

NPDES PERMIT NO. TX0134012
STATEMENT OF BASIS

FOR THE DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
(NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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PERMIT ACTION

It is proposed that the facility be issued an NPDES permit for a 5-year term in accordance with regulations contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 122.46(a).

40 CFR CITATIONS: Unless otherwise stated, citations to 40 CFR refer to promulgated regulations listed at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, revised as of September 26, 2014.

RECEIVING WATER – BASIN

Enterprise ECHO Stormwater basin thence to a drainage Canal thence to Clear Creek, which flows into Turkey Creek. Turkey Creek is a second order non-tidal stream, and is a tributary of Clear Creek, Texas Segment 1102, Clear Creek above tidal of the San Jacinto –Brazos Coastal Basin.

DOCUMENT ABBREVIATIONS

For brevity, Region 6 used acronyms and abbreviated terminology in this Statement of Basis document whenever possible. The following acronyms were used frequently in this document:

BAT	Best Available Technology Economically Achievable)
BOD ₅	Biochemical oxygen demand (five-day unless noted otherwise)
BPJ	Best professional judgment
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	Cubic feet per second
COD	Chemical oxygen demand
COE	United States Corp of Engineers
CWA	Clean Water Act
DMR	Discharge monitoring report
ELG	Effluent limitation guidelines
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
F&WS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
GPD	Gallon per day
HT	Hydrostatic Testing
IP	Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards
µg/l	Micrograms per liter (one part per billion)
mg/l	Milligrams per liter (one part per million)
MGD	Million gallons per day
MSGP	Multi-Sector General Permit
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
MQL	Minimum quantification level
O&G	Oil and grease
RRC	Railroad Commission of Texas
RP	Reasonable potential
SIC	Standard industrial classification
s.u.	Standard units (for parameter pH)
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TDS	Total dissolved solids
TMDL	Total maximum daily load
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
TRC	Total residual chlorine
TSS	Total suspended solids
TSWQS	Texas Surface Water Quality Standards
WET	Whole effluent toxicity
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
WQS	Water Quality Standards

I. PROPOSED CHANGES FROM CURRENT PERMIT

The facility is a new discharger.

II. APPLICANT LOCATION and ACTIVITY

As described in the application, Rancho Expansion Project is located at ECHO Storage Facility, Hwy 3 & Ellington Air Field, Harris County, Texas. The facility is planning to construct approximately 88 miles of new 36" diameter crude oil Pipeline in Austin, Waller, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Harris Counties, Texas.

Under the SIC code 4612, Crude Petroleum Pipelines, the applicant provides transportation services for crude oil via pipeline.

III. DISCHARGE LOCATION

The discharge point showing Outfall number, discharge coordinates: latitude and longitude, county, average flow rate in millions gallons per day (MGD), receiving water, and the waterbody identification numbers are shown in the following table:

Outfall Reference Number	Discharge Coordinates Latitude Deg° Min' Sec" Longitude Deg° Min' Sec"	County	Average Flow MGD	Receiving Water	Segment #
001	29° 36' 48" N 95° 11' 13" W	Harris	4.32	Enterprise ECHO Stormwater basin thence to a drainage canal, thence to Clear Creek	Segment # 1102, Clear Creek above Tidal of the San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin

IV. DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

This will be a new facility and no discharge has occurred. The facility provided estimate for the following parameters:

Parameter	Max Concentration, mg/L unless noted	Average Concentration, mg/L unless noted
Flow, MGD	4.32	4.32
pH, su	6.0 – 9.0	6.0 – 9.0
BOD	20	20
TSS	30	30
Ammonia	2	2
Temperature	15 °C (Winter); 32 °C (Summer)	
Oil & Grease	15	15

Test water will be drawn from the City of Sealy municipal water. Test water will come into contact with only new piping, and therefore, no contaminants will be introduced to the water as a result of the hydrostatic test.

Discharges from Outfall 001 are to Enterprise ECHO Stormwater thence to a drainage canal thence to Clear Creek, which flows into Turkey Creek. Turkey Creek is a second order non-tidal stream, and is a tributary of Clear Creek, Texas Segment 1102, Clear Creek above tidal of the San Jacinto–Brazos Coastal Basin.

V. DRAFT PERMIT RATIONALE AND PROPOSED PERMIT CONDITIONS

A. OVERVIEW of TECHNOLOGY-BASED VERSUS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND CONDITION FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE

Regulations contained in 40 CFR §122.44 NPDES permit limits are developed that meet the more stringent of either technology-based effluent limitation guidelines, numerical and/or narrative water quality standard-based effluent limits, on best professional judgment (BPJ) in the absence of guidelines, and/or requirements pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44(d), whichever are more stringent.

B. TECHNOLOGY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS/CONDITIONS

Regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.44 (a) require technology-based effluent limitations to be placed in NPDES permits based on ELGs where applicable, on BPJ in the absence of guidelines, or on a combination of the two. In the absence of promulgated guidelines for the discharge, permit conditions may be established using BPJ procedures.

There are no published ELG's for this type of activity. Permit limits are proposed based on BPJ. Since hydrostatic test water discharges are batch discharges of short term duration, limits in this Permit will be expressed in terms of daily maximum concentrations rather than in terms of mass limitations, as allowed by 40 CFR 122.45(e) and (f). Limitations for Oil & Grease, TSS, and pH are proposed in the permit. The proposed limitations for TSS are 30 mg/l average, 45 mg/l maximum; and Oil & Grease is 15 mg/l maximum. Narrative standards for oil, grease, or related residue have been placed in the proposed permit. A technology-based limit of 15 mg/l for Oil and Grease should assure that the narrative criterion is maintained. Concentration limits will be protective of the stream uses.

C. WATER QUALITY BASED LIMITATIONS

1. General Comments

Water quality based requirements are necessary where effluent limits more stringent than technology-based limits are necessary to maintain or achieve federal or state water quality limits. Under Section 301(b)(1)(C) of the CWA, discharges are subject to effluent limitations based on federal or state WQS. Effluent limitations and/or conditions established in the draft permit are in compliance with applicable State WQS and applicable State water quality management plans to assure that surface WQS of the receiving waters are protected and maintained, or attained.

The general criteria and numerical criteria which make up the stream standards are provided in the 2010 EPA-approved Texas Water Quality Standards, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), 30 TAC Sections 307.1 - 307.9, effective September 23, 2014.

2. Reasonable Potential- Procedures

EPA develops draft permits to comply with State WQS, and for consistency, attempts to follow the IP where appropriate. However, EPA is bound by the State's WQS, not State guidance, including the IP, in determining permit decisions. EPA performs its own technical and legal review for permit issuance, to assure compliance with all applicable State and Federal requirements, including State WQS, and makes its determination based on that review. Waste load allocations (WLA's) are calculated using estimated effluent dilutions, criteria outlined in the TWQS, and partitioning coefficients for metals (when appropriate and designated in the implementation procedures). The WLA is the end-of-pipe effluent concentrations that can be discharged and still meet instream criteria after mixing with the receiving stream. From the WLA, a long term average (LTA) is calculated, for both chronic and acute toxicity, using a log normal probability distribution, a given coefficient of variation (0.6), and either a 90th or a 99th percentile confidence level. The 90th percentile confidence level is for discharges to rivers, freshwater streams and narrow tidal rivers with upstream flow data, and the 99th percentile confidence level is for the remainder of cases. For facilities that discharge into receiving streams that have human health standards, a separate LTA will be calculated. The implementation procedures for determining the human health LTA use a 99th percentile confidence level, along with a given coefficient of variation (0.6). The lowest of the calculated LTA; acute, chronic and/or human health, is used to calculate the daily average and daily maximum permit limits.

Procedures found in the IP for determining significant potential are to compare the reported analytical data either from the DMR history and/or the application information, against percentages of the calculated daily average water quality-based effluent limitation. If the average of the effluent data equals or exceeds 70% but is less than 85% of the calculated daily average limit, monitoring for the toxic pollutant will usually be included as a condition in the permit. If the average of the effluent data is equal to or greater than 85% of the calculated daily average limit, the permit will generally contain effluent limits for the toxic pollutant. The permit may specify a compliance period to achieve this limit if necessary.

Procedures found in the IP require review of the immediate receiving stream and effected downstream receiving waters. Further, if the discharge reaches a perennial stream or an intermittent stream with perennial pools within three-miles, chronic toxicity criteria apply at that confluence.

For Outfall 001, the hydrostatic test water will be drawn from the City of Sealy municipal water and be discharged into Enterprise ECHO Stormwater basin thence to a drainage canal thence to Clear Creek. As a result, intake credits are not authorized for Outfall 001. Intake credits account for in-situ waterbody conditions for only TSS.

3. Permit-Action - Water Quality-Based Limits

Regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.44(d) require limits in addition to, or more stringent than effluent limitation guidelines (technology based). State WQS that are more stringent than effluent limitation guidelines are as follows:

a. pH

The daily minimum and daily maximum permit limits of 6.0 standard units to 9.0 standard units on hydrostatic test general permits developed by other EPA Regions and States. TAC 307.10

states, "The pH criteria are listed as minimum and maximum values expressed in standard units at any site within the segment."

Wastewater discharges from the facility will flow into Waterbody Segment No. 1102 of the San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin. pH shall be limited to the criteria listed for this Segment. For Outfall 001, pH shall be limited to 6.5 – 9.

b. Narrative Limitations

Narrative protection for aesthetic standards will propose that surface waters shall be maintained so that oil, grease, or related residue will not produce a visible film or globules of grease on the surface or coat the banks or bottoms of the watercourse; or cause toxicity to man, aquatic life, or terrestrial life.

The following narrative limitations in the proposed permit represent protection of water quality for Outfall 001.

"The effluent shall contain no visible film of oil or globules of grease on the surface or coat the banks or bottoms of the watercourse."

c. Total Residual Chlorine

The critical dilution is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Critical Dilution} &= \frac{\text{Effluent Flow}}{\text{Effluent flow} + 7Q2} \\ &= \frac{6.696 \text{ cfs}}{4.01 \text{ cfs} + 6.696 \text{ cfs}} \\ &= 0.62544 \text{ or } 62.54 \% \end{aligned}$$

The in-stream TRC concentration after allowing for dilution is: $11 \mu\text{g/L} \div 0.62544 = 17.58 \mu\text{g/L}$. Since this value is less than the $19 \mu\text{g/L}$ end-of-pipe acute standard, the $11 \mu\text{g/L}$ is more stringent and will be more protective. The draft permit shall establish the $11 \mu\text{g/L}$ limit. However TRC is toxic at measurable amounts, so in addition to the $11 \mu\text{g/L}$ chemical specific limitation, the narrative limit for TRC shall be "No Measurable." Hence, the effluent shall contain NO MEASURABLE TRC at any time. NO MEASURABLE will be defined as no quantifiable level of TRC as determined by any approved method established in 40 CFR 136 that is greater than the established MQL. The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes. TRC shall be measured within fifteen (15) minutes of sampling. In addition, EPA has established a MQL for TRC at $33 \mu\text{g/l}$. Values less than $33 \mu\text{g/L}$ can be reported as zero. EPA also notes that $11 \mu\text{g/L}$ is EPA's chronic chlorine criteria and $19 \mu\text{g/L}$ is EPA's acute chlorine criteria.

d. Toxics

The CWA in Section 301 (b) requires that effluent limitations for point sources include any limitations necessary to meet water quality standards. Federal regulations found at 40 CFR §122.44 (d) state that if a discharge poses the reasonable potential to cause an in-stream

excursion above a water quality criteria, the permit must contain an effluent limit for that pollutant.

The hydrostatic test water would be discharged directly into a storm water basin and then to an unnamed intermittent drainage canal, which flows into Turkey Creek, 2.0 miles downstream. Turkey Creek is a second order non-tidal stream, Texas Segment 1102D (unclassified), and is a tributary of Clear Creek, Texas Segment 1102 of the San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin. Outfall 001 is Menu 2 (Discharge is to an intermittent water body within three miles of a perennial freshwater ditch, stream or river). Based on TCEQ implementation procedures, the harmonic mean is 6.44 cubic feet per second and the critical low flow, 7Q2 is 4.01 cubic feet per second.

The applicant proposes to draw water from the City of Sealy municipal water, and be discharged into storm water basin and then to an unnamed intermittent drainage canal, which flows into Turkey. Hydrostatic test water will contact only new pipe, and no chemicals will be added. As a result, no contaminants are expected to be present in the hydrostatic test water discharge at amounts that would pose a reasonable potential to exceed State WQS.

e. Solids and Foam

The prohibition of the discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts is proposed in the draft permit. In addition, there shall be no discharge of visible films of oil, globules of oil, grease or solids in or on the water, or coatings on stream banks.

f. Turbidity

Waste discharges must not cause substantial and persistent changes from ambient conditions of turbidity or color.

D. MONITORING FREQUENCY FOR LIMITED PARAMETERS

Regulations require permits to establish monitoring requirements to yield data representative of the monitored activity, 40 CFR §122.48(b), and to assure compliance with permit limitations, 40 CFR §122.44(i)(1). The monitoring frequencies are based on BPJ, taking into account the nature of the facility.

For ALL outfalls, monitoring for flow, TSS, TRC, Oil & Grease, and pH shall be daily by grab sample, when discharging.

E. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY LIMITATIONS

There are no chemical specific limitations in the draft permit and the applicant has stated that no chemical additives such as corrosion inhibitors are being added to the HT water. There does not appear that the discharge will have a potential for toxicity. The draft permit does not propose any biomonitoring of the HT water.

F. FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

See the draft permit for limitations.

VI. FACILITY OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

A. WASTE WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS

The permittee shall institute programs directed towards pollution prevention. The permittee will institute programs to improve the operating efficiency and extend the useful life of the treatment system.

B. OPERATION AND REPORTING

The permittee must submit Discharge Monitoring Report's (DMR's) quarterly, beginning on the effective date of the permit, lasting through the expiration date of the permit or termination of the permit, to report on all limitations and monitoring requirements in the permit.

VII. IMPAIRED WATER - 303(d) LIST AND TMDL

According to the 2012 State of Texas 303(d) List for Assessed River/Stream Reaches Requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), the receiving stream for Outfall 001, Enterprise ECHO Stormwater thence to a drainage canal thence to Clear Creek, which flows into Turkey Creek. Turkey Creek is a second order non-tidal stream, and is a tributary of Clear Creek, Texas Segment 1102, Clear Creek above tidal of the San Jacinto–Brazos Coastal Basin. Segment ID 1102 is listed as impaired for PCBs in edible tissue. PCBs in edible tissue is under TCEQ's category 5a, which implies that a TMDL is underway, scheduled, or will be scheduled.

In light of the nature of the system, the discharger is not likely to contribute to PCBs in edible. Therefore, no additional requirements beyond the previously described technology-based or water quality-based effluent limitations and monitoring requirements, are established in the proposed permit.

VIII. ANTIDegradation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, Antidegradation, Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 307, Rule §307.5 sets forth the requirements to protect designated uses through implementation of the State WQS. The limitations and monitoring requirements set forth in the proposed permit are developed from the State WQS and are protective of those designated uses. Furthermore, the policy sets forth the intent to protect the existing quality of those waters, whose quality exceeds their designated use. The permit requirements are protective of the assimilative capacity of the receiving waters, which is protective of the designated uses of that water.

IX. ENDANGERED SPECIES

The effects of EPA's permitting action are considered in the context of the environmental baseline. The environmental baseline is established by the past and present impacts of all Federal, State, or private actions and other human activities in an action area; the anticipated impacts of all proposed Federal projects in an action area that have already undergone formal or early ESA §7 consultation; and the impact of State or private actions that are contemporaneous with the consultation in process (50 CFR §402.02). Hydrostatic test water discharges occur after a pipeline has already been put in place following earth disturbing activities that have had to have received appropriate federal, state, and local authorizations putting the construction of

pipeline itself into the environmental baseline. The scope of the evaluation of the effects of the discharge authorized by this permit was therefore limited to the effects related to the authorized discharge.

According to the most recent county listing available at US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Southwest Region 2 website, <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/wizard/chooseLocation!prepare.action>, Five species are listed as endangered or threatened in Harris County. They are Texas Prairie dawn flower (*Hymenoxys texana*), West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), Least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and Red Knot (*Calidris*). The description of the species and its effect on the hydrostatic test discharge is described below.

TEXAS PRAIRIE DAWN FLOWER (*Hymenoxys texana*):

Texas Prairie Dawn is a delicate annual one to six inches tall. Its yellow flower heads, less than 1/2 inch in diameter, stand out brightly in the patches of dull gray barren sand in which the species is normally found.

Texas Prairie Dawn flowers in March - early April; disappear by mid-summer. It is known from about 50 sites, many within Addicks and Barker Reservoirs in western Harris County. However, habitat destruction by urban development continues to threaten this tiny plant. It grows in sparsely vegetated areas ("slick spots") at the base of mima mounds ("pimple mounds") or other nearly barren areas on slightly saline soils in coastal prairie grasslands. This wildflower is found in Fort Bend and Harris counties, southeast Texas. This species occurs within and on the outskirts of Houston.

WEST INDIAN MANATEE (*Trichechus manatus*)

West Indian manatees are large, gray aquatic mammals with bodies that taper to a flat, paddle-shaped tail. They have two forelimbs, called flippers, with three to four nails on each flipper. Their head and face are wrinkled with whiskers on the snout. The manatee's closest relatives are the elephant and the hyrax. Manatees are believed to have evolved from a wading, plant-eating animal. The average adult manatee is about 10 feet long and weighs between 800 and 1,200 pounds.

Manatees can be found in shallow, slow-moving rivers, estuaries, saltwater bays, canals, and coastal areas — particularly where seagrass beds or freshwater vegetation flourish. Manatees are a migratory species.

Manatees are gentle and slow-moving animals. Most of their time is spent eating, resting, and traveling. Manatee are mostly herbivorous, however small fish and invertebrates can sometimes be ingested along with a manatee's normal vegetation diet.

West Indian manatees have no natural enemies, and it is believed they can live 60 years or more. As with all wild animal populations, a certain percentage of manatee mortality is attributed to natural causes of death such as cold stress, gastrointestinal disease, pneumonia, and other diseases. A high number of additional fatalities are from human-related causes. Most human-related manatee fatalities occur from collisions with watercraft. Other causes of human-related manatee mortality include being crushed and/or drowned in canal locks and flood control structures; ingestion of fish hooks, litter, and monofilament line; and

entanglement in crab trap lines. Ultimately, loss of habitat is the most serious threat facing manatees in the United States today.

LEAST TERN (*Sterna Antillarum*)

The Least tern populations have declined due to habitat destruction by permanent inundation, destruction by reservoir releases, channelization projects, alterations of Natural River or lake dynamics resulting in vegetational succession of potential nesting sites, and recreational use of potential nesting sites. Issuance of this permit is found to have no impact on the habitat of this species, as none of the aforementioned listed activities is authorized by this permitting action.

PIPING PLOVER (*Charadrius melodus*)

Piping Plover is listed in Harris County as threatened. A small plover has wings approximately 117 mm; tail 51 mm; weight 46-64 g (average 55 g); length averages about 17-18 cm. Inland birds have more complete breast band than Atlantic coast birds. The non-breeding plovers lose the dark bands. The breeding season begins when the adults reach the breeding grounds in mid- to late April or in mid-May in northern parts of the range. The adult males arrive earliest, select beach habitats, and defend established territories against other males. When adult females arrive at the breeding grounds several weeks later, the males conduct elaborate courtship rituals including aerial displays of circles and figure eights, whistling song, posturing with spread tail and wings, and rapid drumming of feet. The plovers defend territory during breeding season and at some winter sites. Nesting territory may or may not contain the foraging area. Home range during the breeding season generally is confined to the vicinity of the nest. Plovers are usually found in sandy beaches, especially where scattered grass tufts are present, and sparsely vegetated shores and islands of shallow lakes, ponds, rivers, and impoundments.

Food consists of worms, fly larvae, beetles, crustaceans, mollusks, and other invertebrates. The plovers prefer open shoreline areas, and vegetated beaches are avoided. It also eats various small invertebrates. It obtains food from surface of substrate, or occasionally probes into sand or mud.

Destruction of habitat, disturbance and increased predation rates due to elevated predator densities in piping plover habitat are described as the main reasons for this species' endangered status and continue to be the primary threats to its recovery. The remaining populations, whether on the breeding or wintering grounds, mostly inhabit public or undeveloped beaches. These populations are vulnerable to predation and disturbance.

Research of available material finds that the primary cause for the population decreases leading to threatened or endangered status for these species is destruction of habitat. Issuance of the permit will have no effect on this species, in that the discharge is not expected to lead to the destruction of habitat.

RED KNOT (*Calidris canutus*)

Red Knot is a medium-sized shorebird and the largest of the "peeps" in North America, and one of the most colorful. It makes one of the longest yearly migrations of any bird, traveling 15,000 km (9,300 mile) from its Arctic breeding grounds to Tierra del Fuego in southern South America.

Their diet varies according to season; arthropods and larvae are the preferred food items at the breeding grounds, while various hard-shelled molluscs are consumed at other feeding sites at other times.

The Red Knot nests on the ground, near water, and usually inland. The nest is a shallow scrape lined with leaves, lichens and moss. Males construct three to five nest scrapes in their territories prior to the arrival of the females. The female lays three or more usually four eggs, apparently laid over the course of six days. Both parents incubate the eggs, sharing the duties equally. The incubation period last around 22 days.

The birds have become threatened as a result of commercial harvesting of horseshoe crabs in the Delaware Bay which began in the early 1990s. Delaware Bay is a critical stopover point during spring migration; the birds refuel by eating the eggs laid by these crabs (with little else to eat in the Delaware Bay).

The Environmental Protection Agency has evaluated the potential effects of issuance of this permit upon listed endangered or threatened species. After review, EPA has determined that this issuance of this permit will have “*no effect*” on listed threatened and endangered species nor will adversely modify designated critical habitat. EPA makes this determination based on the following:

1. No pollutants are identified by the permittee-submitted application at levels which might affect species habitat or prey species. Issuance of this permit is found to have no impact on the habitats of these species.
2. Based on information described above, EPA Region 6 has determined that discharges proposed to be authorized by the proposed permit will have no effect on the listed species in Harris County.

The standard reopener clause in the permit will allow EPA to reopen the permit and impose additional limitations if it is determined that changes in species or knowledge of the discharge would require different permit conditions.

Operators have an independent ESA obligation to ensure that any of their activities do not result in prohibited “take” of listed species. Section 9 of the ESA prohibits any person from “taking” a listed species, e.g., harassing or harming it, with limited exceptions. See ESA Sec 9; 16 U.S.C. §1538. This prohibition generally applies to “any person,” including private individuals, businesses and government entities. Operators who intend to undertake construction activities in areas that harbor endangered and threatened species may seek protection from potential “take” liability under ESA section 9 either by obtaining an ESA section 10 permit or by requesting coverage under an individual permit and participating in the section 7 consultation process with the appropriate FWS or NMFS office. Operators unsure of what is needed for such liability protection should confer with the appropriate Services.

X. CERTIFICATION

This permit is in the process of certification by the State agency following regulations promulgated at 40 CFR 124.53. A draft permit and draft public notice will be sent to the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers; to the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to the National Marine Fisheries Service prior to the publication of that notice.

XI. FINAL DETERMINATION

The public notice describes the procedures for the formulation of final determinations.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The following information was used to develop the modified permit:

A. APPLICATION

NPDES Application for Permit to Discharge, Form 1 & 2E, Permit Application received on September 11, 2014.

B. State of Texas References

The State of Texas Water Quality Inventory, 13th Edition, Publication No. SFR-50, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, December 1996.

"Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards via Permitting," Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, January 2003.

Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, 30 TAC Sections 307.1 - 307.9, September 23, 2014.

C. Endangered Species References

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/txprdawn/>

<http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/wizard/chooseLocation!prepare.action>

D. 40 CFR CITATIONS

Sections 122, 124, 125, 133, and 136

E. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Dorothy Brown, EPA, to Mr. Leonard Mallett, Enterprise Crude Pipeline, LLC, dated September 30, 2014, informing applicant that its NPDES permit is administratively complete.

Email from Robert Kirkland, EPA, to Maria Okpala, EPA, dated September 26, 2014, on critical conditions information.

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