shall observe the establishment's rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security, and fire protection, and if the property has management in residence, shall notify management or the person then in charge of his presence and shall exhibit proper credentials. If any member, employee, Commission contractor, or agent is refused the right to enter in or on public or private property under this authority, the Executive Director may invoke the remedies authorized in TWC § 7.002. The statement above, that Commission entry shall occur in accordance with an establishment's rules and regulations concerning safety, internal security, and fire protection, is not grounds for denial or restriction of entry to any part of the facility, but merely describes the Commission's duty to observe appropriate rules and regulations during an inspection.

### 4. Permit Amendment and/or Renewal

- a. The permittee shall give notice to the Executive Director as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility if such alterations or additions would require a permit amendment or result in a violation of permit requirements. Notice shall also be required under this paragraph when:
  - i. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in accordance with 30 TAC § 305.534 (relating to New Sources and New Dischargers); or
  - ii. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants that are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements in Monitoring and Reporting Requirements No. 9; or
  - iii. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.
- b. Prior to any facility modifications, additions, or expansions that will increase the plant capacity beyond the permitted flow, the permittee must apply for and obtain proper authorization from the Commission before commencing construction.
- c. The permittee must apply for an amendment or renewal at least 180 days prior to expiration of the existing permit in order to continue a permitted activity after the expiration date of the permit. If an application is submitted prior to the expiration date of the permit, the existing permit shall remain in effect until the application is approved, denied, or returned. If the application is returned or denied, authorization to continue such activity shall terminate upon the effective date of the action. If an application is not submitted prior to the expiration date of the permit, the permit shall expire and authorization to continue such activity shall terminate.
- d. Prior to accepting or generating wastes which are not described in the permit application or which would result in a significant change in the quantity or quality of the existing discharge, the permittee must report the proposed changes to the Commission. The permittee must apply for a permit amendment reflecting any necessary changes in permit conditions, including effluent limitations for pollutants not identified and limited by this permit.
- e. In accordance with the TWC § 26.029(b), after a public hearing, notice of which shall be given to the permittee, the Commission may require the permittee, from time to time, for good cause, in accordance with applicable laws, to conform to new or additional conditions.
- f. If any toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is promulgated under CWA § 307(a) for a toxic pollutant which is present in the discharge and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant in this permit, this permit shall be modified or revoked and reissued to conform to the toxic effluent standard or prohibition. The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under CWA § 307(a) for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the



regulations that established those standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

5. Permit Transfer

- a. Prior to any transfer of this permit, Commission approval must be obtained. The Commission shall be notified in writing of any change in control or ownership of facilities authorized by this permit. Such notification should be sent to the Applications Review and Processing Team (MC 148) of the Water Quality Division.
- b. A permit may be transferred only according to the provisions of 30 TAC § 305.64 (relating to Transfer of Permits) and 30 TAC § 50.133 (relating to Executive Director Action on Application or WQMP update).

6. Relationship to Hazardous Waste Activities

This permit does not authorize any activity of hazardous waste storage, processing, or disposal that requires a permit or other authorization pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code.

7. Relationship to Water Rights

Disposal of treated effluent by any means other than discharge directly to water in the state must be specifically authorized in this permit and may require a permit pursuant to TWC Chapter 11.

8. Property Rights

A permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

9. Permit Enforceability

The conditions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstances, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.

10. Relationship to Permit Application

The application pursuant to which the permit has been issued is incorporated herein; provided, however, that in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this permit and the application, the provisions of the permit shall control.

11. Notice of Bankruptcy

- a. Each permittee shall notify the Executive Director, in writing, immediately following the filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition for bankruptcy under any chapter of Title 11 (Bankruptcy) of the United States Code (11 USC) by or against:
  - i. the permittee;
  - ii. an entity (as that term is defined in 11 USC, § 101(14)) controlling the permittee or listing the permit or permittee as property of the estate; or
  - iii. an affiliate (as that term is defined in 11 USC, § 101(2)) of the permittee.

- b. This notification must indicate:
  - i. the name of the permittee;
  - ii. the permit number(s);
  - iii. the bankruptcy court in which the petition for bankruptcy was filed; and
  - iv. the date of filing of the petition.

## **OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. The permittee shall at all times ensure that the facility and all of its systems of collection, treatment, and disposal are properly operated and maintained. This includes, but is not limited to, the regular, periodic examination of wastewater solids within the treatment plant by the operator in order to maintain an appropriate quantity and quality of solids inventory as described in the various operator training manuals and according to accepted industry standards for process control. Process control, maintenance, and operations records shall be retained at the facility site, or shall be readily available for review by a TCEQ representative, for a period of three years.
2. Upon request by the Executive Director, the permittee shall take appropriate samples and provide proper analysis in order to demonstrate compliance with Commission rules. Unless otherwise specified in this permit or otherwise ordered by the Commission, the permittee shall comply with all applicable provisions of 30 TAC Chapter 312 concerning sewage sludge or biosolids use and disposal and 30 TAC §§ 319.21 - 319.29 concerning the discharge of certain hazardous metals.
3. Domestic wastewater treatment facilities shall comply with the following provisions:
  - a. The permittee shall notify the Municipal Permits Team, Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148) of the Water Quality Division, in writing, of any facility expansion at least 90 days prior to conducting such activity.
  - b. The permittee shall submit a closure plan for review and approval to the Municipal Permits Team, Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148) of the Water Quality Division, for any closure activity at least 90 days prior to conducting such activity. Closure is the act of permanently taking a waste management unit or treatment facility out of service and includes the permanent removal from service of any pit, tank, pond, lagoon, surface impoundment and/or other treatment unit regulated by this permit.
4. The permittee is responsible for installing prior to plant start-up, and subsequently maintaining, adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures by means of alternate power sources, standby generators, and/or retention of inadequately treated wastewater.
5. Unless otherwise specified, the permittee shall provide a readily accessible sampling point and, where applicable, an effluent flow measuring device or other acceptable means by which effluent flow may be determined.
6. The permittee shall remit an annual water quality fee to the Commission as required by 30

TAC Chapter 21. Failure to pay the fee may result in revocation of this permit under TWC § 7.302(b)(6).

7. Documentation

For all written notifications to the Commission required of the permittee by this permit, the permittee shall keep and make available a copy of each such notification under the same conditions as self-monitoring data are required to be kept and made available. Except for information required for TPDES permit applications, effluent data, including effluent data in permits, draft permits and permit applications, and other information specified as not confidential in 30 TAC §§ 1.5(d), any information submitted pursuant to this permit may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted in the manner prescribed in the application form or by stamping the words confidential business information on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, information may be made available to the public without further notice. If the Commission or Executive Director agrees with the designation of confidentiality, the TCEQ will not provide the information for public inspection unless required by the Texas Attorney General or a court pursuant to an open records request. If the Executive Director does not agree with the designation of confidentiality, the person submitting the information will be notified.

8. Facilities that generate domestic wastewater shall comply with the following provisions; domestic wastewater treatment facilities at permitted industrial sites are excluded.

- a. Whenever flow measurements for any domestic sewage treatment facility reach 75% of the permitted daily average or annual average flow for three consecutive months, the permittee must initiate engineering and financial planning for expansion and/or upgrading of the domestic wastewater treatment and/or collection facilities. Whenever the flow reaches 90% of the permitted daily average or annual average flow for three consecutive months, the permittee shall obtain necessary authorization from the Commission to commence construction of the necessary additional treatment and/or collection facilities. In the case of a domestic wastewater treatment facility which reaches 75% of the permitted daily average or annual average flow for three consecutive months, and the planned population to be served or the quantity of waste produced is not expected to exceed the design limitations of the treatment facility, the permittee shall submit an engineering report supporting this claim to the Executive Director of the Commission.

If in the judgment of the Executive Director the population to be served will not cause permit noncompliance, then the requirement of this section may be waived. To be effective, any waiver must be in writing and signed by the Director of the Enforcement Division (MC 219) of the Commission, and such waiver of these requirements will be reviewed upon expiration of the existing permit; however, any such waiver shall not be interpreted as condoning or excusing any violation of any permit parameter.

- b. The plans and specifications for domestic sewage collection and treatment works associated with any domestic permit must be approved by the Commission and failure to secure approval before commencing construction of such works or making a discharge is a violation of this permit and each day is an additional violation until approval has been secured.

- c. Permits for domestic wastewater treatment plants are granted subject to the policy of the Commission to encourage the development of area-wide waste collection, treatment, and disposal systems. The Commission reserves the right to amend any domestic wastewater permit in accordance with applicable procedural requirements to require the system covered by this permit to be integrated into an area-wide system, should such be developed; to require the delivery of the wastes authorized to be collected in, treated by or discharged from said system, to such area-wide system; or to amend this permit in any other particular to effectuate the Commission's policy. Such amendments may be made when the changes required are advisable for water quality control purposes and are feasible on the basis of waste treatment technology, engineering, financial, and related considerations existing at the time the changes are required, exclusive of the loss of investment in or revenues from any then existing or proposed waste collection, treatment or disposal system.
9. Domestic wastewater treatment plants shall be operated and maintained by sewage plant operators holding a valid certificate of competency at the required level as defined in 30 TAC Chapter 30.
10. For Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs), the 30-day average (or monthly average) percent removal for BOD and TSS shall not be less than 85%, unless otherwise authorized by this permit.
11. Facilities that generate industrial solid waste as defined in 30 TAC § 335.1 shall comply with these provisions:
  - a. Any solid waste, as defined in 30 TAC § 335.1 (including but not limited to such wastes as garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility, discarded materials, discarded materials to be recycled, whether the waste is solid, liquid, or semisolid), generated by the permittee during the management and treatment of wastewater, must be managed in accordance with all applicable provisions of 30 TAC Chapter 335, relating to Industrial Solid Waste Management.
  - b. Industrial wastewater that is being collected, accumulated, stored, or processed before discharge through any final discharge outfall, specified by this permit, is considered to be industrial solid waste until the wastewater passes through the actual point source discharge and must be managed in accordance with all applicable provisions of 30 TAC Chapter 335.
  - c. The permittee shall provide written notification, pursuant to the requirements of 30 TAC § 335.8(b)(1), to the Corrective Action Section (MC 127) of the Remediation Division informing the Commission of any closure activity involving an Industrial Solid Waste Management Unit, at least 90 days prior to conducting such an activity.
  - d. Construction of any industrial solid waste management unit requires the prior written notification of the proposed activity to the Registration and Reporting Section (MC 129) of the Permitting and Registration Support Division. No person shall dispose of industrial solid waste, including sludge or other solids from wastewater treatment processes, prior to fulfilling the deed recordation requirements of 30 TAC § 335.5.
  - e. The term "industrial solid waste management unit" means a landfill, surface impoundment, waste-pile, industrial furnace, incinerator, cement kiln, injection well,

container, drum, salt dome waste containment cavern, or any other structure vessel, appurtenance, or other improvement on land used to manage industrial solid waste.

- f. The permittee shall keep management records for all sludge (or other waste) removed from any wastewater treatment process. These records shall fulfill all applicable requirements of 30 TAC § 335 and must include the following, as it pertains to wastewater treatment and discharge:
  - i. Volume of waste and date(s) generated from treatment process;
  - ii. Volume of waste disposed of on-site or shipped off-site;
  - iii. Date(s) of disposal;
  - iv. Identity of hauler or transporter;
  - v. Location of disposal site; and
  - vi. Method of final disposal.

The above records shall be maintained on a monthly basis. The records shall be retained at the facility site, or shall be readily available for review by authorized representatives of the TCEQ for at least five years.

12. For industrial facilities to which the requirements of 30 TAC § 335 do not apply, sludge and solid wastes, including tank cleaning and contaminated solids for disposal, shall be disposed of in accordance with THSC § 361.

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## SLUDGE PROVISIONS

The permittee is authorized to dispose of sludge or biosolids only at a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) authorized land application site, co-disposal landfill, wastewater treatment facility, or facility that further processes sludge. **The disposal of sludge or biosolids by land application on property owned, leased or under the direct control of the permittee is a violation of the permit unless the site is authorized with the TCEQ. This provision does not authorize Distribution and Marketing of Class A or Class AB Biosolids. This provision does not authorize the permittee to land apply biosolids on property owned, leased or under the direct control of the permittee.**

### SECTION I. REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO ALL SEWAGE SLUDGE OR BIOSOLIDS LAND APPLICATION

#### A. General Requirements

1. The permittee shall handle and dispose of sewage sludge or biosolids in accordance with 30 TAC § 312 and all other applicable state and federal regulations in a manner that protects public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants that may be present in the sludge or biosolids.
2. In all cases, if the person (permit holder) who prepares the sewage sludge supplies the sewage sludge to another person for land application use or to the owner or lease holder of the land, the permit holder shall provide necessary information to the parties who receive the sludge to assure compliance with these regulations.
3. The land application of processed or unprocessed chemical toilet waste, grease trap waste, grit trap waste, milk solids, or similar non-hazardous municipal or industrial solid wastes, or any of the wastes listed in this provision combined with biosolids, WTP residuals or domestic septage is prohibited unless the grease trap waste is added at a fats, oil and grease (FOG) receiving facility as part of an anaerobic digestion process.

#### B. Testing Requirements

1. Sewage sludge or biosolids shall be tested once during the term of this permit in accordance with the method specified in both 40 CFR Part 261, Appendix II and 40 CFR Part 268, Appendix I [Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP)] or other method that receives the prior approval of the TCEQ for the contaminants listed in 40 CFR Part 261.24, Table 1. Sewage sludge or biosolids failing this test shall be managed according to RCRA standards for generators of hazardous waste, and the waste's disposition must be in accordance with all applicable requirements for hazardous waste processing, storage, or disposal. Following failure of any TCLP test, the management or disposal of sewage sludge or biosolids at a facility other than an authorized hazardous waste processing, storage, or disposal facility shall be prohibited until such time as the permittee can demonstrate the sewage sludge or biosolids no longer exhibits the hazardous waste toxicity characteristics (as demonstrated by the results of the TCLP tests). A written report shall be provided to both the TCEQ Registration and Reporting Section (MC 129) of the Permitting and Registration Support Division and the Regional Director (MC Region 12) within seven (7) days after failing the TCLP Test.

The report shall contain test results, certification that unauthorized waste management has stopped, and a summary of alternative disposal plans that comply with RCRA standards for the management of hazardous waste. The report shall be addressed to: Director, Permitting and Registration Support Division (MC 129), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. In addition, the permittee shall prepare an annual report on the results of all sludge toxicity testing. This annual report shall be submitted to the TCEQ Regional Office (MC Region 12) and the Compliance Monitoring Team (MC 224) of the Enforcement Division by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The permittee must submit this annual report using the online electronic reporting system available through the TCEQ website unless the permittee requests and obtains an electronic reporting waiver.

2. Biosolids shall not be applied to the land if the concentration of the pollutants exceeds the pollutant concentration criteria in Table 1. The frequency of testing for pollutants in Table 1 is found in Section I.C. of this permit.

TABLE 1

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Ceiling Concentration</u> <u>(Milligrams per kilogram)*</u>
Arsenic	75
Cadmium	85
Chromium	3000
Copper	4300
Lead	840
Mercury	57
Molybdenum	75
Nickel	420
PCBs	49
Selenium	100
Zinc	7500

\* Dry weight basis

3. Pathogen Control

All sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, or a reclamation site must be treated by one of the following methods to ensure that the sludge meets either the Class A, Class AB or Class B biosolids pathogen requirements.

- a. For sewage sludge to be classified as Class A biosolids with respect to pathogens, the density of fecal coliform in the sewage sludge must be less than 1,000 most probable number (MPN) per gram of total solids (dry weight basis), or the density of *Salmonella* sp. bacteria in the sewage sludge must be less than three MPN per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) at the time the sewage sludge is used or disposed. In addition, one of the alternatives listed below must be met:

Alternative 1 - The temperature of the sewage sludge that is used or disposed shall be maintained at or above a specific value for a period of time. See 30 TAC § 312.82(a)(2)(A) for specific information;

Alternative 5 (PFRP) - Sewage sludge that is used or disposed of must be treated in one of the Processes to Further Reduce Pathogens (PFRP) described in 40 CFR Part 503, Appendix B. PFRP include composting, heat drying, heat treatment, and thermophilic aerobic digestion; or

Alternative 6 (PFRP Equivalent) - Sewage sludge that is used or disposed of must be treated in a process that has been approved by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency as being equivalent to those in Alternative 5.

- b. For sewage sludge to be classified as Class AB biosolids with respect to pathogens, the density of fecal coliform in the sewage sludge must be less than 1,000 MPN per gram of total solids (dry weight basis), or the density of *Salmonella* sp. bacteria in the sewage sludge be less than three MPN per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) at the time the sewage sludge is used or disposed. In addition, one of the alternatives listed below must be met:

Alternative 2 - The pH of the sewage sludge that is used or disposed shall be raised to above 12 std. units and shall remain above 12 std. units for 72 hours.

The temperature of the sewage sludge shall be above 52° Celsius for 12 hours or longer during the period that the pH of the sewage sludge is above 12 std. units.

At the end of the 72-hour period during which the pH of the sewage sludge is above 12 std. units, the sewage sludge shall be air dried to achieve a percent solids in the sewage sludge greater than 50%; or

Alternative 3 - The sewage sludge shall be analyzed for enteric viruses prior to pathogen treatment. The limit for enteric viruses is less than one Plaque-forming Unit per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) either before or following pathogen treatment. See 30 TAC § 312.82(a)(2)(C)(i-iii) for specific information. The sewage sludge shall be analyzed for viable helminth ova prior to pathogen treatment. The limit for viable helminth ova is less than one per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) either before or following pathogen treatment. See 30 TAC § 312.82(a)(2)(C)(iv-vi) for specific information; or

Alternative 4 - The density of enteric viruses in the sewage sludge shall be less than one Plaque-forming Unit per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) at the time the sewage sludge is used or disposed. The density of viable helminth ova in the sewage sludge shall be less than one per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) at the time the sewage sludge is used or disposed.

- c. Sewage sludge that meets the requirements of Class AB biosolids may be classified a Class A biosolids if a variance request is submitted in writing that is supported by substantial documentation demonstrating equivalent methods for reducing odors and written approval is granted by the executive director. The executive director may deny the variance request or revoke that approved variance if it is determined that the variance may potentially endanger human health or the environment, or create nuisance odor conditions.
- d. Three alternatives are available to demonstrate compliance with Class B biosolids



criteria.

Alternative 1

- i. A minimum of seven random samples of the sewage sludge shall be collected within 48 hours of the time the sewage sludge is used or disposed of during each monitoring episode for the sewage sludge.
- ii. The geometric mean of the density of fecal coliform in the samples collected shall be less than either 2,000,000 MPN per gram of total solids (dry weight basis) or 2,000,000 Colony Forming Units per gram of total solids (dry weight basis).

Alternative 2 - Sewage sludge that is used or disposed of shall be treated in one of the Processes to Significantly Reduce Pathogens (PSRP) described in 40 CFR Part 503, Appendix B, so long as all of the following requirements are met by the generator of the sewage sludge.

- i. Prior to use or disposal, all the sewage sludge must have been generated from a single location, except as provided in paragraph v. below;
- ii. An independent Texas Licensed Professional Engineer must make a certification to the generator of a sewage sludge that the wastewater treatment facility generating the sewage sludge is designed to achieve one of the PSRP at the permitted design loading of the facility. The certification need only be repeated if the design loading of the facility is increased. The certification shall include a statement indicating the design meets all the applicable standards specified in Appendix B of 40 CFR Part 503;
- iii. Prior to any off-site transportation or on-site use or disposal of any sewage sludge generated at a wastewater treatment facility, the chief certified operator of the wastewater treatment facility or other responsible official who manages the processes to significantly reduce pathogens at the wastewater treatment facility for the permittee, shall certify that the sewage sludge underwent at least the minimum operational requirements necessary in order to meet one of the PSRP. The acceptable processes and the minimum operational and record keeping requirements shall be in accordance with established U.S. Environmental Protection Agency final guidance;
- iv. All certification records and operational records describing how the requirements of this paragraph were met shall be kept by the generator for a minimum of three years and be available for inspection by commission staff for review; and
- v. If the sewage sludge is generated from a mixture of sources, resulting from a person who prepares sewage sludge from more than one wastewater treatment facility, the resulting derived product shall meet one of the PSRP, and shall meet the certification, operation, and record keeping requirements of this paragraph.

Alternative 3 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in an equivalent process that has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, so long as all of the following requirements are met by the generator of the sewage sludge.

- i. Prior to use or disposal, all the sewage sludge must have been generated from a

single location, except as provided in paragraph v. below;

- ii. Prior to any off-site transportation or on-site use or disposal of any sewage sludge generated at a wastewater treatment facility, the chief certified operator of the wastewater treatment facility or other responsible official who manages the processes to significantly reduce pathogens at the wastewater treatment facility for the permittee, shall certify that the sewage sludge underwent at least the minimum operational requirements necessary in order to meet one of the PSRP. The acceptable processes and the minimum operational and record keeping requirements shall be in accordance with established U.S. Environmental Protection Agency final guidance;
- iii. All certification records and operational records describing how the requirements of this paragraph were met shall be kept by the generator for a minimum of three years and be available for inspection by commission staff for review;
- iv. The Executive Director will accept from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a finding of equivalency to the defined PSRP; and
- v. If the sewage sludge is generated from a mixture of sources resulting from a person who prepares sewage sludge from more than one wastewater treatment facility, the resulting derived product shall meet one of the Processes to Significantly Reduce Pathogens, and shall meet the certification, operation, and record keeping requirements of this paragraph.

In addition to the Alternatives 1 – 3, the following site restrictions must be met if Class B biosolids are land applied:

- i. Food crops with harvested parts that touch the biosolids /soil mixture and are totally above the land surface shall not be harvested for 14 months after application of biosolids.
- ii. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 20 months after application of biosolids when the biosolids remain on the land surface for 4 months or longer prior to incorporation into the soil.
- iii. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 38 months after application of biosolids when the biosolids remain on the land surface for less than 4 months prior to incorporation into the soil.
- iv. Food crops, feed crops, and fiber crops shall not be harvested for 30 days after application of biosolids.
- v. Domestic livestock shall not be allowed to graze on the land for 30 days after application of biosolids.
- vi. Turf grown on land where biosolids are applied shall not be harvested for 1 year after application of the biosolids when the harvested turf is placed on either land with a high potential for public exposure or a lawn.
- vii. Public access to land with a high potential for public exposure shall be restricted for 1 year after application of biosolids.

- viii. Public access to land with a low potential for public exposure shall be restricted for 30 days after application of biosolids.
  - ix. Land application of biosolids shall be in accordance with the buffer zone requirements found in 30 TAC § 312.44.
4. Vector Attraction Reduction Requirements

All bulk sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, or a reclamation site shall be treated by one of the following Alternatives 1 through 10 for vector attraction reduction.

- Alternative 1 - The mass of volatile solids in the sewage sludge shall be reduced by a minimum of 38%.
- Alternative 2 - If Alternative 1 cannot be met for an anaerobically digested sludge, demonstration can be made by digesting a portion of the previously digested sludge anaerobically in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for 40 additional days at a temperature between 30° and 37° Celsius. Volatile solids must be reduced by less than 17% to demonstrate compliance.
- Alternative 3 - If Alternative 1 cannot be met for an aerobically digested sludge, demonstration can be made by digesting a portion of the previously digested sludge with percent solids of two percent or less aerobically in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for 30 additional days at 20° Celsius. Volatile solids must be reduced by less than 15% to demonstrate compliance.
- Alternative 4 - The specific oxygen uptake rate (SOUR) for sewage sludge treated in an aerobic process shall be equal to or less than 1.5 milligrams of oxygen per hour per gram of total solids (dry weight basis) at a temperature of 20° Celsius.
- Alternative 5 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in an aerobic process for 14 days or longer. During that time, the temperature of the sewage sludge shall be higher than 40° Celsius and the average temperature of the sewage sludge shall be higher than 45° Celsius.
- Alternative 6 - The pH of sewage sludge shall be raised to 12 or higher by alkali addition and, without the addition of more alkali shall remain at 12 or higher for two hours and then remain at a pH of 11.5 or higher for an additional 22 hours at the time the sewage sludge is prepared for sale or given away in a bag or other container.
- Alternative 7 - The percent solids of sewage sludge that does not contain unstabilized solids generated in a primary wastewater treatment process shall be equal to or greater than 75% based on the moisture content and total solids prior to mixing with other materials. Unstabilized solids are defined as organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or anaerobic treatment process.

Alternative 8 - The percent solids of sewage sludge that contains unstabilized solids generated in a primary wastewater treatment process shall be equal to or greater than 90% based on the moisture content and total solids prior to mixing with other materials at the time the sludge is used. Unstabilized solids are defined as organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or anaerobic treatment process.

Alternative 9 -

- i. Biosolids shall be injected below the surface of the land.
- ii. No significant amount of the biosolids shall be present on the land surface within one hour after the biosolids are injected.
- iii. When sewage sludge that is injected below the surface of the land is Class A or Class AB with respect to pathogens, the biosolids shall be injected below the land surface within eight hours after being discharged from the pathogen treatment process.

Alternative 10 -

- i. Biosolids applied to the land surface or placed on a surface disposal site shall be incorporated into the soil within six hours after application to or placement on the land.
- ii. When biosolids that is incorporated into the soil is Class A or Class AB with respect to pathogens, the biosolids shall be applied to or placed on the land within eight hours after being discharged from the pathogen treatment process.

### C. Monitoring Requirements

Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Test	- once during the term of this permit
PCBs	- once during the term of this permit

All metal constituents and fecal coliform or *Salmonella* sp. bacteria shall be monitored at the appropriate frequency shown below, pursuant to 30 TAC § 312.46(a)(1):

<u>Amount of biosolids (*) metric tons per 365-day period</u>	<u>Monitoring Frequency</u>
0 to less than 290	Once/Year
290 to less than 1,500	Once/Quarter
1,500 to less than 15,000	Once/Two Months
15,000 or greater	Once/Month

(\*) *The amount of bulk biosolids applied to the land (dry wt. basis).*

Representative samples of sewage sludge shall be collected and analyzed in accordance with the methods referenced in 30 TAC § 312.7

Identify each of the analytic methods used by the facility to analyze enteric viruses, fecal coliforms, helminth ova, *Salmonella* sp., and other regulated parameters.

Identify in the following categories (as applicable) the sewage sludge or biosolids treatment process or processes at the facility: preliminary operations (e.g., sludge or biosolids grinding and degritting), thickening (concentration), stabilization, anaerobic digestion, aerobic digestion, composting, conditioning, disinfection (e.g., beta ray irradiation, gamma ray irradiation, pasteurization), dewatering (e.g., centrifugation, sludge drying beds, sludge lagoons), heat drying, thermal reduction, and methane or biogas capture and recovery.

Identify the nature of material generated by the facility (such as a biosolid for beneficial use or land-farming, or sewage sludge or biosolids for disposal at a landfill) and whether the material is ultimately conveyed off-site in bulk or in bags.

**SECTION II. REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO BULK SEWAGE SLUDGE FOR APPLICATION TO THE LAND MEETING CLASS A, CLASS AB or B BIOSOLIDS PATHOGEN REDUCTION AND THE CUMULATIVE LOADING RATES IN TABLE 2, OR CLASS B PATHOGEN REDUCTION AND THE POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS IN TABLE 3**

For those permittees meeting Class A, Class AB or B pathogen reduction requirements and that meet the cumulative loading rates in Table 2 below, or the Class B pathogen reduction requirements and contain concentrations of pollutants below listed in Table 3, the following conditions apply:

**A. Pollutant Limits**

Table 2

<u>Pollutant</u>	Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate (pounds per acre)*
Arsenic	36
Cadmium	35
Chromium	2677
Copper	1339
Lead	268
Mercury	15
Molybdenum	Report Only
Nickel	375
Selenium	89
Zinc	2500

Table 3

<u>Pollutant</u>	Monthly Average Concentration (milligrams per kilogram)*
Arsenic	41
Cadmium	39
Chromium	1200
Copper	1500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Molybdenum	Report Only
Nickel	420
Selenium	36
Zinc	2800

\*Dry weight basis

**B. Pathogen Control**

All bulk sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, a reclamation site, shall be treated by either Class A, Class AB or Class B biosolids pathogen reduction requirements as defined above in Section I.B.3.

**C. Management Practices**

1. Bulk biosolids shall not be applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, or a reclamation site that is flooded, frozen, or snow-covered so that the bulk biosolids enters a wetland or other waters in the State.
2. Bulk biosolids not meeting Class A biosolids requirements shall be land applied in a manner which complies with Applicability in accordance with 30 TAC §312.41 and the Management Requirements in accordance with 30 TAC § 312.44.
3. Bulk biosolids shall be applied at or below the agronomic rate of the cover crop.
4. An information sheet shall be provided to the person who receives bulk Class A or AB biosolids sold or given away. The information sheet shall contain the following information:
  - a. The name and address of the person who prepared the Class A or AB biosolids that are sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.
  - b. A statement that application of the biosolids to the land is prohibited except in accordance with the instruction on the label or information sheet.
  - c. The annual whole sludge application rate for the biosolids application rate for the biosolids that does not cause any of the cumulative pollutant loading rates in Table 2 above to be exceeded, unless the pollutant concentrations in Table 3 found in Section II above are met.

**D. Notification Requirements**

1. If bulk biosolids are applied to land in a State other than Texas, written notice shall be provided prior to the initial land application to the permitting authority for the State in which the bulk biosolids are proposed to be applied. The notice shall include:
  - a. The location, by street address, and specific latitude and longitude, of each land application site.
  - b. The approximate time period bulk biosolids will be applied to the site.
  - c. The name, address, telephone number, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number (if appropriate) for the person who will apply the bulk biosolids.
2. The permittee shall give 180 days prior notice to the Executive Director in care of the Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148) of the Water Quality Division of any change planned in the biosolids disposal practice.

**E. Record Keeping Requirements**

The documents will be retained at the facility site and/or shall be readily available for review by a TCEQ representative. The person who prepares bulk sewage sludge or a biosolids material shall develop the following information and shall retain the information at the facility site and/or shall be readily available for review by a TCEQ representative for a period

of five years. If the permittee supplies the sludge to another person who land applies the sludge, the permittee shall notify the land applier of the requirements for record keeping found in 30 TAC § 312.47 for persons who land apply.

1. The concentration (mg/kg) in the sludge of each pollutant listed in Table 3 above and the applicable pollutant concentration criteria (mg/kg), or the applicable cumulative pollutant loading rate and the applicable cumulative pollutant loading rate limit (lbs/ac) listed in Table 2 above.
2. A description of how the pathogen reduction requirements are met (including site restrictions for Class AB and Class B biosolids, if applicable).
3. A description of how the vector attraction reduction requirements are met.
4. A description of how the management practices listed above in Section II.C are being met.
5. The following certification statement:

“I certify, under penalty of law, that the applicable pathogen requirements in 30 TAC § 312.82(a) or (b) and the vector attraction reduction requirements in 30 TAC § 312.83(b) have been met for each site on which bulk biosolids are applied. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the management practices have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment.”

6. The recommended agronomic loading rate from the references listed in Section II.C.3. above, as well as the actual agronomic loading rate shall be retained. The person who applies bulk biosolids shall develop the following information and shall retain the information at the facility site and/or shall be readily available for review by a TCEQ representative indefinitely. If the permittee supplies the sludge to another person who land applies the sludge, the permittee shall notify the land applier of the requirements for record keeping found in 30 TAC § 312.47 for persons who land apply:
  - a. A certification statement that all applicable requirements (specifically listed) have been met, and that the permittee understands that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment. See 30 TAC § 312.47(a)(4)(A)(ii) or 30 TAC § 312.47(a)(5)(A)(ii), as applicable, and to the permittee’s specific sludge treatment activities.
  - b. The location, by street address, and specific latitude and longitude, of each site on which biosolids is applied.
  - c. The number of acres in each site on which bulk biosolids are applied.
  - d. The date and time biosolids are applied to each site.
  - e. The cumulative amount of each pollutant in pounds/acre listed in Table 2 applied to each site.
  - f. The total amount of biosolids applied to each site in dry tons.



The above records shall be maintained on-site on a monthly basis and shall be made available to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality upon request.

## **F. Reporting Requirements**

The permittee shall report annually to the TCEQ Regional Office (MC Region 12) and Compliance Monitoring Team (MC 224) of the Enforcement Division, by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year the following information. The permittee must submit this annual report using the online electronic reporting system available through the TCEQ website unless the permittee requests and obtains an electronic reporting waiver.

1. Identify in the following categories (as applicable) the sewage sludge or biosolids treatment process or processes at the facility: preliminary operations (e.g., sludge or biosolids grinding and degritting), thickening (concentration), stabilization, anaerobic digestion, aerobic digestion, composting, conditioning, disinfection (e.g., beta ray irradiation, gamma ray irradiation, pasteurization), dewatering (e.g., centrifugation, sludge drying beds, sludge lagoons), heat drying, thermal reduction, and methane or biogas capture and recovery.
2. Identify the nature of material generated by the facility (such as a biosolid for beneficial use or land-farming, or sewage sludge for disposal at a monofill) and whether the material is ultimately conveyed off-site in bulk or in bags.
3. Results of tests performed for pollutants found in either Table 2 or 3 as appropriate for the permittee's land application practices.
4. The frequency of monitoring listed in Section I.C. that applies to the permittee.
5. Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) results.
6. PCB concentration in sludge or biosolids in mg/kg.
7. Identity of hauler(s) and TCEQ transporter number.
8. Date(s) of transport.
9. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality registration number, if applicable.
10. Amount of sludge or biosolids disposal dry weight (lbs/acre) at each disposal site.
11. The concentration (mg/kg) in the sludge of each pollutant listed in Table 1 (defined as a monthly average) as well as the applicable pollutant concentration criteria (mg/kg) listed in Table 3 above, or the applicable pollutant loading rate limit (lbs/acre) listed in Table 2 above if it exceeds 90% of the limit.
12. Level of pathogen reduction achieved (Class A, Class AB or Class B).
13. Alternative used as listed in Section I.B.3.(a. or b.). Alternatives describe how the pathogen reduction requirements are met. If Class B biosolids, include information on how site restrictions were met.
14. Identify each of the analytic methods used by the facility to analyze enteric viruses, fecal coliforms, helminth ova, *Salmonella* sp., and other regulated parameters.
15. Vector attraction reduction alternative used as listed in Section I.B.4.

16. Amount of sludge or biosolids transported in dry tons/year.
17. The certification statement listed in either 30 TAC § 312.47(a)(4)(A)(ii) or 30 TAC § 312.47(a)(5)(A)(ii) as applicable to the permittee's sludge or biosolids treatment activities, shall be attached to the annual reporting form.
18. When the amount of any pollutant applied to the land exceeds 90% of the cumulative pollutant loading rate for that pollutant, as described in Table 2, the permittee shall report the following information as an attachment to the annual reporting form.
  - a. The location, by street address, and specific latitude and longitude.
  - b. The number of acres in each site on which bulk biosolids are applied.
  - c. The date and time bulk biosolids are applied to each site.
  - d. The cumulative amount of each pollutant (i.e., pounds/acre) listed in Table 2 in the bulk biosolids applied to each site.
  - e. The amount of biosolids (i.e., dry tons) applied to each site.

The above records shall be maintained on a monthly basis and shall be made available to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality upon request.

**SECTION III. REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO ALL SEWAGE SLUDGE OR BIOSOLIDS DISPOSED IN A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL**

- A. The permittee shall handle and dispose of sewage sludge or biosolids in accordance with 30 TAC § 330 and all other applicable state and federal regulations to protect public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants that may be present. The permittee shall ensure that the sewage sludge or biosolids meets the requirements in 30 TAC § 330 concerning the quality of the sludge disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill.
- B. If the permittee generates sewage sludge or biosolids and supplies that sewage sludge or biosolids to the owner or operator of a municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) for disposal, the permittee shall provide to the owner or operator of the MSWLF appropriate information needed to be in compliance with the provisions of this permit.
- C. The permittee shall give 180 days prior notice to the Executive Director in care of the Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148) of the Water Quality Division of any change planned in the sewage sludge or biosolids disposal practice.
- D. Sewage sludge or biosolids shall be tested once during the term of this permit in accordance with the method specified in both 40 CFR Part 261, Appendix II and 40 CFR Part 268, Appendix I (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure) or other method, which receives the prior approval of the TCEQ for contaminants listed in Table 1 of 40 CFR § 261.24. Sewage sludge or biosolids failing this test shall be managed according to RCRA standards for generators of hazardous waste, and the waste's disposition must be in accordance with all applicable requirements for hazardous waste processing, storage, or disposal.

Following failure of any TCLP test, the management or disposal of sewage sludge or biosolids at a facility other than an authorized hazardous waste processing, storage, or disposal facility shall be prohibited until such time as the permittee can demonstrate the sewage sludge or biosolids no longer exhibits the hazardous waste toxicity characteristics (as demonstrated by the results of the TCLP tests). A written report shall be provided to both the TCEQ Registration and Reporting Section (MC 129) of the Permitting and Registration Support Division and the Regional Director (MC Region 12) of the appropriate TCEQ field office within 7 days after failing the TCLP Test.

The report shall contain test results, certification that unauthorized waste management has stopped, and a summary of alternative disposal plans that comply with RCRA standards for the management of hazardous waste. The report shall be addressed to: Director, Permitting and Registration Support Division (MC 129), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. In addition, the permittee shall prepare an annual report on the results of all sludge toxicity testing. This annual report shall be submitted to the TCEQ Regional Office (MC Region 12) and the Compliance Monitoring Team (MC 224) of the Enforcement Division by September 30 of each year.

- E. Sewage sludge or biosolids shall be tested as needed, in accordance with the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 330.
- F. Record Keeping Requirements

The permittee shall develop the following information and shall retain the information for five years.

1. The description (including procedures followed and the results) of all liquid Paint Filter Tests performed.
2. The description (including procedures followed and results) of all TCLP tests performed.

The above records shall be maintained on-site on a monthly basis and shall be made available to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality upon request.

#### G. Reporting Requirements

The permittee shall report annually to the TCEQ Regional Office (MC Region 12) and Compliance Monitoring Team (MC 224) of the Enforcement Division by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year the following information. The permittee must submit this annual report using the online electronic reporting system available through the TCEQ website unless the permittee requests and obtains an electronic reporting waiver.

1. Identify in the following categories (as applicable) the sewage sludge or biosolids treatment process or processes at the facility: preliminary operations (e.g., sludge or biosolids grinding and degritting), thickening (concentration), stabilization, anaerobic digestion, aerobic digestion, composting, conditioning, disinfection (e.g., beta ray irradiation, gamma ray irradiation, pasteurization), dewatering (e.g., centrifugation, sludge drying beds, sludge lagoons), heat drying, thermal reduction, and methane or biogas capture and recovery.
2. Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) results.
3. Annual sludge or biosolids production in dry tons/year.
4. Amount of sludge or biosolids disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill in dry tons/year.
5. Amount of sludge or biosolids transported interstate in dry tons/year.
6. A certification that the sewage sludge or biosolids meets the requirements of 30 TAC § 330 concerning the quality of the sludge disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill.
7. Identity of hauler(s) and transporter registration number.
8. Owner of disposal site(s).
9. Location of disposal site(s).
10. Date(s) of disposal.

The above records shall be maintained on-site on a monthly basis and shall be made available to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality upon request.

#### **SECTION IV. REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO SLUDGE OR BIOSOLIDS TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER FACILITY FOR FURTHER PROCESSING**

These provisions apply to sludge or biosolids that is transported to another wastewater treatment facility or facility that further processes sludge or biosolids. These provisions are intended to allow transport of sludge or biosolids to facilities that have been authorized to accept sludge or biosolids. These provisions do not limit the ability of the receiving facility to determine whether to accept the sludge or biosolids, nor do they limit the ability of the receiving facility to request additional testing or documentation.

##### **A. General Requirements**

1. The permittee shall handle and dispose of sewage sludge or biosolids in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 312 and all other applicable state and federal regulations in a manner that protects public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants that may be present in the sludge.
2. Sludge or biosolids may only be transported using a registered transporter or using an approved pipeline.

##### **B. Record Keeping Requirements**

1. For sludge or biosolids transported by an approved pipeline, the permittee must maintain records of the following:
  - a. the amount of sludge or biosolids transported;
  - b. the date of transport;
  - c. the name and TCEQ permit number of the receiving facility or facilities;
  - d. the location of the receiving facility or facilities;
  - e. the name and TCEQ permit number of the facility that generated the waste; and
  - f. copy of the written agreement between the permittee and the receiving facility to accept sludge or biosolids.
2. For sludge transported by a registered transporter, the permittee must maintain records of the completed trip tickets in accordance with 30 TAC § 312.145(a)(1)-(7) and amount of sludge or biosolids transported.
3. The above records shall be maintained on-site on a monthly basis and shall be made available to the TCEQ upon request. These records shall be retained for at least five years.

**C. Reporting Requirements**

The permittee shall report the following information annually to the TCEQ Regional Office (MC Region 12) and Compliance Monitoring Team (MC 224) of the Enforcement Division, by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The permittee must submit this annual report using the online electronic reporting system available through the TCEQ website unless the permittee requests and obtains an electronic reporting waiver.

1. Identify in the following categories (as applicable) the sewage sludge or biosolids treatment process or processes at the facility: preliminary operations (e.g., sludge or biosolids grinding and degritting), thickening (concentration), stabilization, anaerobic digestion, aerobic digestion, composting, conditioning, disinfection (e.g., beta ray irradiation, gamma ray irradiation, pasteurization), dewatering (e.g., centrifugation, sludge drying beds, sludge lagoons), heat drying, thermal reduction, and methane or biogas capture and recovery.
2. the annual sludge or biosolids production;
3. the amount of sludge or biosolids transported;
4. the owner of each receiving facility;
5. the location of each receiving facility; and
6. the date(s) of disposal at each receiving facility.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

1. The permittee shall employ or contract with one or more licensed wastewater treatment facility operators or wastewater system operations companies holding a valid license or registration according to the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations, and in particular 30 TAC Chapter 30, Subchapter J, Wastewater Operators and Operations Companies.

This Category C facility must be operated by a chief operator or an operator holding a Class C license or higher. The facility must be operated a minimum of five days per week by the licensed chief operator or an operator holding the required level of license or higher. The licensed chief operator or operator holding the required level of license or higher must be available by telephone or pager seven days per week. Where shift operation of the wastewater treatment facility is necessary, each shift that does not have the on-site supervision of the licensed chief operator must be supervised by an operator in charge who is licensed not less than one level below the category for the facility.

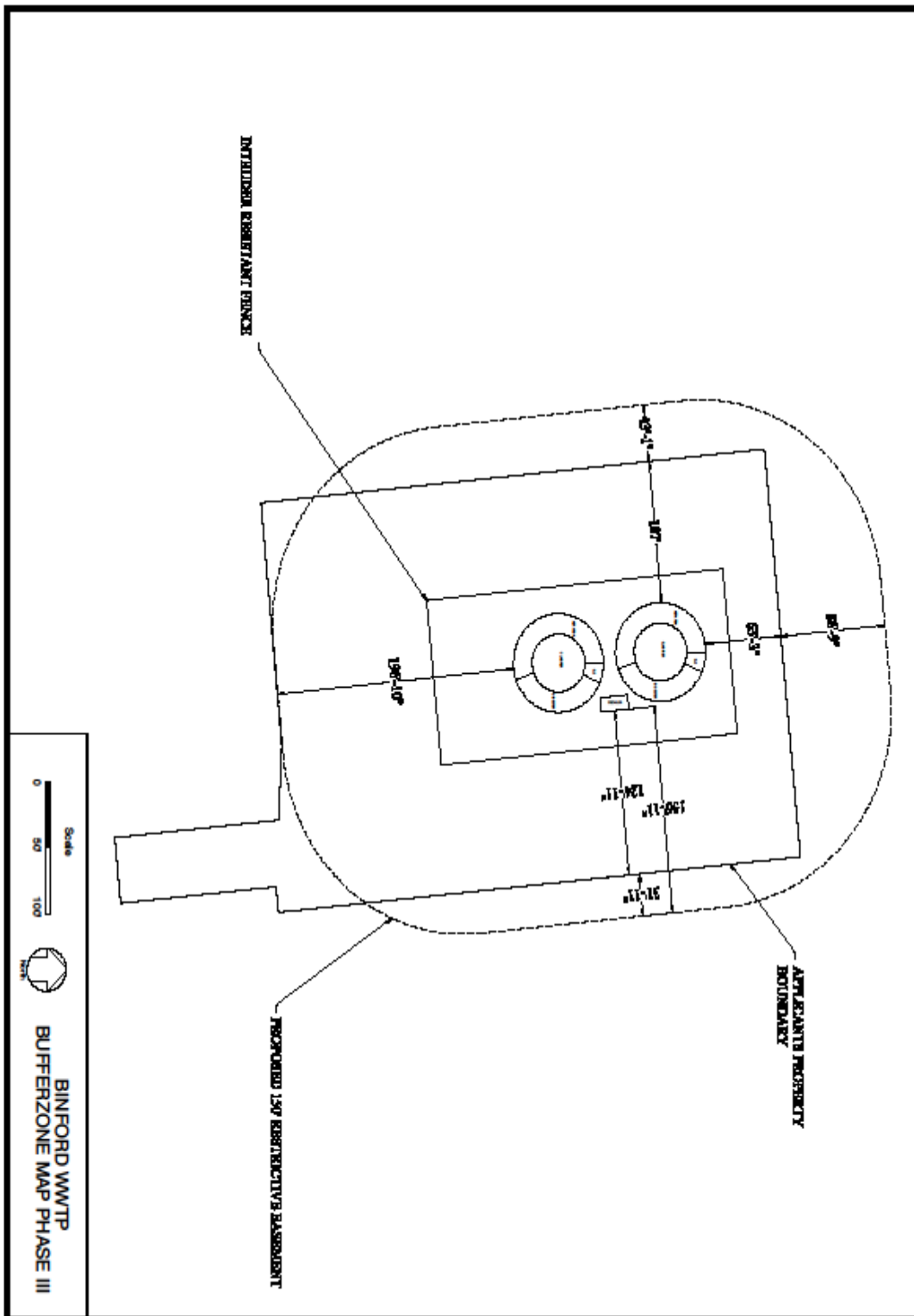
2. The facility is not located in the Coastal Management Program boundary.
3. Prior to construction of the Interim I, Interim II and Final phases, the permittee shall submit sufficient evidence of legal restrictions prohibiting residential structures within the part of the buffer zone not owned by the permittee according to 30 TAC § 309.13(e)(3). The evidence of legal restrictions shall be submitted to the Executive Director in care of the TCEQ Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148). The permittee shall comply with the requirements of 30 TAC § 309.13(a) through (d). (See Attachments A.)
4. The permittee shall provide facilities for the protection of its wastewater treatment facility from a 100-year flood.
5. The permittee shall comply with 30 TAC § 311.36, which requires the permittees of all domestic wastewater treatment facilities discharging into the Lake Houston Watershed to install dual-feed chlorination systems capable of automatically changing from one cylinder to another if gaseous chlorination is used for disinfection.
6. In accordance with 30 TAC § 319.9, a permittee that has at least twelve months of uninterrupted compliance with its bacteria limit may notify the commission in writing of its compliance and request a less frequent measurement schedule. To request a less frequent schedule, the permittee shall submit a written request to the TCEQ Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148) for each phase that includes a different monitoring frequency. The request must contain all of the reported bacteria values (Daily Avg. and Daily Max/Single Grab) for the twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the request. If the Executive Director finds that a less frequent measurement schedule is protective of human health and the environment, the permittee may be given a less frequent measurement schedule. For this permit, 1/month may be reduced to 1/quarter in the Interim I and Interim II phases and 2/month may be reduced to 1/month in the Final phase. **A violation of any bacteria limit by a facility that has been granted a less frequent measurement schedule will require the permittee to return to the standard frequency schedule and submit written notice to the TCEQ Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148).** The permittee may not apply for another reduction in measurement frequency for at least 24 months from the date of the last violation. The Executive Director may establish a more frequent measurement schedule if necessary to protect human health or the environment.
7. Prior to construction of the Interim I, Interim II and Final phase treatment facilities, the permittee shall submit to the TCEQ Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148) a summary transmittal letter in accordance with the requirements in 30 TAC § 217.6(d). If requested by the Wastewater Permitting Section, the permittee shall submit plans and specifications and a final engineering design report

which comply with 30 TAC Chapter 217, Design Criteria for Domestic Wastewater Systems. The permittee shall clearly show how the treatment system will meet the permitted effluent limitations required on Pages 2, 2a, and 2b of this permit. A copy of the summary transmittal letter shall be available at the plant site for inspection by authorized representatives of the TCEQ.

8. Reporting requirements according to 30 TAC §§ 319.1-319.11 and any additional effluent reporting requirements contained in this permit are suspended from the effective date of the permit until plant startup or discharge from the facility described by this permit, whichever occurs first. The permittee shall provide written notice to the TCEQ Regional Office (MC Region 12) and the Applications Review and Processing Team (MC 148) of the Water Quality Division, as well as the Harris County Pollution Control Services Department, in writing at least forty-five days prior to plant startup or anticipated discharge, whichever occurs first, and prior to completion of each additional phase on Notification of Completion Form 20007.



Attachment A1 – Buffer Zone Map  
WQ0016100001 - Quadvest, L.P.  
Binford WWTP



**STATEMENT OF BASIS/TECHNICAL SUMMARY  
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRELIMINARY DECISION**

**DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

Applicant: Quadvest, L.P.;  
Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No.  
WQ0016100001, EPA I.D. No. TX0142336

Regulated Activity: Domestic Wastewater Permit

Type of Application: Minor Amendment

Request: Minor Amendment without renewal

Authority: Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) § 402; Texas Water Code § 26.027; 30  
Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapters 30, 305, 307, 309, 312, and  
319; Commission policies; and United States Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA) guidelines.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The draft permit includes the current expiration date of **March 6, 2028**.

**REASON FOR PROJECT PROPOSED**

The permittee has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a minor amendment of the existing permit to authorize the addition of an Interim II phase at a daily average flow not to exceed 250,000 gallons per day. The proposed wastewater treatment facility will serve Binford Creek Subdivision.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

The Binford Wastewater Treatment Facility is an activated sludge process plant operated in the single stage nitrification conventional mode. Treatment units in the Interim I phase will include a lift station, one bar screen, a final clarifier, two aeration basins, two sludge digestors, and a chlorine contact chamber. Treatment units in the Interim II phase will include a lift station, one bar screen, four aeration basins, four sludge digestors, and a chlorine contact chamber. Treatment units in the Final phase will include a lift station, one bar screen, three final clarifiers, 12 aeration basins, 12 sludge digestors, and a chlorine contact chamber. The facility has not been constructed.

Sludge generated from the treatment facility is hauled by a registered transporter to Mount Houston Road MUD Wastewater Treatment Facility, Permit No. WQ0011154001, to be digested, dewatered, and then disposed of with the bulk of the sludge from the plant accepting the sludge. The draft permit also authorizes the disposal of sludge at a TCEQ-authorized land application site, co-disposal landfill, wastewater treatment facility, or facility that further processes sludge.

The plant site will be located approximately 650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road, in Harris County, Texas 77484.

Outfall Location:

Outfall Number	Latitude	Longitude
001	30.096330 N	95.889722 W

The treated effluent will be discharged to a Kickapoo Creek, thence to Spring Creek in Segment No. 1008 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is high aquatic life use for Kickapoo Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1008 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. The effluent limitations in the draft permit will maintain and protect the existing instream uses.

Effluent limitations for the conventional effluent parameters (i.e., Five-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand or Five-Day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Ammonia Nitrogen, etc.) are based on stream standards and waste load allocations for water-quality limited streams as established in the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TSWQS) and the State of Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

In a case such as this, end-of-pipe compliance with pH limits between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units reasonably assures instream compliance with the TSWQS for pH when the discharge authorized is from a minor facility. This technology-based approach reasonably assures instream compliance with TSWQS criteria due to the relatively smaller discharge volumes authorized by these permits. This conservative assumption is based on TCEQ sampling conducted throughout the state which indicates that instream buffering quickly restores pH levels to ambient conditions. Similarly, this approach has been historically applied within EPA issued NPDES general permits where technology-based pH limits were established to be protective of water quality criteria.

The effluent limits recommended above have been reviewed for consistency with the WQMP. The proposed limits are contained in the approved WQMP.

The discharge from this permit action is not expected to have an effect on any federal endangered or threatened aquatic or aquatic dependent species or proposed species or their critical habitat. This determination is based on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) biological opinion on the State of Texas authorization of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES; September 14, 1998; October 21, 1998 update). To make this determination for TPDES permits, TCEQ and EPA only considered aquatic or aquatic dependent species occurring in watersheds of critical concern or high priority as listed in Appendix A of the USFWS biological opinion. The determination is subject to reevaluation due to subsequent updates or amendments to the biological opinion. The permit does not require EPA review with respect to the presence of endangered or threatened species.

Segment No. 1008 is not currently listed on the state's inventory of impaired and threatened waters (the 2022 CWA § 303(d) list).

One finalized Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Project is available for this segment: *Fifteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in Watersheds Upstream of Lake Houston For Segment Numbers 1004E, 1008, 1008H, 1009, 1009C, 1009D, 1009E, 1010, and 1011* (Project No. 82). Addendums to the original Project No. 82 TMDL subsequently added additional assessment units to the original TMDL project. On April 6, 2011, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted Fifteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in Watersheds Upstream of Lake Houston. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approved the total maximum daily load (TMDL) on June 29, 2011. The TMDL addresses elevated levels of bacteria in nine classified and unclassified segments (Stewarts Creek - 1004E; Spring Creek - 1008; Willow Creek - 1008H; Cypress

Quadvest, L.P.

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Statement of Basis/Technical Summary and Executive Director's Preliminary Decision

Creek - 1009; Faulkey Gully - 1009C; Spring Gully - 1009D; Little Cypress Creek - 1009E; Caney Creek - 1010; and Peach Creek - 1011) in this watershed. This project takes a watershed approach, so all assessment units in the TMDL segments and in several additional unclassified segments (Mill Creek - 1008A; Upper Panther Branch - 1008B; Lower Panther Branch - 1008C ; Metzler Creek - 1008D; Bear Branch - 1008E; Walnut Creek - 1008I; Brushy Creek - 1008J; Arnold Branch - 1008K; Mink Branch - 1008L; Sulphur Branch - 1008M; Dry Creek - 1009A; Dry Gully - 1009B; Mound Creek - 1009F; Dry Gully - 1009G; Dry Creek - 1010A; White Oak Creek - 1010B; and Spring Branch - 1010C) are also subject to this TMDL. The waste load allocation (WLA) for wastewater treatment facilities was established as the permitted flow for each facility multiplied by one-half the geometric mean criterion for bacteria. Future growth from existing or new permitted sources is not limited by these TMDLs as long as the sources do not exceed the limits of one-half the bacteria geometric mean criterion for *E. coli*. To ensure that effluent limitations for this discharge are consistent with the WLAs provided in the TMDL, a concentration based effluent limitation for *E. coli* of 63 MPN per 100 ml has been continued in the draft permit.

#### SUMMARY OF EFFLUENT DATA

Self-reporting data is not available since the facility has not been constructed.

#### DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS

The draft permit authorizes a discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an Interim I volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 0.125 MGD, at an Interim II volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 0.250 and a Final volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 0.750 MGD.

The effluent limitations in the Interim I phase of the draft permit, based on a 30-day average, are 10 mg/l five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>), 15 mg/l total suspended solids (TSS), 3 mg/l ammonia-nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N), 63 colony forming units (CFU) or most probable number (MPN) of *E. coli* per 100 ml, and 4.0 mg/l minimum dissolved oxygen (DO). The effluent shall contain a total chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/l and shall not exceed a total chlorine residual of 4.0 mg/l after a detention time of at least 20 minutes based on peak flow.

The effluent limitations in the Interim II phase of the draft permit, based on a 30-day average, are 10 mg/l CBOD<sub>5</sub>, 15 mg/l TSS, 2 mg/l NH<sub>3</sub>-N, 63 CFU or MPN of *E. coli* per 100 ml and 5.0 mg/l minimum dissolved oxygen (DO). The effluent shall contain a total chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/l and shall not exceed a total chlorine residual of 4.0 mg/l after a detention time of at least 20 minutes based on peak flow.

The effluent limitations in the Final phase of the draft permit, based on a 30-day average, are 10 mg/l CBOD<sub>5</sub>, 15 mg/l TSS, 2 mg/l NH<sub>3</sub>-N, 63 CFU or MPN of *E. coli* per 100 ml and 5.0 mg/l minimum dissolved oxygen (DO). The effluent shall contain a total chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/l after a detention time of at least 20 minutes (based on peak flow). The permittee shall dechlorinate the chlorinated effluent to less than 0.1 mg/l total chlorine residual.

The draft permit includes a requirement for the permittee to obtain legal restrictions prohibiting residential structures within the part of the buffer zone not owned by the permittee according to 30 TAC § 309.13(e)(3).

The draft permit includes Sludge Provisions according to the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 312, Sludge Use, Disposal, and Transportation. Sludge generated from the treatment facility is hauled by a registered transporter to Mount Houston Road MUD Wastewater Treatment Facility, Permit No. WQ0011154001, to be digested, dewatered, and then disposed of with the bulk of the sludge from the

plant accepting the sludge. The draft permit also authorizes the disposal of sludge at a TCEQ-authorized land application site, co-disposal landfill, wastewater treatment facility, or facility that further processes sludge.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM APPLICATION

None.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM EXISTING PERMIT

The Standard Permit Conditions, Sludge Provisions, and Other Requirements sections of the draft permit have been updated.

The Interim II phase of 0.125 MGD in the existing permit has been changed to the Interim I phase in the draft permit.

An Interim II phase of 0.25 MGD has been added to the draft permit.

The draft permit includes all updates based on the 30 TAC § 312 rule change effective April 23, 2020.

#### BASIS FOR DRAFT PERMIT

The following items were considered in developing the draft permit:

1. Application received on March 21, 2024.
2. TPDES Permit No. WQ0016100001 issued on March 6, 2023.
3. The effluent limitations and conditions in the draft permit comply with EPA-approved portions of the 2018 Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TSWQS), 30 TAC §§ 307.1 - 307.10, effective March 1, 2018; 2014 TSWQS, effective March 6, 2014; 2010 TSWQS, effective July 22, 2010; and 2000 TSWQS, effective July 26, 2000. The effluent limitations and conditions in the draft permit comply with the requirements in 30 TAC Chapter 311: Watershed Protection; Subchapter D: Water Quality Management within Lake Houston Watershed.
4. The effluent limitations in the draft permit meet the requirements for secondary treatment and the requirements for disinfection according to 30 TAC Chapter 309, Subchapter A: Effluent Limitations.
5. Interoffice Memoranda from the Water Quality Assessment Section of the TCEQ Water Quality Division.
6. Consistency with the Coastal Management Plan: The facility is not located in the Coastal Management Program boundary.
7. *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (IP)*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, June 2010, as approved by EPA, and the IP, January 2003, for portions of the 2010 IP not approved by EPA.
8. Texas 2022 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, June 1, 2022; approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on July 7, 2022.
9. Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Guidance Document for Establishing

Monitoring Frequencies for Domestic and Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permits, Document No. 98-001.000-OWR-WQ, May 1998.

10. *Fifteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in Watersheds Upstream of Lake Houston For Segment Numbers 1004E, 1008, 1008H, 1009, 1009C, 1009D, 1009E, 1010, and 1011 (Project No. 82).*

#### PROCEDURES FOR FINAL DECISION

Once the draft permit is completed, it is sent to the Office of the Chief Clerk of the TCEQ. The Chief Clerk mails the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision to any interested persons. This notice informs the public about the application and provides that an interested person may file comments on the application or request a public meeting. This notice sets a deadline that is 30 days from the date this notice is mailed for making public comments or requesting a public meeting.

Any interested person may request a public meeting on the application until the deadline for filing public comments. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment and is not a contested case proceeding. As this is a minor amendment, there is no right to a contested case hearing.

After the public comment deadline, the Executive Director prepares a response to all significant public comments on the application or the draft permit raised during the public comment period. The Chief Clerk then mails the Executive Director's response to comments and final decision to people who have filed comments or requested to be on the mailing list. If the Executive Director calls a public meeting, the Commission will give notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

For additional information about this application, contact Garrison Layne at (512) 239-0849.

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Garrison Layne  
Municipal Permits Team  
Wastewater Permitting Section (MC 148)

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Date



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
DOMESTIC WASTEWATER PERMIT APPLICATION  
CHECKLIST



Complete and submit this checklist with the application.

APPLICANT: Quadvest, LP

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016100001

Indicate if each of the following items is included in your application.

	Y	N		Y	N
Administrative Report 1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Original USGS Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Administrative Report 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected Landowners Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SPIF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landowner Disk or Labels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Core Data Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buffer Zone Map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Involvement Plan Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flow Diagram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Report 1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site Drawing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Report 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Original Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Worksheet 2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Design Calculations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Worksheet 2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solids Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Worksheet 3.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Worksheet 3.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Worksheet 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Worksheet 3.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Worksheet 4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Worksheet 5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Worksheet 6.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Worksheet 7.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

For TCEQ Use Only

Segment Number \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_



If you have questions about completing this form please contact the Applications Review and Processing Team at 512-239-4671.

**Indicate the amount submitted for the application fee (check only one).**

Flow	New/Major Amendment	Renewal
<0.05 MGD	\$350.00	\$315.00
≥0.05 but <0.10 MGD	\$550.00	\$515.00
≥0.10 but <0.25 MGD	\$850.00	\$815.00
≥0.25 but <0.50 MGD	\$1,250.00	\$1,215.00
≥0.50 but <1.0 MGD	\$1,650.00	\$1,615.00
≥1.0 MGD	\$2,050.00	\$2,015.00

Minor Amendment (for any flow) \$150.00 ☒**Payment Information:**

Mailed      Check/Money Order Number: 14242

Check/Money Order Amount: \$150.00

Name Printed on Check: Quadvest, LP

**EPAY**

Copy of Payment Voucher enclosed? Yes ☒

<input type="checkbox"/> New TPDES	<input type="checkbox"/> New TLAP
<input type="checkbox"/> Major Amendment <u>with</u> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Amendment <u>with</u> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Major Amendment <u>without</u> Renewal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Amendment <u>without</u> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal without changes	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Modification of permit

For amendments or modifications, describe the proposed changes: Adjusting interim Phase

**For existing permits:**

Permit Number: WQ000016100001

EPA I.D. (TPDES only): TX0142336

Expiration Date: 3/6/2028



### Section 3. Facility Owner (Applicant) and Co-Applciant Information (Instructions Page 29)

**A. The owner of the facility must apply for the permit.**

What is the Legal Name of the entity (applicant) applying for this permit?

Quadvest, LP

*(The legal name must be spelled exactly as filed with the Texas Secretary of State, County, or in the legal documents forming the entity.)*

If the applicant is currently a customer with the TCEQ, what is the Customer Number (CN)? You may search for your CN on the TCEQ website at <http://www15.tceq.texas.gov/crpub/>

CN: 602944746

What is the name and title of the person signing the application? The person must be an executive official meeting signatory requirements in 30 TAC § 305.44.

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss):

First and Last Name: Mark L. Urback

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): P.E.

Title: VP of Construction and Engineering

**B. Co-applciant information.** Complete this section only if another person or entity is required to apply as a co-permittee.

What is the Legal Name of the co-applciant applying for this permit?

*(The legal name must be spelled exactly as filed with the TX SOS, with the County, or in the legal documents forming the entity.)*

If the co-applciant is currently a customer with the TCEQ, what is the Customer Number (CN)? You may search for your CN on the TCEQ website at:  
<http://www15.tceq.texas.gov/crpub/>

CN:

What is the name and title of the person signing the application? The person must be an executive official meeting signatory requirements in 30 TAC § 305.44.

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss):

First and Last Name:

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.):

Title:

Provide a brief description of the need for a co-permittee:

### C. Core Data Form

Complete the Core Data Form for each customer and include as an attachment. If the customer type selected on the Core Data Form is **Individual**, complete **Attachment 1** of Administrative Report 1.0.

Attachment: A

## Section 4. Application Contact Information (Instructions Page 30)

This is the person(s) TCEQ will contact if additional information is needed about this application. Provide a contact for administrative questions and technical questions.

A. Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: Jacob Gifford

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): P.E.

Title: Engineering Manager

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-305-1120 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: jgifford@quadvest.com

Check one or both: ☒ Administrative Contact ☒ Technical Contact

B. Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: April Trader

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): [REDACTED]

Title: Special Projects Mgr - Engineering

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-356-5347 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: atrader@quadvest.com

Check one or both: ☒ Administrative Contact ☐ Technical Contact

## Section 5. Permit Contact Information (Instructions Page 30)

Provide two names of individuals that can be contacted throughout the permit term.

A. Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: Jacob Gifford

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): P.E.

Title: Engineering Manager

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-305-1120 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: jgifford@quadvest.com

B. Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: April Trader

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): [REDACTED]

Title: Special Projects Mgr - Engineering

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-356-5347 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: atrader@quadvest.com

## Section 6. Billing Information (Instructions Page 30)

The permittee is responsible for paying the annual fee. The annual fee will be assessed to permits ***in effect on September 1 of each year***. The TCEQ will send a bill to the address provided in this section. The permittee is responsible for terminating the permit when it is no longer needed (using form TCEQ-20029).

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: Mary Downey

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): [REDACTED]

Title: Controller

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-356-5347 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: mdowney@quadvest.com

## Section 7. DMR/MER Contact Information (Instructions Page 31)

Provide the name and complete mailing address of the person delegated to receive and submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (EPA 3320-1) or maintain Monthly Effluent Reports.

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: Margo Watson

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): [REDACTED]

Title: Environmental Compliance / Safety Coordinator

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-305-1154 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: mwatson@quadvest.com

DMR data is required to be submitted electronically. Create an account at:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/netdmr/netdmr.html>.

## Section 8. Public Notice Information (Instructions Page 31)

### A. Individual Publishing the Notices

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: April Trader

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): [REDACTED]

Title: Specials Project Mgr - Engineering

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-356-5347 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

### B. Method for Receiving Notice of Receipt and Intent to Obtain a Water Quality Permit Package

Indicate by a check mark the preferred method for receiving the first notice and instructions:

☒ E-mail Address

☐ Fax

☐ Regular Mail

### C. Contact person to be listed in the Notices

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: Jacob Gifford

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): P.E.

Title: Engineering Manager

Organization Name: Quadvest, LP

Phone No.: 281-305-1120 Ext.: [REDACTED]

E-mail: ygifford@quadvest.com

#### D. Public Viewing Information

*If the facility or outfall is located in more than one county, a public viewing place for each county must be provided.*

Public building name: Northwest Branch Library

Location within the building: Reference Desk

Physical Address of Building: 11355 Regency Green Drive

City: Cypress

County: Harris

Contact Name: Librarian

Phone No.: 832-927-5460 Ext.: [REDACTED]

#### E. Bilingual Notice Requirements:

This information **is required** for **new, major amendment, minor amendment or minor modification, and renewal applications.**

This section of the application is only used to determine if alternative language notices will be needed. Complete instructions on publishing the alternative language notices will be in your public notice package.

Please call the bilingual/ESL coordinator at the nearest elementary and middle schools and obtain the following information to determine whether an alternative language notices are required.

1. Is a bilingual education program required by the Texas Education Code at the elementary or middle school nearest to the facility or proposed facility?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If **no**, publication of an alternative language notice is not required; **skip to** Section 9 below.

2. Are the students who attend either the elementary school or the middle school enrolled in a bilingual education program at that school?

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Do the students at these schools attend a bilingual education program at another location?

☐ Yes ☒ No



- ☐
- Yes
- ☒
- No

- Attachment:** 

Phone No.: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

If the landowner is not the same person as the facility owner or co-applicant, attach a lease agreement or deed recorded easement. See instructions.

Attachment: [REDACTED]

- F. Owner of sewage sludge disposal site (if authorization is requested for sludge disposal on property owned or controlled by the applicant):

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Phone No.: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

If the landowner is not the same person as the facility owner or co-applicant, attach a lease agreement or deed recorded easement. See instructions.

Attachment: [REDACTED]

## Section 10. TPDES Discharge Information (Instructions Page 34)

- A. Is the wastewater treatment facility location in the existing permit accurate?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, or a new permit application, please give an accurate description:

[REDACTED]

- B. Are the point(s) of discharge and the discharge route(s) in the existing permit correct?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, or a new or amendment permit application, provide an accurate description of the point of discharge and the discharge route to the nearest classified segment as defined in 30 TAC Chapter 307:

[REDACTED]

City nearest the outfall(s): Waller

County in which the outfalls(s) is/are located: Harris

Outfall Latitude: 30.096106

Longitude: -95.891469

- C. Is or will the treated wastewater discharge to a city, county, or state highway right-of-way, or a flood control district drainage ditch?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If **yes**, indicate by a check mark if:

☐ Authorization granted ☐ Authorization pending

For **new and amendment** applications, provide copies of letters that show proof of contact and the approval letter upon receipt.

**Attachment:** [REDACTED]

- D. For all applications involving an average daily discharge of 5 MGD or more, provide the names of all counties located within 100 statute miles downstream of the point(s) of discharge.

[REDACTED]

## Section 11. TLAP Disposal Information (Instructions Page 36)

- A. For TLAPs, is the location of the effluent disposal site in the existing permit accurate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If **no**, or a **new or amendment permit application**, provide an accurate description of the disposal site location:

[REDACTED]

- B. City nearest the disposal site: [REDACTED]

- C. County in which the disposal site is located: [REDACTED]

- D. Disposal Site Latitude: [REDACTED] Longitude: [REDACTED]

- E. For TLAPs, describe the routing of effluent from the treatment facility to the disposal site:

[REDACTED]

- F. For TLAPs, please identify the nearest watercourse to the disposal site to which rainfall runoff might flow if not contained:

[REDACTED]

## Section 12. Miscellaneous Information (Instructions Page 37)

- A. Is the facility located on or does the treated effluent cross American Indian Land?



☐ Yes ☒ No

- B. If the existing permit contains an onsite sludge disposal authorization, is the location of the sewage sludge disposal site in the existing permit accurate?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable

If No, or if a new onsite sludge disposal authorization is being requested in this permit application, provide an accurate location description of the sewage sludge disposal site.

- C. Did any person formerly employed by the TCEQ represent your company and get paid for service regarding this application?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, list each person formerly employed by the TCEQ who represented your company and was paid for service regarding the application:

- D. Do you owe any fees to the TCEQ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the following information:

Account number:

Amount past due:

- E. Do you owe any penalties to the TCEQ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Enforcement order number:

Amount past due:

### Section 13. Attachments (Instructions Page 38)

Indicate which attachments are included with the Administrative Report. Check all that apply:

- ☐ Lease agreement or deed recorded easement, if the land where the treatment facility is located or the effluent disposal site are not owned by the applicant or co-applicant.
- ☐ Original full-size USGS Topographic Map with the following information:
- Applicant's property boundary

- Treatment facility boundary
- Labeled point of discharge for each discharge point (TPDES only)
- Highlighted discharge route for each discharge point (TPDES only)
- Onsite sewage sludge disposal site (if applicable)
- Effluent disposal site boundaries (TLAP only)
- New and future construction (if applicable)
- 1 mile radius information
- 3 miles downstream information (TPDES only)
- All ponds.



Attachment 1 for Individuals as co-applicants



Other Attachments. Please specify: Core Data

## Section 14. Signature Page (Instructions Page 39)

*If co-applicants are necessary, each entity must submit an original, separate signature page.*

Permit Number: WQ0016100001

Applicant: Quadvest, LP

Certification:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

I further certify that I am authorized under 30 Texas Administrative Code § 305.44 to sign and submit this document, and can provide documentation in proof of such authorization upon request.

Signatory name (typed or printed): Mark L. Urback, P.E.

Signatory title: VP of Construction and Engineering

Signature:  Date: 3/19/24  
(Use blue ink)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me by the said Mark L. Urback  
on this 19th day of March, 2024.  
My commission expires on the 21st day of July, 2027.

  
Notary Public

Montgomery  
County, Texas



[SEAL]

## Section 15. Plain Language Summary (Instructions Page 40)

If you are subject to the alternative language notice requirements in [30 Texas Administrative Code §39.426](#), **you must provide a translated copy of the completed plain language summary in the appropriate alternative language as part of your application package.** For your convenience, a Spanish template has been provided below.

### ENGLISH TEMPLATE FOR TPDES or TLAP NEW/RENEWAL/AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS

#### DOMESTIC WASTEWATER

*The following summary is provided for this pending water quality permit application being reviewed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as required by 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 39. The information provided in this summary may change during the technical review of the application and are not federal enforceable representations of the permit application.*

Quadvest, LP (CN #602944746 ) operates Lakes of Fairhaven Wastewater Treatment Facility RN#104396999. an activated sludge process plant to be operated in the conventional plug flow mode. The facility is located at 21118 West Farwood Terrace, in Cypress, Harris County, Texas 7.

13. Enter summary of application request here. <<For TLAP applications include the following sentence, otherwise delete:>> This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state.

Discharges from the facility are expected to contain 14. List all expected pollutants here..15. Enter types of wastewater discharged here. 16. Choose from the drop-down menu, treated by 17. Enter a description of wastewater treatment used at the facility here..

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "F" FOR BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARIES

### PLANTILLA EN ESPAÑOL PARA SOLICITUDES NUEVAS/RENOVACIONES/ENMIENDAS TPDES o TLAP



## AGUAS RESIDUALES DOMÉSTICAS

*El siguiente resumen se proporciona para esta solicitud de permiso de calidad del agua pendiente que está siendo revisada por la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas según lo requerido por el Capítulo 39 del Código Administrativo de Texas 30. La información proporcionada en este resumen puede cambiar durante la revisión técnica de la solicitud y no son representaciones federales exigibles de la solicitud de permiso.*

1. Introduzca el nombre del solicitante aquí. (2. Introduzca el número de cliente aquí (es decir, CN6 #####). ) 3. Elija del menú desplegable. 4. Introduzca el nombre de la instalación aquí. 5. Introduzca el número de entidad regulada aquí (es decir, RN1 #####). 6. Elija del menú desplegable. 7. Introduzca la descripción de la instalación aquí. La instalación 8. Elija del menú desplegable. ubicado 9. Introduzca la ubicación aquí, en 10. Introduzca el nombre de la ciudad aquí, Condado de 11. Introduzca el nombre del condado aquí, Texas 12. Introduzca el código postal aquí. 13. Introduzca el resumen de la solicitud de solicitud aquí. <<Para las aplicaciones de TLAP incluya la siguiente oración, de lo contrario, elimine:>> Este permiso no autorizará una descarga de contaminantes en el agua en el estado.

Se espera que las descargas de la instalación contengan 14. Liste todos los contaminantes esperados aquí. 15. Introduzca los tipos de aguas residuales descargadas aquí. 16. Elija del menú desplegable. tratado por 17. Introduzca una descripción del tratamiento de aguas residuales utilizado en la instalación aquí.



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
DOMESTIC WASTEWATER PERMIT APPLICATION

**DOMESTIC TECHNICAL REPORT 1.0**

The Following Is Required For All Applications  
Renewal, New, And Amendment

**Section 1. Permitted or Proposed Flows (Instructions Page 51)**

**A. Existing/Interim I Phase**

Design Flow (MGD): 0.125

2-Hr Peak Flow (MGD): 0.500

Estimated construction start date: 01/2024

Estimated waste disposal start date: 10/2024

**B. Interim II Phase**

Design Flow (MGD): 0.250

2-Hr Peak Flow (MGD): 1.000

Estimated construction start date: 01/2026

Estimated waste disposal start date: 10/2026

**C. Final Phase**

Design Flow (MGD): 0.750

2-Hr Peak Flow (MGD): 3.000

Estimated construction start date: 01/2032

Estimated waste disposal start date: 10/2032

**D. Current operating phase: N/A - UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Provide the startup date of the facility: 10/2024

**Section 2. Treatment Process (Instructions Page 51)**

**A. Treatment process description**

Provide a detailed description of the treatment process. **Include the type of**

**treatment plant, mode of operation, and all treatment units.** Start with the plant's head works and finish with the point of discharge. Include all sludge processing and drying units. **If more than one phase exists or is proposed in the permit, a description of *each phase* must be provided.** Process description:

Attachment G

Port or pipe diameter at the discharge point, in inches:

## B. Treatment Units

In Table 1.0(1), provide the treatment unit type, the number of units, and dimensions (length, width, depth) **of each treatment unit, accounting for *all* phases of operation.**

*Table 1.0(1) – Treatment Units*

Treatment Unit Type	Number of Units	Dimensions (L x W x D)
Attachment H		

## C. Process flow diagrams

Provide flow diagrams for the existing facilities and **each** proposed phase of construction.

**Attachment: I**

### Section 3. Site Drawing (Instructions Page 52)

Provide a site drawing for the facility that shows the following:

- The boundaries of the treatment facility;
- The boundaries of the area served by the treatment facility;
- If land disposal of effluent, the boundaries of the disposal site and all storage/holding ponds; and
- If sludge disposal is authorized in the permit, the boundaries of the land application or disposal site.

**Attachment:** J

Provide the name and a description of the area served by the treatment facility.

Binford Creek – residential subdivision

### Section 4. Unbuilt Phases (Instructions Page 52)

Is the application for a renewal of a permit that contains an unbuilt phase or phases?

Yes ☐

No ☒

**If yes**, does the existing permit contain a phase that has not been constructed within five years of being authorized by the TCEQ?

Yes ☐

No ☐

**If yes**, provide a detailed discussion regarding the continued need for the unbuilt phase. Failure to provide sufficient justification may result in the Executive Director recommending denial of the unbuilt phase or phases.

Click here to enter text.



## Section 5. Closure Plans (Instructions Page 53)

Have any treatment units been taken out of service permanently, or will any units be taken out of service in the next five years?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, was a closure plan submitted to the TCEQ?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, provide a brief description of the closure and the date of plan approval.

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## Section 6. Permit Specific Requirements (Instructions Page 53)

For applicants with an existing permit, check the *Other Requirements* or *Special Provisions* of the permit.

### A. Summary transmittal

Have plans and specifications been approved for the existing facilities and each proposed phase?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, provide the date(s) of approval for each phase: see below

Provide information, including dates, on any actions taken to meet a requirement or provision pertaining to the submission of a summary transmittal letter. Provide a copy of an approval letter from the TCEQ, if applicable.

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### B. Buffer zones

Have the buffer zone requirements been met?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Provide information below, including dates, on any actions taken to meet the conditions of the buffer zone. If available, provide any new documentation relevant to maintaining the buffer zones.

**C. Other actions required by the current permit**

Does the *Other Requirements* or *Special Provisions* section in the existing permit require submission of any other information or other required actions? Examples include Notification of Completion, progress reports, soil monitoring data, etc.

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, provide information below on the status of any actions taken to meet the conditions of an *Other Requirement* or *Special Provision*.

**D. Grit and grease treatment**

**1. Acceptance of grit and grease waste**

Does the facility have a grit and/or grease processing facility onsite that treats and decants or accepts transported loads of grit and grease waste that are discharged directly to the wastewater treatment plant prior to any treatment?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If No, stop here and continue with Subsection E. Stormwater Management.

**2. Grit and grease processing**

Describe below how the grit and grease waste is treated at the facility. In your description, include how and where the grit and grease is introduced to the treatment works and how it is separated or processed. Provide a flow diagram showing how grit and grease is processed at the facility.

### 3. Grit disposal

Does the facility have a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) registration or permit for grit disposal?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If No, contact the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste team at 512-239-0000. Note: A registration or permit is required for grit disposal. Grit shall not be combined with treatment plant sludge. See the instruction booklet for additional information on grit disposal requirements and restrictions.

Describe the method of grit disposal.

### 4. Grease and decanted liquid disposal

Note: A registration or permit is required for grease disposal. Grease shall not be combined with treatment plant sludge. For more information, contact the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste team at 512-239-0000.

Describe how the decant and grease are treated and disposed of after grit separation.

## E. Stormwater management

### 1. Applicability

Does the facility have a design flow of 1.0 MGD or greater in any phase?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Does the facility have an approved pretreatment program, under 40 CFR Part 403?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If no to both of the above, then skip to Subsection F, Other Wastes Received.

## 2. MSGP coverage

Is the stormwater runoff from the WWTP and dedicated lands for sewage disposal currently permitted under the TPDES Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP), TXR050000?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please provide MSGP Authorization Number and skip to Subsection F, Other Wastes Received:

TXR05 [REDACTED] or TXRNE [REDACTED]

If no, do you intend to seek coverage under TXR050000?

Yes ☐ No ☒

## 3. Conditional exclusion

Alternatively, do you intend to apply for a conditional exclusion from permitting based TXR050000 (Multi Sector General Permit) Part II B.2 or TXR050000 (Multi Sector General Permit) Part V, Sector T 3(b)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain below then proceed to Subsection F, Other Wastes Received:

## 4. Existing coverage in individual permit

Is your stormwater discharge currently permitted through this individual TPDES or TLAP permit?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, provide a description of stormwater runoff management practices at the site that are authorized in the wastewater permit then skip to Subsection F, Other Wastes Received.

### ***5. Zero stormwater discharge***

Do you intend to have no discharge of stormwater via use of evaporation or other means?

Yes ☐

No ☒

**If yes, explain below then skip to Subsection F. Other Wastes Received.**

Note: If there is a potential to discharge any stormwater to surface water in the state as the result of any storm event, then permit coverage is required under the MSGP or an individual discharge permit. This requirement applies to all areas of facilities with treatment plants or systems that treat, store, recycle, or reclaim domestic sewage, wastewater or sewage sludge (including dedicated lands for sewage sludge disposal located within the onsite property boundaries) that meet the applicability criteria of above. You have the option of obtaining coverage under the MSGP for direct discharges, (recommended), or obtaining coverage under this individual permit.

### ***6. Request for coverage in individual permit***

Are you requesting coverage of stormwater discharges associated with your treatment plant under this individual permit?

Yes ☐

No ☒

**If yes, provide a description of stormwater runoff management practices at the site for which you are requesting authorization in this individual wastewater permit and describe whether you intend to comingle this discharge with your treated effluent or discharge it via a separate dedicated stormwater outfall. Please also indicate if you intend to divert stormwater to the treatment plant headworks and indirectly discharge it to water in the state.**

Note: Direct stormwater discharges to waters in the state authorized through this individual permit will require the development and implementation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) and will be subject to additional monitoring and reporting requirements. Indirect discharges of stormwater via headworks recycling will require compliance with all individual permit requirements including 2-hour peak flow limitations. All stormwater discharge authorization requests will require additional information during the technical review of your application.

**F. Discharges to the Lake Houston Watershed**

Does the facility discharge in the Lake Houston watershed?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, a Sewage Sludge Solids Management Plan is required. See Example 5 in the instructions.

**G. Other wastes received including sludge from other WWTPs and septic waste**

***1. Acceptance of sludge from other WWTPs***

Does the facility accept or will it accept sludge from other treatment plants at the facility site?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**If yes, attach sewage sludge solids management plan. See Example 5 of the instructions.**

In addition, provide the date that the plant started accepting sludge or is anticipated to start accepting sludge, an estimate of monthly sludge acceptance (gallons or millions of gallons), an estimate of the BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration of the sludge, and the design BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration of the influent from the collection system. Also note if this information has or has not changed since the last permit action.

Note: Permits that accept sludge from other wastewater treatment plants

may be required to have influent flow and organic loading monitoring.

## **2. Acceptance of septic waste**

Is the facility accepting or will it accept septic waste?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, does the facility have a Type V processing unit?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, does the unit have a Municipal Solid Waste permit?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes to any of the above, provide a the date that the plant started accepting septic waste, or is anticipated to start accepting septic waste, an estimate of monthly septic waste acceptance (gallons or millions of gallons), an estimate of the BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration of the septic waste, and the design BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration of the influent from the collection system. Also note if this information has or has not changed since the last permit action.

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Note: Permits that accept sludge from other wastewater treatment plants may be required to have influent flow and organic loading monitoring.

## **3. Acceptance of other wastes (not including septic, grease, grit, or RCRA, CERCLA or as discharged by IUs listed in Worksheet 6)**

Is the facility accepting or will it accept wastes that are not domestic in nature excluding the categories listed above?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, provide the date that the plant started accepting the waste, an estimate how much waste is accepted on a monthly basis (gallons or millions of gallons), a description of the entities generating the waste, and any distinguishing chemical or other physical characteristic of the waste. Also note if this information has or has not changed since the last permit action.

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## Section 7. Pollutant Analysis of Treated Effluent (Instructions Page 58)

Is the facility in operation?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If **no**, this section is not applicable. Proceed to Section 8.

If **yes**, provide effluent analysis data for the listed pollutants. **Wastewater treatment facilities** complete Table 1.0(2). **Water treatment facilities** discharging filter backwash water, complete Table 1.0(3).

Note: The sample date must be within 1 year of application submission.

**Table 1.0(2) - Pollutant Analysis for Wastewater Treatment Facilities**

Pollutant	Average Conc.	Max Conc.	No. of Samples	Sample Type	Sample Date/Time
CBOD <sub>5</sub> , mg/l					
Total Suspended Solids, mg/l					
Ammonia Nitrogen, mg/l					
Nitrate Nitrogen, mg/l					
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, mg/l					
Sulfate, mg/l					
Chloride, mg/l					
Total Phosphorus, mg/l					
pH, standard units					
Dissolved Oxygen*, mg/l					
Chlorine Residual, mg/l					
<i>E.coli</i> (CFU/100ml) freshwater					
Enterococci (CFU/100ml) saltwater					
Total Dissolved Solids, mg/l					
Electrical Conductivity, $\mu$ mohs/cm, †					



Pollutant	Average Conc.	Max Conc.	No. of Samples	Sample Type	Sample Date/Time
Oil & Grease, mg/l					
Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )*, mg/l					

\*TPDES permits only

†TLAP permits only

**Table 1.0(3) - Pollutant Analysis for Water Treatment Facilities**

Pollutant	Average Conc.	Max Conc.	No. of Samples	Sample Type	Sample Date/Time
Total Suspended Solids, mg/l					
Total Dissolved Solids, mg/l					
pH, standard units					
Fluoride, mg/l					
Aluminum, mg/l					
Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), mg/l					

## Section 8. Facility Operator (Instructions Page 60)

Facility Operator Name: Quadvest, LP

Facility Operator's License Classification and Level: WWOL/B

Facility Operator's License Number: WW0054067

## Section 9. Sewage Sludge Management and Disposal (Instructions Page 60)

### A. Sludge disposal method

Identify the current or anticipated sludge disposal method or methods from the following list. Check all that apply.



Permitted landfill



Permitted or Registered land application site for beneficial use

- ☐ Land application for beneficial use authorized in the wastewater permit
- ☐ Permitted sludge processing facility
- ☐ Marketing and distribution as authorized in the wastewater permit
- ☐ Composting as authorized in the wastewater permit
- ☐ Permitted surface disposal site (sludge monofill)
- ☐ Surface disposal site (sludge monofill) authorized in the wastewater permit
- ☒ Transported to another permitted wastewater treatment plant or permitted sludge processing facility. If you selected this method, a written statement or contractual agreement from the wastewater treatment plant or permitted sludge processing facility accepting the sludge must be included with this application.
- ☐ Other:

#### **B. Sludge disposal site**

Disposal site name: Mount Houston Road MUD

TCEQ permit or registration number: WQ00111154001

County where disposal site is located: Harris

#### **C. Sludge transportation method**

Method of transportation (truck, train, pipe, other): Truck

Name of the hauler: Magna-Flow

Hauler registration number: 21484

Sludge is transported as a:

Liquid ☐

semi-liquid ☒

semi-solid ☐

solid ☐

### **Section 10. Permit Authorization for Sewage Sludge Disposal (Instructions Page 60)**

#### **A. Beneficial use authorization**

Does the existing permit include authorization for land application of sewage

sludge for beneficial use?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, are you requesting to continue this authorization to land apply sewage sludge for beneficial use?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, is the completed **Application for Permit for Beneficial Land Use of Sewage Sludge (TCEQ Form No. 10451)** attached to this permit application (see the instructions for details)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

### B. Sludge processing authorization

Does the existing permit include authorization for any of the following sludge processing, storage or disposal options?

Sludge Composting Yes ☐ No ☒

Marketing and Distribution of sludge Yes ☐ No ☒

Sludge Surface Disposal or Sludge Monofill Yes ☐ No ☒

Temporary storage in sludge lagoons Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes to any of the above sludge options and the applicant is requesting to continue this authorization, is the completed **Domestic Wastewater Permit Application: Sewage Sludge Technical Report (TCEQ Form No. 10056)** attached to this permit application?

Yes ☐ No ☐

## Section 11. Sewage Sludge Lagoons (Instructions Page 61)

Does this facility include sewage sludge lagoons?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, complete the remainder of this section. If no, proceed to Section 12.

### A. Location information

The following maps are required to be submitted as part of the application. For each map, provide the Attachment Number.

- Original General Highway (County) Map:

Attachment:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Map:

Attachment:

- Federal Emergency Management Map:

**Attachment:** [REDACTED]

- Site map:

**Attachment:** [REDACTED]

Discuss in a description if any of the following exist within the lagoon area.  
Check all that apply.

- ☐ Overlap a designated 100-year frequency flood plain
- ☐ Soils with flooding classification
- ☐ Overlap an unstable area
- ☐ Wetlands
- ☐ Located less than 60 meters from a fault
- ☐ None of the above

**Attachment:** [REDACTED]

If a portion of the lagoon(s) is located within the 100-year frequency flood plain, provide the protective measures to be utilized including type and size of protective structures:

## B. Temporary storage information

Provide the results for the pollutant screening of sludge lagoons. These results are in addition to pollutant results in Section 7 of Technical Report 1.0.

Nitrate Nitrogen, mg/kg: [REDACTED]

Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, mg/kg: [REDACTED]

Total Nitrogen (=nitrate nitrogen + TKN), mg/kg: [REDACTED]

Phosphorus, mg/kg: [REDACTED]

Potassium, mg/kg: [REDACTED]

pH, standard units: [REDACTED]

Ammonia Nitrogen mg/kg: [REDACTED]

Arsenic: [REDACTED]

Cadmium: [REDACTED]

Chromium: [REDACTED]

Copper: [REDACTED]

Lead: [REDACTED]

Mercury: [REDACTED]

Molybdenum: [REDACTED]

Nickel: [REDACTED]

Selenium: [REDACTED]

Zinc: [REDACTED]

Total PCBs: [REDACTED]

Provide the following information:

Volume and frequency of sludge to the lagoon(s): [REDACTED]

Total dry tons stored in the lagoons(s) per 365-day period: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Total dry tons stored in the lagoons(s) over the life of the unit: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### C. Liner information

Does the active/proposed sludge lagoon(s) have a liner with a maximum hydraulic conductivity of  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, describe the liner below. Please note that a liner is required.

[REDACTED]

### D. Site development plan

Provide a detailed description of the methods used to deposit sludge in the lagoon(s):

[REDACTED]

Attach the following documents to the application.

- Plan view and cross-section of the sludge lagoon(s)

Attachment: [REDACTED]

- Copy of the closure plan

Attachment: [REDACTED]

- Copy of deed recordation for the site

Attachment: [REDACTED]

- Size of the sludge lagoon(s) in surface acres and capacity in cubic feet and gallons

Attachment: [REDACTED]

- Description of the method of controlling infiltration of groundwater and surface water from entering the site

Attachment: [REDACTED]

- Procedures to prevent the occurrence of nuisance conditions

Attachment: [REDACTED]

#### **E. Groundwater monitoring**

Is groundwater monitoring currently conducted at this site, or are any wells available for groundwater monitoring, or are groundwater monitoring data otherwise available for the sludge lagoon(s)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If groundwater monitoring data are available, provide a copy. Provide a profile of soil types encountered down to the groundwater table and the depth to the shallowest groundwater as a separate attachment.

Attachment: [REDACTED]

## **Section 12. Authorizations/Compliance/Enforcement (Instructions Page 63)**

#### **A. Additional authorizations**

Does the permittee have additional authorizations for this facility, such as reuse authorization, sludge permit, etc?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, provide the TCEQ authorization number and description of the authorization:

**B. Permittee enforcement status**

Is the permittee currently under enforcement for this facility?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Is the permittee required to meet an implementation schedule for compliance or enforcement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes to either question, provide a brief summary of the enforcement, the implementation schedule, and the current status:

**Section 13. RCRA/CERCLA Wastes (Instructions Page 63)**

**A. RCRA hazardous wastes**

Has the facility received in the past three years, does it currently receive, or will it receive RCRA hazardous waste?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**B. Remediation activity wastewater**

Has the facility received in the past three years, does it currently receive, or will it receive CERCLA wastewater, RCRA remediation/corrective action wastewater or other remediation activity wastewater?

Yes ☐ No ☒

**C. Details about wastes received**

If yes to either Subsection A or B above, provide detailed information concerning these wastes with the application.

Attachment:

## Section 14. Laboratory Accreditation (Instructions Page 64)

All laboratory tests performed must meet the requirements of *30 TAC Chapter 25, Environmental Testing Laboratory Accreditation and Certification*, which includes the following general exemptions from National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) certification requirements:

- The laboratory is an in-house laboratory and is:
  - periodically inspected by the TCEQ; or
  - located in another state and is accredited or inspected by that state; or
  - performing work for another company with a unit located in the same site; or
  - performing pro bono work for a governmental agency or charitable organization.
- The laboratory is accredited under federal law.
- The data are needed for emergency-response activities, and a laboratory accredited under the Texas Laboratory Accreditation Program is not available.
- The laboratory supplies data for which the TCEQ does not offer accreditation.

The applicant should review *30 TAC Chapter 25* for specific requirements.

The following certification statement shall be signed and submitted with every application. See the *Signature Page* section in the Instructions, for a list of designated representatives who may sign the certification.

### CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all laboratory tests submitted with this application meet the requirements of *30 TAC Chapter 25, Environmental Testing Laboratory Accreditation and Certification*.

Printed Name:

Title:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



ATTACHMENT A

# Core Data Form



# TCEQ Core Data Form

For detailed instructions on completing this form, please read the Core Data Form Instructions or call 512-239-5175.

## SECTION I: General Information

1. Reason for Submission (If other is checked please describe in space provided.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit, Registration or Authorization (Core Data Form should be submitted with the program application.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (Core Data Form should be submitted with the renewal form)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other      Minor Amendment
2. Customer Reference Number (if issued)	<a href="#">Follow this link to search for CN or RN numbers in Central Registry**</a>	3. Regulated Entity Reference Number (if issued)
CN 60294476		RN 111418877

## SECTION II: Customer Information

4. General Customer Information		5. Effective Date for Customer Information Updates (mm/dd/yyyy)		01/30/2024	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Customer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update to Customer Information <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Regulated Entity Ownership					
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in Legal Name (Verifiable with the Texas Secretary of State or Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts)					
The Customer Name submitted here may be updated automatically based on what is current and active with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) or Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA).					
6. Customer Legal Name (If an individual, print last name first: eg: Doe, John)				If new Customer, enter previous Customer below:	
QUADVEST, LP					
7. TX SOS/CPA Filing Number		8. TX State Tax ID (11 digits)		9. Federal Tax ID	
08000539284		17421243712		(9 digits)	
				10. DUNS Number (if applicable)	
11. Type of Customer:		<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	
Government: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship		Partnership: <input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited	
12. Number of Employees		13. Independently Owned and Operated?			
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21-100 <input type="checkbox"/> 101-250 <input type="checkbox"/> 251-500 <input type="checkbox"/> 501 and higher		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
14. Customer Role (Proposed or Actual) – as it relates to the Regulated Entity listed on this form. Please check one of the following					
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Operator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner & Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Licensee <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible Party <input type="checkbox"/> VCP/BSA Applicant					
15. Mailing		26926 FM 2978			
Address:					
City		MAGNOLIA		State	
TX		ZIP		77354	
ZIP + 4					
16. Country Mailing Information (if outside USA)			17. E-Mail Address (if applicable)		
			support@quadvest.com		
18. Telephone Number		19. Extension or Code		20. Fax Number (if applicable)	

**SECTION III: Regulated Entity Information****21. General Regulated Entity Information** (If 'New Regulated Entity' is selected, a new permit application is also required.)
☐ New Regulated Entity    ☒ Update to Regulated Entity Name    ☒ Update to Regulated Entity Information

*The Regulated Entity Name submitted may be updated, in order to meet TCEQ Core Data Standards (removal of organizational endings such as Inc, LP, or LLC).*

**22. Regulated Entity Name** (Enter name of the site where the regulated action is taking place.)

Binford Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility

**23. Street Address of the Regulated Entity:**

(No PO Boxes)

City	Waller	State	TX	ZIP	77484	ZIP + 4	
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**24. County**

Harris

If no Street Address is provided, fields 25-28 are required.

**25. Description to****Physical Location:**

650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road, in Harris County, Texas 77484

**26. Nearest City****State****Nearest ZIP Code**

Waller

TX

77484

*Latitude/Longitude are required and may be added/updated to meet TCEQ Core Data Standards. (Geocoding of the Physical Address may be used to supply coordinates where none have been provided or to gain accuracy).*

**27. Latitude (N) In Decimal:**

30.096106

**28. Longitude (W) In Decimal:**

-95.891469

Degrees

Minutes

Seconds

Degrees

Minutes

Seconds

30

5

45.98

95

53

29.29

**29. Primary SIC Code****30. Secondary SIC Code****31. Primary NAICS Code****32. Secondary NAICS Code**

(4 digits)

(4 digits)

(5 or 6 digits)

(5 or 6 digits)

4952

**33. What is the Primary Business of this entity?** (Do not repeat the SIC or NAICS description.)

WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

**34. Mailing**

QUADVEST, LP

**Address:**

26926 FM 2978

City

MAGNOLIA

State

TX

ZIP

77354

ZIP + 4

**35. E-Mail Address:**

support@quadvest.com

**36. Telephone Number****37. Extension or Code****38. Fax Number** (if applicable)

( 281 ) 356-5347

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**39. TCEQ Programs and ID Numbers** Check all Programs and write in the permits/registration numbers that will be affected by the updates submitted on this form. See the Core Data Form instructions for additional guidance.

<input type="checkbox"/> Dam Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> Edwards Aquifer	<input type="checkbox"/> Emissions Inventory Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Hazardous Waste
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> New Source Review Air	<input type="checkbox"/> OSSF	<input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum Storage Tank	<input type="checkbox"/> PWS
<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Title V Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Tires	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Oil
<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Cleanup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wastewater	<input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

## SECTION IV: Preparer Information

40. Name:	JACOB GIFFORD	41. Title:	MANAGING ENGINEER
42. Telephone Number	43. Ext./Code	44. Fax Number	45. E-Mail Address
( 281 ) 305-1120		( ) -	JGIFFORD@QUADVEST.COM

## SECTION V: Authorized Signature

46. By my signature below, I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided in this form is true and complete, and that I have signature authority to submit this form on behalf of the entity specified in Section II, Field 6 and/or as required for the updates to the ID numbers identified in field 39.

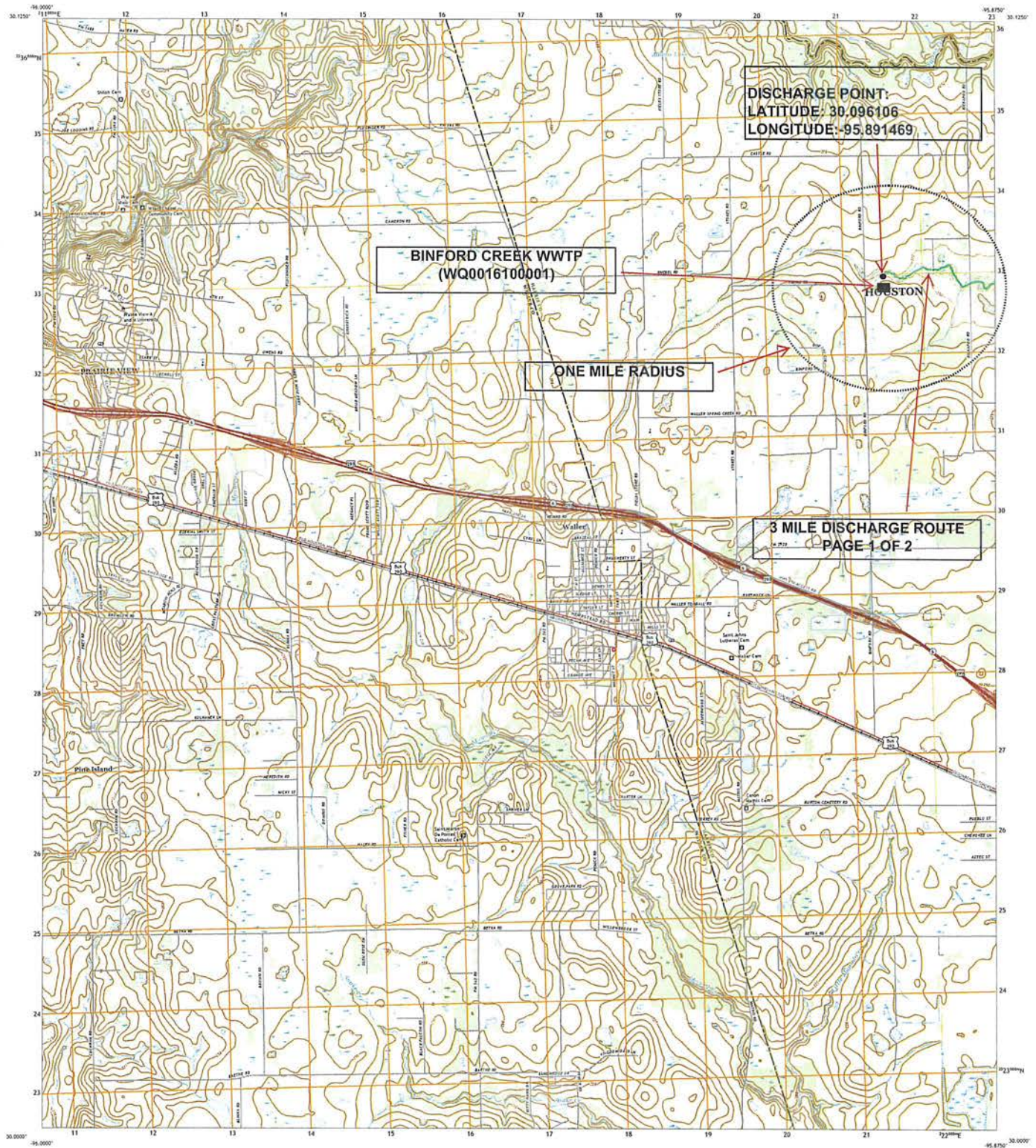
Company:	QUADVEST, LP	Job Title:	VP CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING
Name (In Print):	MARK L. URBACK, P.E.	Phone:	( 281 ) 356- 5347
Signature:		Date:	3/19/24

ATTACHMENT B

# USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

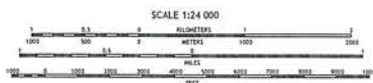
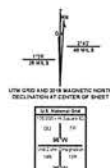
(Admin Report 1.0-section 13)





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World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS84). Projection and  
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entering private lands.

Property.....AUP, September  
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
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**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

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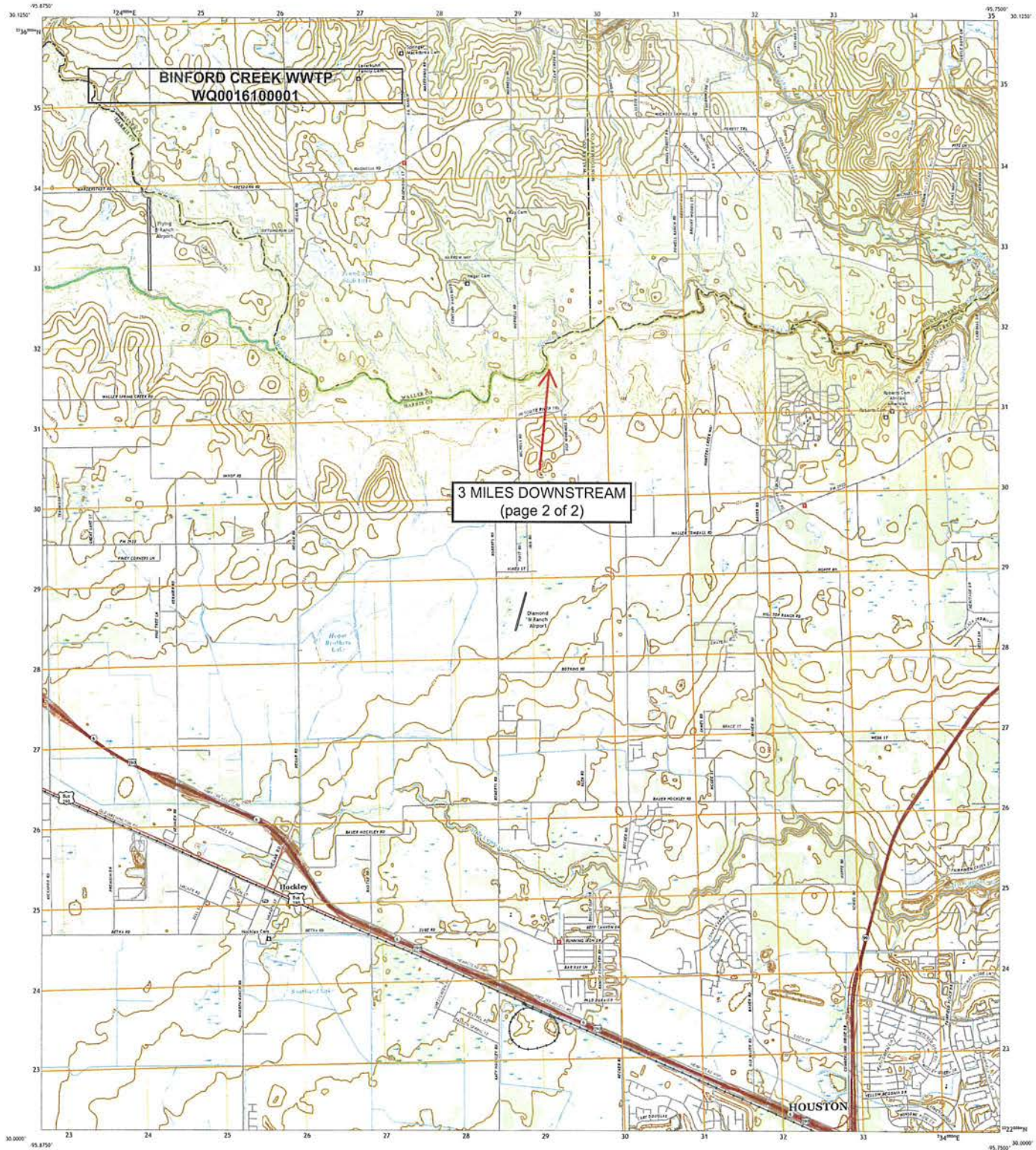




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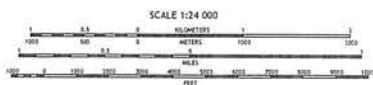
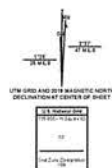


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Expressway  
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ATTACHMENT C

**SPIF**



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## SUPPLEMENTAL PERMIT INFORMATION FORM (SPIF)

### FOR AGENCIES REVIEWING DOMESTIC TPDES WASTEWATER PERMIT APPLICATIONS

#### TCEQ USE ONLY:

Application type: \_\_\_\_Renewal \_\_\_\_Major Amendment \_\_\_\_Minor Amendment \_\_\_\_New

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Segment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Admin Complete Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Receiving SPIF:

\_\_\_\_ Texas Historical Commission

\_\_\_\_ U.S. Fish and Wildlife

\_\_\_\_ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

\_\_\_\_ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**This form applies to TPDES permit applications only.** (Instructions, Page 53)

The SPIF must be completed as a separate document. The TCEQ will mail a copy of the SPIF to each agency as required by the TCEQ agreement with EPA. If any of the items are not completely addressed or further information is needed, you will be contacted to provide the information before the permit is issued. Each item must be completely addressed.

**Do not refer to a response of any item in the permit application form.** Each attachment must be provided with this form separately from the administrative report of the application. The application will not be declared administratively complete without this form being completed in its entirety including all attachments.

The following applies to all applications:

1. Permittee: Quadvest, LP

Permit No. WQ0016100001

EPA ID No. TX 0142336

Address of the project (or a location description that includes street/highway, city/vicinity, and county):

The facility is located approximately 650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road, in Harris County, Texas 77484.

Provide the name, address, phone and fax number of an individual that can be contacted to answer specific questions about the property.

Prefix (Mr., Ms., Miss): [REDACTED]

First and Last Name: Jacob Gifford

Credential (P.E, P.G., Ph.D., etc.): PE

Title: Engineering Manager

Mailing Address: 26926 FM 2978

City, State, Zip Code: Magnolia, Texas 77354

Phone No.: 281-305-1120 Ext.: [REDACTED] Fax No.: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: jgifford@quadvest.com

2. List the county in which the facility is located: Harris
3. If the property is publicly owned and the owner is different than the permittee/applicant, please list the owner of the property.

n/a

4. Provide a description of the effluent discharge route. The discharge route must follow the flow of effluent from the point of discharge to the nearest major watercourse (from the point of discharge to a classified segment as defined in 30 TAC Chapter 307). If known, please identify the classified segment number.

From the facility to Kickapoo Creek, thence to Spring Creek in Segment No. 1008 of the San Jacinto River Basin.

5. Please provide a separate 7.5-minute USGS quadrangle map with the project boundaries plotted and a general location map showing the project area. Please highlight the discharge route from the point of discharge for a distance of one mile downstream. (This map is required in addition to the map in the administrative report).

Provide original photographs of any structures 50 years or older on the property.

Does your project involve any of the following? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Proposed access roads, utility lines, construction easements
- ☐ Visual effects that could damage or detract from a historic property's integrity
- ☐ Vibration effects during construction or as a result of project design
- ☐ Additional phases of development that are planned for the future
- ☐ Sealing caves, fractures, sinkholes, other karst features

☐ Disturbance of vegetation or wetlands

6. List proposed construction impact (surface acres to be impacted, depth of excavation, sealing of caves, or other karst features):

None

7. Describe existing disturbances, vegetation, and land use:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS APPLY ONLY TO APPLICATIONS FOR NEW TPDES PERMITS AND MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO TPDES PERMITS

8. List construction dates of all buildings and structures on the property:

9. Provide a brief history of the property, and name of the architect/builder, if known.

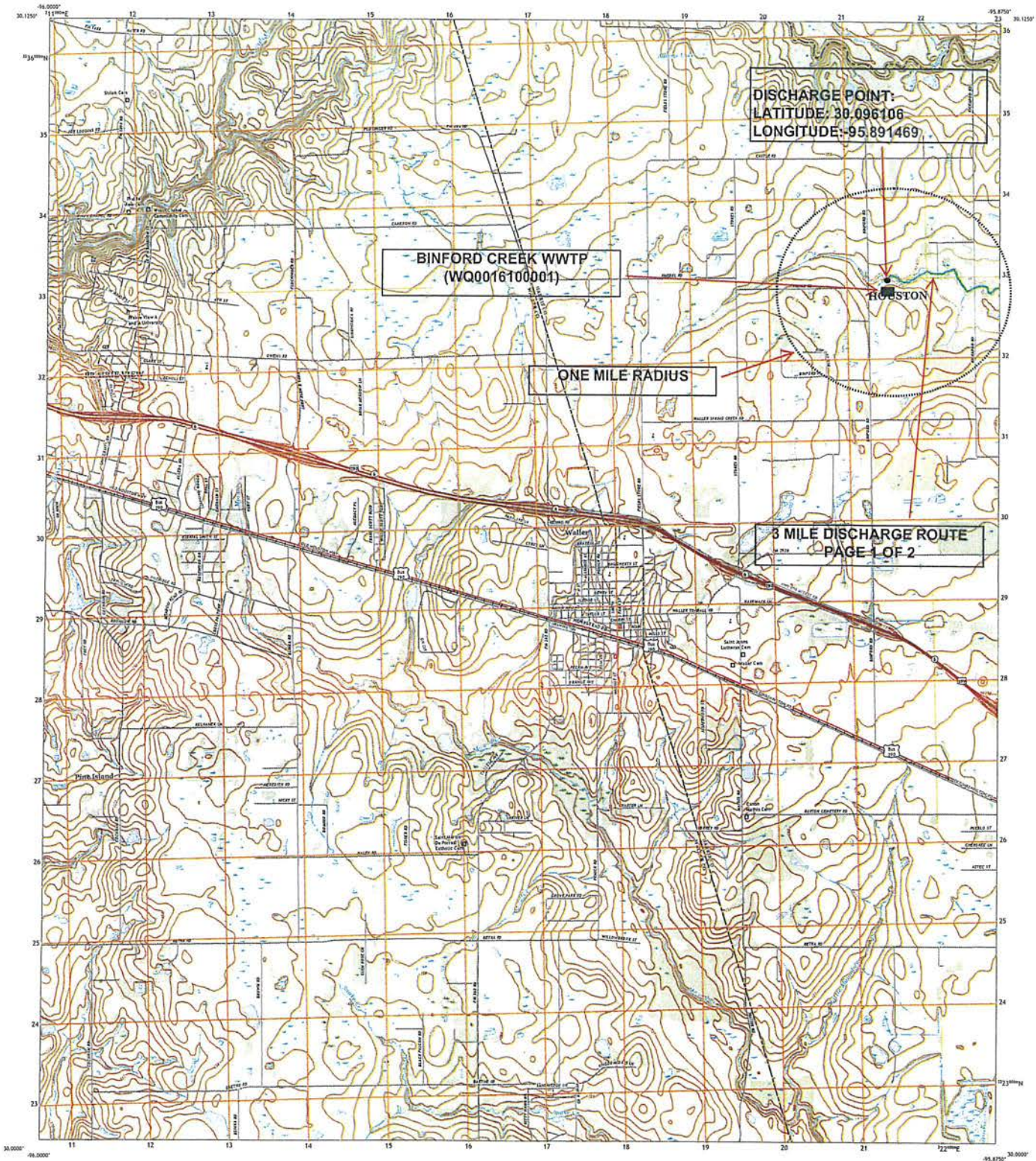
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**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**(7.5 minute)

EFFLUENT DISCHARGE ROUTE

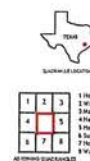
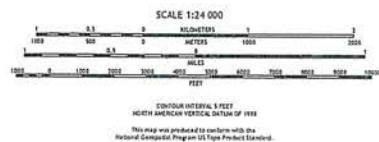
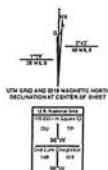
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Secondary Hwy	Local Road
Ramp	Driveway
Interstate Route	US Route
	State Road



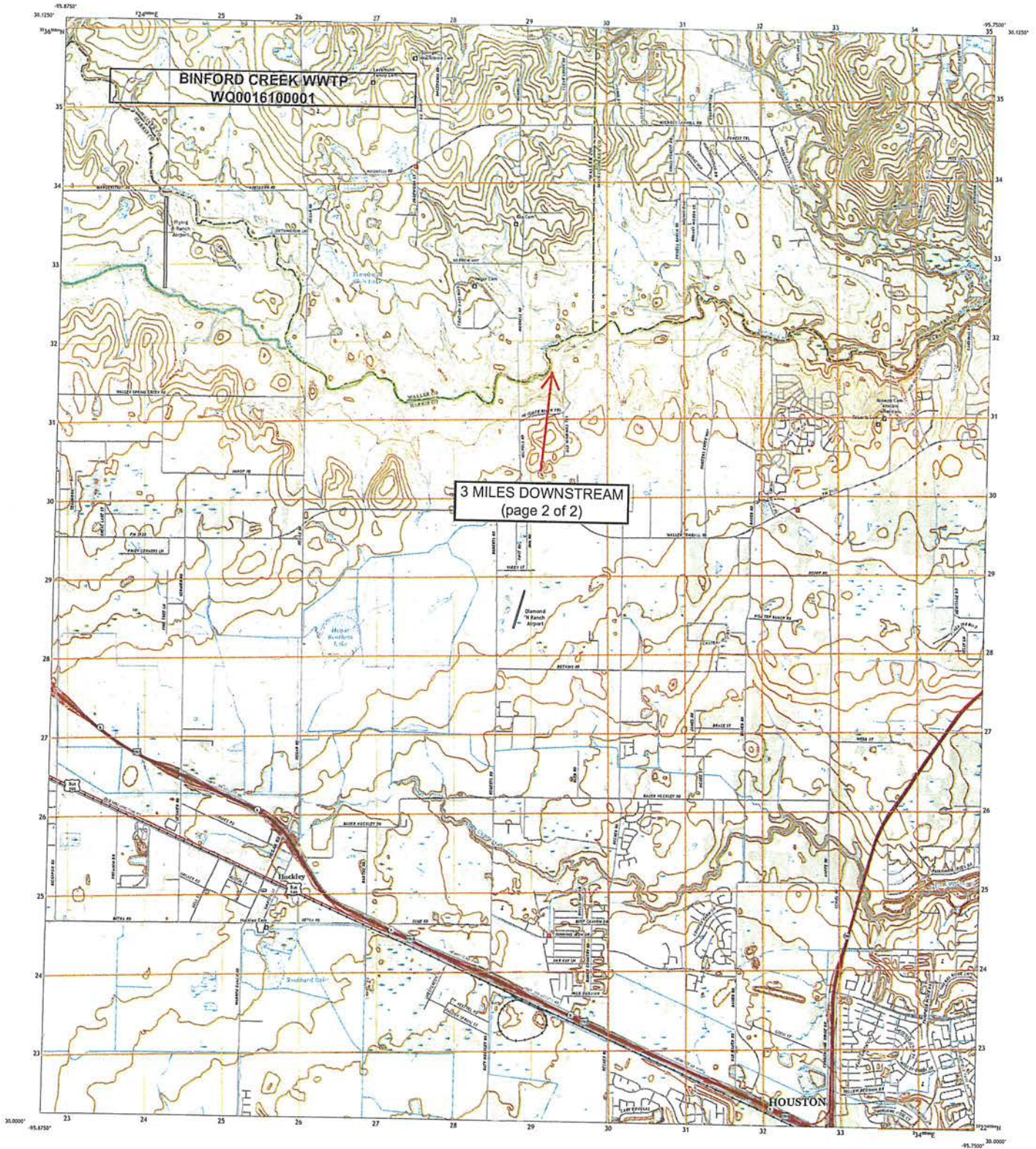




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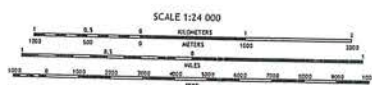
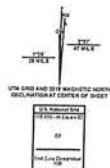


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Expressway	Local Connector
Secondary Hwy	Local Road
Bypass	AWP
Interstate Route	US Route
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ATTACHMENT E

**APPLICATION CHECK**



**WATER QUALITY PERMIT  
PAYMENT SUBMITTAL FORM**

Use this form to submit the Application Fee, if the mailing the payment.

- Complete items 1 through 5 below.
- Staple the check or money order in the space provided at the bottom of this document.
- **Do not mail this form with the application form.**
- Do not mail this form to the same address as the application.
- Do not submit a copy of the application with this form as it could cause duplicate permit entries.

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**Fee Code: WQP      Waste Permit No: WQ0016100001**

1. Check or Money Order Number: XXXXXXXXXX
2. Check or Money Order Amount: \$150.00
3. Date of Check or Money Order:
4. Name on Check or Money Order: Quadvest, LP
5. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Project or Site: Binford WWTF

Physical Address of Project or Site: 650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road, in Harris County, Texas 77484

If the check is for more than one application, attach a list which includes the name of each Project or Site (RE) and Physical Address exactly as provided on the application.

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ATTACHMENT F

# PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARIES

(Admin Report 1.0 : Section 15)

## PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

*The following summary is provided for this pending water quality permit application being reviewed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as required by 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 39. The information provided in this summary may change during the technical review of the application and are not federal enforceable representations of the permit application.*

Quadvest, LP (CN602944746) operates the Binford Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (RN111418877), a sludge processing plant that is currently being constructed and will operate in the conventional plug flow mode. The facility is located approximately 650 feet east of the intersection of Binford Road and Vining Road in Harris County, Texas

This is an application for a minor amendment.

Discharges from the facility are expected to contain five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), ammonia nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N), and *Escherichia coli*. Additional potential pollutants are included in the Domestic Technical Report 1.0, Section 7. Pollutant Analysis of Treated Effluent in the permit application package. Domestic wastewater will be treated by an activated sludge process plant and the treatment units will include a bar screen, aeration basins, final clarifiers, sludge digesters and chlorine contact chambers.

## RESUMEN EN LENGUAJE SENCILLO

*El siguiente resumen se proporciona para esta solicitud de permiso de calidad del agua pendiente que está siendo revisada por la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas según lo exige el Capítulo 39 del Código Administrativo de Texas 30. La información proporcionada en este resumen puede cambiar durante la revisión técnica de la solicitud y no son representaciones federales exigibles de la solicitud de permiso.*

Quadvest, LP (CN602944746) opera la Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales de Binford Creek (RN111418877), una planta de procesamiento de lodos que actualmente se está construyendo y operará en el modo de flujo de tapón convencional. La instalación está ubicada aproximadamente a 650 pies al este de la intersección de Binford Road y Vining Road en el condado de Harris, Texas

Se trata de una solicitud de modificación menor.

Se espera que las descargas de la instalación contengan una demanda bioquímica carbonosa de oxígeno (CBOD5) de cinco días, sólidos suspendidos totales (TSS), nitrógeno amoniacal (NH3-N) y *Escherichia coli*. En la sección 7 del Informe Técnico Nacional 1.0 se incluyen contaminantes potenciales adicionales. Análisis de Contaminantes de Efluentes Tratados en el paquete de solicitud de permisos. Las aguas residuales domésticas serán tratadas por una planta de procesamiento de lodos activados y las unidades de tratamiento incluirán una pantalla de barras, balsas de aireación, clarificadores finales, digestores de lodos y cámaras de contacto de cloro.

ATTACHMENT G

# TREATMENT PROCESS

(Technical Report 1.0 : Section 2A)

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# TECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT

## FOR

### BINFORD CREEK WWTP

1. **PURPOSE** The purpose of this report is to present the basis of design and summary of unit sizing and hydraulic calculations for the Sewage Treatment Plant.
2. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY** The project under development is a residential community
3. **POPULATION SERVED** The location of the proposed facility is shown on Sheet One of the Plans. The population flow is based on 70 gallons per capita per day (245 gpd/ESFC).

DEVELOPMENTS SERVED	ESFC	FLOW, gpd
Binford Creek	900	220,500
		0
	900	220,500

4. **INFLUENT QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS** The raw sewage quality characteristics used for design are estimates based on past experience and on State Design Criteria and are as follows:

<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>CONCENTRATION - MG/L</u>	<u>PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTION - LB/DAY</u>
BOD <sub>5</sub>	285	0.1668
TSS	250	0.2000

5. **INFLUENT FLOW CHARACTERISTICS** The hydraulic design of the plant must be conservative to insure that the plant will operate under the most extreme conditions anticipated. Future enlargement to the plant will be based on actual influent flow data. The plant process

First Phase		
Average Daily Flow (Qav)	125,000 GPD	87 GPM
Peak 2-Hr. Flow (Qpk) 4	500,000 GPD	347 GPM
Second Phase		
Average Daily Flow (Qav)	250,000 GPD	174 GPM
Peak 2-Hr. Flow (Qpk) 4	1,000,000 GPD	694 GPM
Third Phase		
Average Daily Flow (Qav)	750,000 GPD	521 GPM
Peak 2-Hr. Flow (Qpk) 4	3,000,000 GPD	2083 GPM

Refer to Attachment "A" - Process Design Calculations, Hydraulic Profile Calculations, Process Flow Diagrams, and Plant Discharge relationship for the 100 year flood.

6. **PROCESS DESIGN** The Sewage Treatment Plant has been designed to produce an effluent in compliance with permitted parameters of: BOD<sub>5</sub> = 10 mg/l, TSS = 15 mg/l, and Chlorine Residual = 1mg/l after 20

minutes contact.

Compressed air will be supplied to the process units by multiple blowers.

7. PROCESS DESIGN DESCRIPTION

INTERIM I -The facility will employ the conventional plug flow variation of the activated sludge process designed for single stage nitrification - From the lift station the wastewater will travel through a coarse barscreen then to the aeration basin; from the aeration basin the mix-liquor will be transferred to the clarifier where solids will be settled out and clear water will flow over the weirs then into the chlorine contact basin. The settled solids will either be transferred to the digester or returned to the headworks.

INTERIM II - The facility will employ the conventional plug flow variation of the activated sludge process designed for single stage nitrification - From the lift station the wastewater will travel through a coarse barscreen then to the aeration basin; from the aeration basin the mix-liquor will be transferred to the clarifier where solids will be settled out and clear water will flow over the weirs then into the chlorine contact basin. The settled solids will either be transferred to the digester or returned to the headworks.

FINAL - The facility will employ the conventional plug flow variation of the activated sludge process designed for single stage nitrification - From the lift station the wastewater will travel through a coarse barscreen then to the aeration basins; from the aeration basins the mix-liquor will be transferred to the clarifiers where solids will be settled out and clear water will flow over the weirs then into the chlorine contact basin. The settled solids will either be transferred to the digester or returned to the headworks.

8. FLOOD HAZARD ANALYSIS The 100 Year Flood Elevation is 206 feet and is confined to the flood control and drainage, which has a bank elevation of 210 feet. The plant is capable of discharging at peak flow against the 100 year flood elevation.

9. SLUDGE DISPOSAL

Digester..... Aerobic  
Transportation..... Contract Hauler  
Final Disposition ..... To be Determined by Contract Hauler

ATTACHMENT H

# TREATMENT UNITS

(Technical Report 1.0 : Section 2B)

**Facility Dimensions &  
Facility Features  
TCEQ Permit No WQ006100001**

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The facility will employ the conventional plug flow variation of the activated sludge process designed for single stage nitrification - From the lift station the wastewater will travel through a coarse barscreen then to the aeration basin; from the aeration basin the mix-liquor will be transferred to the clarifier where solids will be settled out and clear water will flow over the weirs then into the chlorine contact basin. The settled solids will either be transferred to the digester or returned to the headworks.

**Phase I – 0.125 MGD**

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Height</u>
Clarifier		36' Diameter	12'
Chlorine Contact	2793cuft		
Aeration 2@	34.8'	12'	12'
Digester 2@	22'	12'	12'

**Phase II – 0.250 MGD**

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Height</u>
Clarifier		36' Diameter	12'
Chlorine Contact	2793cuft		
Aeration 4@	34.8'	12'	12'
Digester 4@	22'	12'	12'

**Phase III – 0.750 MGD**

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Height</u>
3@ Clarifier		36' Diameter	12'
Chlorine Contact	8397cuft		
Aeration 12@	34.8'	12'	12'
Digester 12@	22'	12'	12'

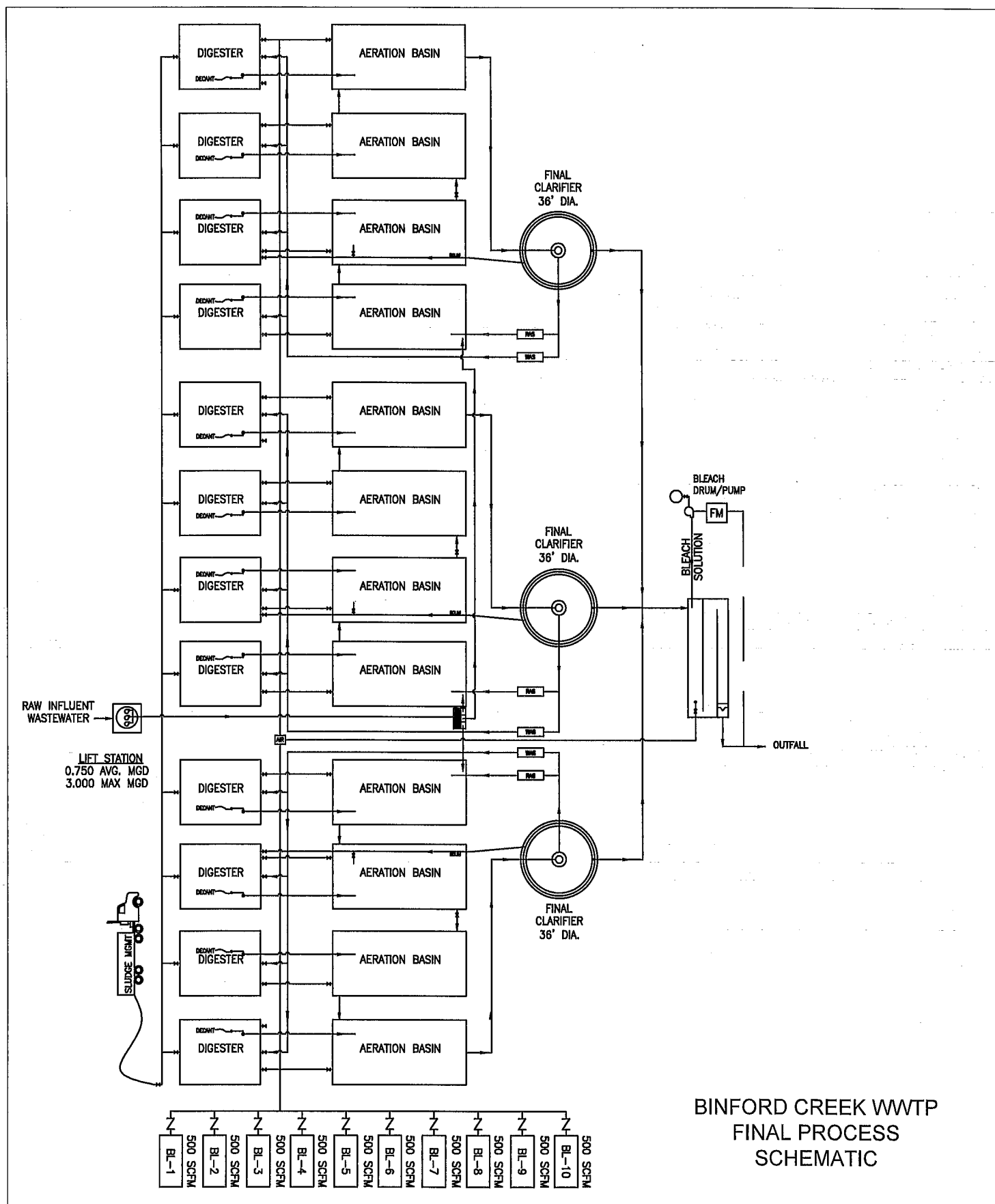
- For short power outages the sewage will be contained in the collection system. Influent is from a triplex lift station which will not function during a general power outage. The plant features digesters, chlorinator, and stand-by blowers. The collection system will be new, and minimum infiltration is anticipated. The plant is to be maintained and operated by personnel licensed by the State of Texas.
- The plant is designed to be maintained without bypassing. Replacement or repair of the interior coating system is the only maintenance item that would necessitate bypassing and the epoxy system should last 15-20 years.
- An intruder resistant fence will be placed around the facility.



ATTACHMENT I

# FLOW DIAGRAMS

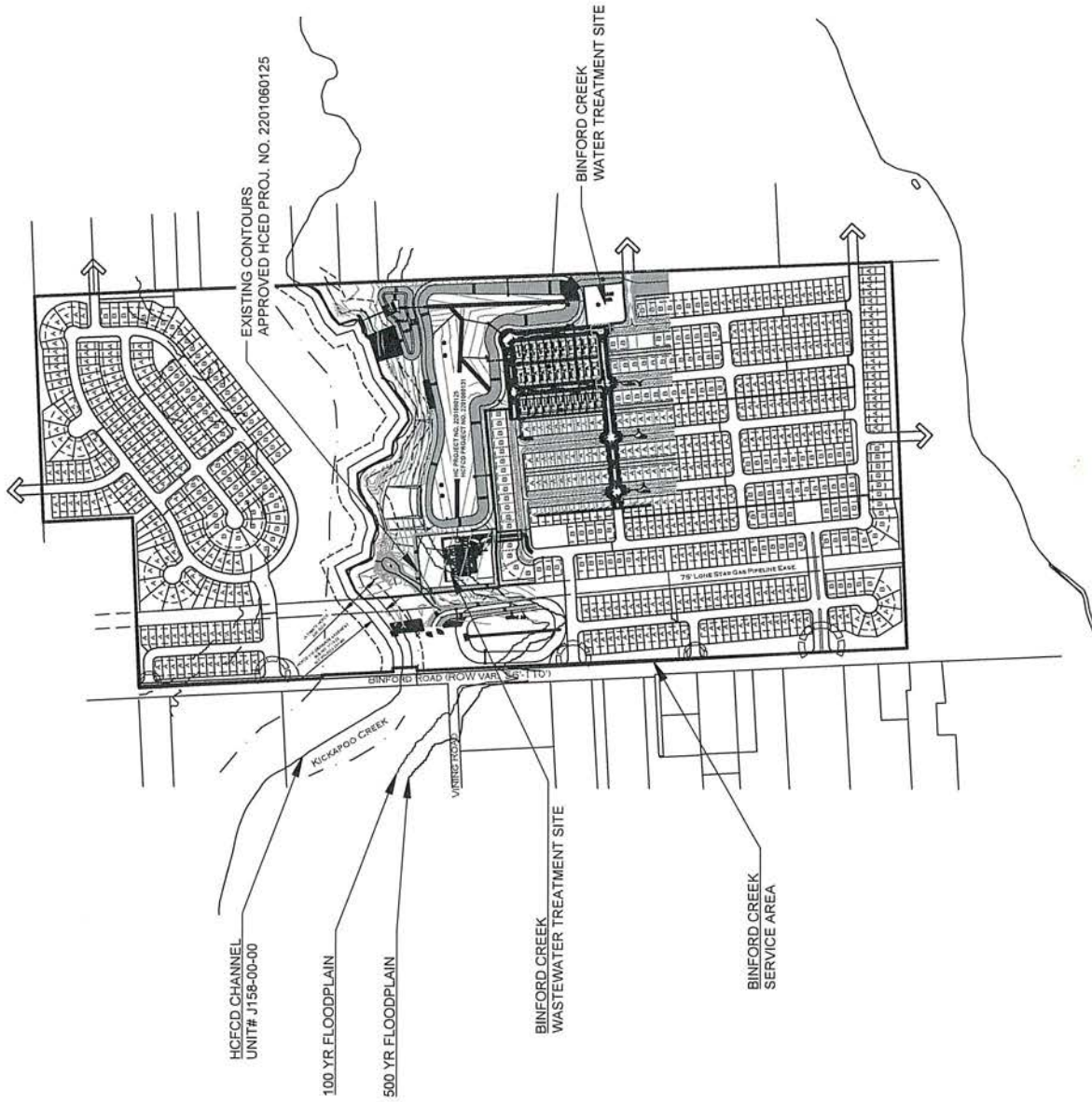
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# SITE DRAWING

(Technical Report 1.0 : Section 3)



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BINFORD CREEK  
WWTP

OVERALL PLAN

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ATTACHMENT K

# SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

(Technical Report 1.0 : Section 6)

## SLUDGE PRODUCTION RATES

	<b>Phase I</b>			
	Avg. Daily Flow (MGD) = 0.125			
	Percent Capacity			
	<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>25%</u>
<b><u>I. PARAMETERS</u></b>				
Average Daily Flows (MGD)	0.125	0.09375	0.0625	0.03125
Dimensions & Volume of Digester				
	Volume =	6,804	cu.ft. =	50,894 gal
CBOD <sub>5</sub> Removal				
	Influent Concentration = 285 mg/l			
	Effluent Concentration = 10 mg/l			
	Net Removal = <u>275</u> mg/l			

## II. DAILY SLUDGE PRODUCTION

Lbs. BOD <sub>5</sub> /day Removal	287	215	143	72
Lbs.of Dry Sludge ( using sludge age =30days at 20°C, 0.315 lbs. Sludge/lb.BOD <sub>5</sub> removed )	90	68	45	23
Lbs of Wet Sludge Produced (assume 1.5% solids, lbs.dry/0.015)	6,020	4,515	3,010	1,505
Volume of Wet Sludge Produced (gal/day)'= lbs. wet /8.34 lbs/gal	722	541	361	180

## III. REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Digester (gal) / Vol wet sludge produced = days between empties	71	94	141	282
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### **Process Loadings**

MLSS (mg/l) = 3000

Sludge will stay in the digester, clear liquor will be decanted off the digester and returned to the process to thicken the wasted solids.

Once the digester is full of thickened solids,the contents will be hauled by **the contracted sludge hauler** to one of the approved land application sites.

**The sludge hauler** will supply sludge hauling manifests showing volumes and concentration of sludge removed from the plant.

## SLUDGE PRODUCTION RATES

	<b>Phase II</b>			
	Avg. Daily Flow (MGD) =			
		Percent Capacity		
	<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>25%</u>
<b><u>I. PARAMETERS</u></b>				
Average Daily Flows (MGD)	0.25	0.1875	0.125	0.0625
Dimensions & Volume of Digester				
	Volume =	27,216	cu.ft. =	203,576 gal
CBOD <sub>5</sub> Removal				
		Influent Concentration =		285 mg/l
		Effluent Concentration =		10 mg/l
		Net Removal =		<u>275</u> mg/l

### **II. DAILY SLUDGE PRODUCTION**

Lbs. BOD <sub>5</sub> /day Removal	573	430	287	143
Lbs. of Dry Sludge ( using sludge age =30days at 20°C, 0.315 lbs. Sludge/lb.BOD <sub>5</sub> removed )	181	135	90	45
Lbs of Wet Sludge Produced (assume 1.5% solids, lbs.dry/0.015)	12,041	9,031	6,020	3,010
Volume of Wet Sludge Produced (gal/day)'= lbs. wet /8.34 lbs/gal	1444	1083	722	361

### **III. REMOVAL SCHEDULE**

Digester (gal) / Vol wet sludge produced = days between empties	141	188	282	564
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#### **Process Loadings**

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## SLUDGE PRODUCTION RATES

	<b>Phase III</b>			
	Avg. Daily Flow (MGD) = 0.750			
	Percent Capacity			
	<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>25%</u>
<b><u>I. PARAMETERS</u></b>				
Average Daily Flows (MGD)	0.75	0.5625	0.375	0.1875
Dimensions & Volume of Digester				
	Volume =	50,000	cu.ft. =	748,000 gal
CBOD <sub>5</sub> Removal				
	Influent Concentration = 285 mg/l			
	Effluent Concentration = 10 mg/l			
	Net Removal = <u>275</u> mg/l			

## II. DAILY SLUDGE PRODUCTION

Lbs. BOD <sub>5</sub> /day Removal	1720	1290	860	430
Lbs. of Dry Sludge ( using sludge age =30days at 20°C, 0.315 lbs. Sludge/lb.BOD <sub>5</sub> removed )	542	406	271	135
Lbs of Wet Sludge Produced (assume 1.5% solids, lbs.dry/0.015)	36,123	27,092	18,061	9,031
Volume of Wet Sludge Produced (gal/day)'= lbs. wet /8.34 lbs/gal	4331	3248	2166	1083

## III. REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Digester (gal) / Vol wet sludge produced = days between empties	173	230	345	691
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## CHECKLIST OF COMMON DEFICIENCIES

Below is a list of common deficiencies found during the administrative review of domestic wastewater permit applications. To ensure the timely processing of this application, please review the items below and indicate by checking Yes that each item is complete and in accordance applicable rules at 30 TAC Chapters 21, 281, and 305. If an item is not required this application, indicate by checking N/A where appropriate. Please do not submit the application until the items below have been addressed.

Core Data Form (TCEQ Form No. 10400) (Required for all applications types. Must be completed in its entirety and signed. Note: Form may be signed by applicant representative.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes
Correct and Current Industrial Wastewater Permit Application Forms (TCEQ Form Nos. 10053 and 10054. Version dated 6/25/2018 or later.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes
Water Quality Permit Payment Submittal Form (Page 19) (Original payment sent to TCEQ Revenue Section. See instructions for mailing address.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes
7.5 Minute USGS Quadrangle Topographic Map Attached (Full-size map if seeking "New" permit. 8 ½ x 11 acceptable for Renewals and Amendments)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes
Current/Non-Expired, Executed Lease Agreement or Easement Attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Landowners Map (See instructions for landowner requirements)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

### Things to Know:

- All the items shown on the map must be labeled.
- The applicant's complete property boundaries must be delineated which includes boundaries of contiguous property owned by the applicant.
- The applicant cannot be its own adjacent landowner. You must identify the landowners immediately adjacent to their property, regardless of how far they are from the actual facility.
- If the applicant's property is adjacent to a road, creek, or stream, the landowners on the opposite side must be identified. Although the properties are not adjacent to applicant's property boundary, they are considered potentially affected landowners. If the adjacent road is a divided highway as identified on the USGS topographic map, the applicant does not have to identify the landowners on the opposite side of the highway.

Landowners Cross Reference List (See instructions for landowner requirements)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Landowners Labels or USB Drive attached (See instructions for landowner requirements)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Original signature per 30 TAC § 305.44 - Blue Ink Preferred (If signature page is not signed by an elected official or principle executive officer, a copy of signature authority/delegation letter must be attached)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes