

Phase II (Small) MS4 Annual Report Form
2024 TPDES General Permit Number TXR040000

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A. General Information

Authorization Number: **TXR040246**

Reporting Year (year will be either 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5): **1**

Reporting period beginning date: (month/date/year) **10/01/2025**

Reporting period end date: (month/date/year) **12/31/2025**

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A copy of the annual report was submitted to the TCEQ Region: YES **X** NO

Region the annual report was submitted to: TCEQ Region **10**

B. Status of Compliance with the MS4 GP and SWMP

1. Provide information on the status of complying with permit conditions: (TXR040000 Part IV.B.2)

	Yes	No	Explain
Permittee is currently in compliance with the SWMP as required in the 2024 Phase II MS4 General Permit and certified in the approved NOI.	x		All BMPs and measurable goals have been implemented during the current reporting period.
Permittee is currently in compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements.	x		All associated SWMP records and annual reporting requirements have been met for the current permit term.
Permittee meets the eligibility requirements of the permit (e.g., TMDL requirements, Edwards Aquifer limitations, compliance history, etc.).	x		The permittees meet the eligibility requirements established in TPDES General Permit No. TXR040000.
Permittee conducted an annual review of its SWMP in conjunction with preparation of the annual report.	x		Annual SWMP review was conducted on 1/20/2026.

2. Provide a general assessment of the appropriateness of the selected BMPs. You may use the table below to meet this requirement (**see Example 1 in instructions**)

Please note, the BMPs that you report here must match the BMPs selected in NeT-MS4 on your approved Notice of Intent (NOI):

MCM(s)	BMP	BMP is appropriate for reducing the discharge of pollutants in stormwater (Answer Yes or No and explain)
1	Information on the MS4 Operator's Website	Yes, posting information on the MS4 Operator's website helps educate the public on potential stormwater pollutants and provides details on steps they can take to improve stormwater quality.
	Social Media Posts/Social Media Campaign	Yes, posting information on social media helps educate the public on potential stormwater pollutants and provides details on steps they can take to improve stormwater quality.
	Media/Advertising Campaign/Public Service Announcements; Billboard/Poster; Bus Shelter/Bench; Radio/Television/Movie Theatre; and Kiosks	Yes, advertising and public service announcements help educate the public on potential stormwater pollutants and provides the details on steps they can take to improve stormwater quality.
	Permanent Stormwater Related Signage	Yes, stormwater signage helps educate the public on potential stormwater pollutants and provides details on steps they can take to improve stormwater quality.
2	Clean-Up Event	Yes, clean-up events provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the SWMP and help encourage the proper disposal of waste.
	Stormwater Related Speaker Series	Yes, stormwater speaker series helps educate the public about their local stormwater management programs.
	Stormwater Training Session	Yes, MS4 field staff training helps educate permittee employees on how to properly identify and eliminate stormwater pollutants.

3	MS4 Map	Yes, developing and maintaining an MS4 outfall map makes the illicit discharge detection and elimination program more effective.
	MS4 Field Staff Training	Yes, MS4 field staff training helps educate permittee employees on how to properly identify and eliminate stormwater pollutants.
	Public Reporting Mechanism	Yes, providing the public with instructions on how to properly report potential stormwater quality concerns helps identify and eliminate illicit discharges more effectively.
	Illicit Discharge Response Procedures	Yes, the development of response procedures makes the IDDE program more effective.
	Source Investigation and Elimination	Yes, the development of investigation and elimination procedures makes the IDDE program more effective.
	Corrective Actions	Yes, requiring the responsible party to perform necessary corrective actions ensures elimination of illicit discharges.
	Inspection Procedures	Yes, the development of inspection procedures makes the IDDE program more effective and eliminates illicit discharges more effectively.
	Complaint Inspections	Yes, inspections in response to complaints will ensure that illicit discharges are inspected and appropriate corrective actions are used.
4	Regulatory Mechanisms	Yes, referral of stormwater quality issues to adjacent MS4 operators or to the TCEQ Regional Office helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged from construction activities.
	Prohibited Discharges	Yes, the development of standard operating procedures helps prohibit these types of discharges to the MS4.

	Site Plan Review Procedures	Yes, developing standard operating procedures that address plan review related to permittee owned construction sites helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
	Construction Inspection Procedures	Yes, developing standard operating procedures that address construction site inspections helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
	Construction Site Inspections	Yes, inspecting construction sites for proper installation/maintenance of structural controls helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
	Public Reporting Procedures	Yes, providing the public with instructions on how to properly report potential stormwater quality concerns helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged from construction activities.
	MS4 Construction Program Staff Training	Yes, MS4 field staff training helps educate permittee employees on how to properly identify and eliminate stormwater pollutants.
5	Regulatory Mechanisms	Yes, referral of stormwater quality issues to adjacent MS4 operators or the TCEQ Regional Office helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
	Enforcement Actions	Yes, referral of stormwater quality issues to adjacent MS4 operators or to the TCEQ Regional Office helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged from construction activities.
	Long Term Operation and Maintenance	Yes, developing procedures for long-term operation/maintenance of post construction stormwater control measures helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
6	MS4 Facility Inventory	Yes, developing an inventory of permittee owned facilities within the urbanized area helps identify potential sources of stormwater pollution.

Employee Training Program	Yes, conducting employee training helps educate permittee employees on how to properly identify and eliminate stormwater pollutants.
Waste Disposal Procedures	Yes, development of standard operating procedures on the proper disposal of waste helps reduce the amount of floatables and other pollutants being discharged to the storm sewer system.
Contractor Oversight Procedures	Yes, the development and implementation of contractor oversight procedures helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged by contractors performing maintenance activities on behalf of the permittee.
Operation and Maintenance Activities	Yes, maintaining a general pollution prevention plan at each permittee owned facility helps ensure that appropriate BMPs are being implemented to reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged.
Pollutants of Concern	Yes, maintaining a list of pollutants of concern that could possibly be discharged from O&M activities helps make permittee employees aware of potential pollutants that could reach the MS4.
Pollution Prevention Measures	Yes, developing pollution prevention measures for de-icing activities helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
Pollution Prevention Measure Inspections	Yes, inspection pollution prevention measures for de-icing activities helps reduce the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.
Structural Control Maintenance	Yes, inspection of structural controls ensures that controls are properly working and reducing the amount of pollutants being discharged to the MS4.

3. Describe progress towards achieving the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP. If no progress was made or the BMP did not result in a reduction in pollutants, provide an explanation. Use the table below to meet this requirement (**see Example 2 in instructions**)

Please note, the BMPs that you report here must match the BMPs selected in NeT-MS4 on your approved NOI:

MCM	BMP	Information Used	Quantity	Units	Does the BMP Demonstrate a Direct Reduction in Pollutants? (Answer Yes or No and explain)
1	Social Media Posts/Social Media Campaign	Social Media Posts	Not Due Yet	Posts	
1	Permanent Stormwater Related Signage	Number of Signs	Not Due Yet	Signs	
2	Clean-Up Event	Clean-Up Events	Not Due Yet	Events Held	
2	Stormwater Related Speaker Series	Events	Not Due Yet	Events Held	
2	Stormwater Training Session	Trainings	Not Due Yet	Training Sessions	
3	MS4 Field Staff Training	Trainings	Not Due Yet	Training Sessions	

3	Public Reporting Mechanism	Complaints	0	Calls	Yes, providing the public with information on how to report potential stormwater pollution helps reduce pollution.
3	Source Investigation and Elimination	Investigations	0	Number of Investigations	Yes, investigations on illicit discharges helps reduce pollution.
3	Complaint Inspections	Inspections	0	Number of Inspections	Yes, investigations on 100% of complaints received helps reduce pollution.
4	Site Plan Review Procedures	Number of plans reviewed	8	Permits	Yes, reviewing construction plans that result in the disturbance of greater than or equal to one acre, or are part of a common plan of development or sale ensures that appropriate structural controls are being used to reduce pollution.
4	Construction Site Inspections	Number of Inspections	33	Inspections	Yes, inspecting construction sites ensures that appropriate controls are in place and functioning properly to reduce pollution.

5	Enforcement Actions	Number of enforcement actions	0	Enforcement actions	Yes, implementation of local regulatory mechanisms represents a direct reduction in pollutants.
6	Operation and Maintenance Activities	Number of Reviews	Not Due Yet	Reviews	
6	Pollutants of Concern	Number of Reviews	Not Due Yet	Reviews	
6	Pollution Prevention Measures	Number of Reviews	Not Due Yet	Reviews	
6	Pollution Prevention Measure Inspections	Number of Reviews	Not Due Yet	Reviews	
6	Structural Control Maintenance	Number of Reviews	Not Due Yet	Reviews	

4. Provide the measurable goals for each of the MCMs, and an evaluation of the success of the implementation of the measurable goals (**see Example 3 in instructions**)

Please note, the BMPs and measurable goals that you report here must match the BMPs and corresponding measurable goals selected in NeT-MS4 on your approved NOI:

MCM(s)	Measurable Goal(s)	Explain progress toward goal or how goal was achieved. If goal was not accomplished, please explain.
1	Maintain a webpage with current and accurate information and working links. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All links shall be checked, and the page shall be updated as necessary at a minimum of once annually. - Must be maintained for the full year. 	Goal Met, website updates/maintenance was conducted on 11-11-25.
1	Post a minimum of four times each year on a minimum of one social media platform. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The message shall address ways attendees can minimize or avoid adverse stormwater impacts or practices to improve the quality of stormwater runoff. - The message shall be seasonally appropriate. - Must make a minimum of one post per quarter and all quarterly posts must be visible by attendees for the full year. 	Not Due Yet
1	Develop topics that address activities or pollutants of concern. Advertisement must be active for a minimum of three weeks each year; or must have an estimated public exposure for the duration of the advertising campaign that is equal to twice the population for the small MS4 area (based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau decennial population value for the small MS4 area).	Not Due Yet

1	Place signage in a location where the message is relevant and highly visible to target audience. Signage will count as an annual BMP for the year it was put in place and for each subsequent year of this permit cycle as long as each of those years the permittee inspects and maintains, as necessary, 100% of the signage once annually.	Not Due Yet
2	Host or support at a minimum one event for level 1 and 2 MS4s or two events for level 3 and 4 MS4s annually. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be considered an event, the land area cleaned must be a minimum of: two acres, 400 yards of stream/streambank/riparian area, or two miles of roadside. - These may be combined (such as one acre of land and 200 yards of stream). 	Not Due Yet
2	Provide or support a minimum of one session for level 1 and 2 MS4s or two sessions for level 3 and 4 MS4s each year. These may be different speakers or audiences.	Not Due Yet
2	Provide or support at a minimum one project or training annually.	Not Due Yet
3	Review and update, as necessary, at least one time annually to include features which have been added, removed, or changed.	Goal Met; MS4 outfall map was developed on reviewed on 11-11-25.
3	Conduct a minimum of one training annually for 100% of MS4 field staff that may come into contact with or otherwise observe an illicit discharge, illegal dumping, or illicit connection to the small MS4 as part of their normal job responsibilities.	Not Due Yet

<p>3</p>	<p>Maintain a minimum of one public reporting mechanism 100% of the time during the permit term.</p> <p>Publicize the public reporting mechanism a minimum of two times annually in a method designed to reach the majority of the intended audience. Develop and implement a tracking system to estimate what percentage of the intended audience is reached for determining BMP effectiveness.</p> <p>In addition, if the MS4 operator has a public website, the public reporting mechanism must be published on the public website 100% of the time during the permit term.</p>	<p>Goal Met; public reporting mechanism has been published on the stormwater quality website www.txms4.com/hardin</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Review and update the procedures at least one time annually to address changes and make improvements to the established procedures where applicable.</p>	<p>Goal Met; Standard operating procedures for responding to illicit discharges, illegal dumping, and spills were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Respond to 100% of known illicit discharges and illegal dumping incidents each year to investigate sources (or some Level 2b MS4s must notify the appropriate agency with the authority to act).</p> <p>Respond to 100% of high priority discharges each year, such as sanitary sewer discharges within 24 hours (or some Level 2b MS4s must notify the appropriate agency with the authority to act).</p> <p>For 100% of known illicit discharges or illegal dumping incidents where the small MS4 does not have jurisdiction, notify the adjacent MS4 operator of the applicable TCEQ regional office each year.</p> <p>Notify the TCEQ immediately of 100% of illicit flows believed to be an immediate threat to human health or the environment throughout the permit term.</p>	<p>Goal Met; the coalition has developed Standard Operating Procedures to respond to 100% of known illicit discharges and illegal dumping incidents. Zero incidents were reported during the permit year.</p>

3	<p>For 100% of illicit discharges or illegal dumping where a source has been determined, notify the responsible party of the problem within 24 hours.</p> <p>Require the responsible party to perform all necessary corrective actions to eliminate the illicit discharge.</p>	<p>Goal Met; the coalition has developed Standard Operating Procedures to notify known responsible parties within 24 hours of determining what the source of the illicit discharge or illegal dumping incidents. Zero illicit discharges or illegal dumping incidents were reported during the permit year.</p>
3	<p>Review and update the procedures at least one time annually to address changes and make improvements to the established procedures where applicable.</p>	<p>Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for inspections of illicit discharges, illegal dumping, and spills were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.</p>
3	<p>Conduct inspections in response to 100% of complaints each year according to the established procedures (or some Level 2b MS4s must notify the appropriate agency with the authority to act).</p> <p>Conduct follow-up inspections in 100% of cases each year where necessary as described in the established procedures (except for some Level 2b MS4s without the appropriate authority to act).</p>	<p>Goal Met; the coalition has developed Standard Operating Procedures to conduct inspections on 100% of known illicit discharge or illegal dumping incidents. Zero illicit discharges or illegal dumping inspections were conducted during the permit year.</p>
4	<p>Review and update the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism at least one time during the permit term to address changes and make improvements to the ordinance where applicable.</p>	<p>Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for construction site runoff Control were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.</p>

4	<p>Develop and maintain an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to prohibit these discharges.</p> <p>Review and update the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism at least one time during the permit term to address changes and make improvements to the ordinance where applicable.</p>	Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for construction site runoff Control were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.
4	<p>Review and update site plan review procedures at least one time annually to address changes and make improvements to the established procedures where applicable.</p> <p>Implement site plan review procedures for 100% of new construction site plans received each year.</p>	Not Due Yet
4	<p>Review and update inspection procedures at least one time annually to address changes and make improvements to the established procedures where applicable.</p>	Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for construction site runoff Control were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.
4	<p>Conduct inspections at a minimum of 80% of active construction sites annually according to the established procedures (or some Level 2b small MS4s must notify the appropriate agency with the authority to act).</p> <p>Each year, conduct follow up inspections in 100% of cases where necessary as described in the established procedures (except for some Level 2b small MS4s without the appropriate authority to act).</p>	Goal Met; 80% of the applicable sites were inspected during the reporting period. (a total of zero applicable sites were identified during the reporting period).
4	<p>Review and update procedures for the receipt and consideration of information submitted by the public at least one time annually to address changes and make improvements to the established procedures where applicable.</p> <p>Maintain one webpage, hotline, or similar method for receipt of information submitted by the public throughout the permit term.</p>	Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for construction site runoff Control were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.

4	Conduct a minimum of one training annually for 100% of MS4 staff whose primary job duties are related to implementing the construction stormwater program.	Not Due Yet
5	Review and update the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism at least one time during the permit term to address changes and make improvements to the ordinance where applicable.	Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for post construction stormwater management were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.
5	<p>Maintain records of 100% of enforcement actions taken each year.</p> <p>Make 100% of enforcement records available to TCEQ for review within 24 hours of request.</p>	Goal Met; zero enforcement actions were taken on post construction stormwater management controls during the reporting period.
5	<p>Each year, implement a maintenance plan and schedule established by the small MS4 operator addressing 100% of stormwater control measures where the small MS4 operator is responsible for maintenance.</p> <p>Each year, require 100% of the owners or operators of any new development or redeveloped sites to develop and implement a maintenance plan addressing maintenance requirements for any structural control measures installed on site.</p> <p>Require the site owner or operators to maintain documentation, such as a tracking log, onsite of 100% of the maintenance performed and made available for review by the small MS4 operator or TCEQ within 24 hours of the request.</p>	Not Due Yet
6	<p>Develop and maintain an annual inventory for 100% of the small MS4 owned and operated facilities and controls in the small MS4 area.</p> <p>Review and update the inventory at least one time annually to address changes or additions to the facilities and controls where applicable.</p>	Not Due Yet

6	<p>Conduct a minimum of one training annually for 100% of employees involved in implementing pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices.</p> <p>For small MS4s, which use only contractors to implement pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices, ensure training of 100% of applicable contract staff is conducted at least one time annually using contract language or another similar method.</p>	Not Due Yet
6	<p>Ensure that 100% of waste from the MS4 is disposed of in accordance with 30 TAC Chapters 330 or 335, as applicable each year.</p>	<p>Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for waste removal were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.</p>
6	<p>Each year, ensure that 100% of contractors hired by the MS4 to perform maintenance activities on permittee-owned facilities is contractually required to comply with all of the stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices, and facility-specific stormwater management operating procedures described in Parts IV D.6(b)(2)-(6).</p> <p>Implement oversight procedures of contractor activities in 100% of contracts to ensure that contractors are using appropriate control measures and SOPs each year.</p> <p>Oversight procedures must be maintained on-site 100% of the time and made available for review by TCEQ within 24 hours of request.</p>	<p>Goal Met; Standard Operating Procedures for contractor oversight procedures were developed and reviewed on 11-11-25.</p>

6	<p>Evaluate 100% of O&M activities, in conjunction with procedure reviews if appropriate, for their potential to discharge pollutants in stormwater annually including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road and parking lot maintenance, including such areas as pothole repair, pavement marking, sealing, and re-paving; - Bridge maintenance, including such areas as re-chipping, grinding, and saw cutting; - Cold weather operations, including plowing, sanding, and application of de-icing and anti-icing compounds and maintenance of snow disposal areas; and - Right-of-way maintenance, including mowing, herbicide and pesticide application, and planting vegetation. 	Not Due Yet
6	<p>Identify pollutants of concern that could be discharged from all of the O&M activities described in Part IV.D.6.(b)(5)b and maintain a list of 100% of the pollutants identified.</p> <p>Including for example, metals; chlorides; hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and xylenes; sediment; and trash.</p> <p>Review and update the pollutants of concern list at least one time annually to address changes or additions to the O&M activities where applicable.</p>	Not Due Yet

6	<p>Develop and implement a set of pollution prevention measures that will reduce the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from the permittee-owned operations. Implement at least two of the following pollution prevention measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace at least 50% of the MS4's materials and chemicals with more environmentally friendly materials or methods by the end of the permit term; - Track 100% of the application of de-icing and anti-icing compounds in the MS4 area and record the amount of compound used for each application annually; - Use suspended tarps, booms, or vacuums to capture paint, solvents, rust, paint chips and other pollutants during 80% of regular bridge maintenance each year; and - Place barriers around or conduct runoff away from 100% of deicing chemical storage areas to prevent discharge into surface waters each year. 	Not Due Yet
6	At least one time annually, visually inspect 100% of pollution prevention measures implemented at permittee-owned facilities to ensure they are working properly.	Not Due Yet
6	<p>Develop and maintain written procedures that describe the frequency of inspections and how they will be conducted.</p> <p>Review and update the inspection procedures at least one time annually to address changes or additions to the pollution prevention measures.</p> <p>Maintain a log of 100% of the inspections conducted annually and make the log available for review by the TCEQ within 24 hours of request.</p>	Not Due Yet

6	<p>At least one time annually, perform maintenance of 100% of the structural controls which require maintenance. Maintenance must follow a plan and schedule developed by the small MS4 operator to be consistent with maintaining the effectiveness of the BMP.</p> <p>The permittee shall develop and maintain written procedures that define the frequency of inspections and how they will be conducted.</p> <p>Review and update the maintenance procedures at least one time annually to address changes or additions to the pollution prevention measures.</p>	Not Due Yet
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C. Stormwater Data Summary

Provide a summary of all information used, including any lab results (if sampling was conducted) to assess the success of the SWMP at reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP. For example, did the MS4 conduct visual inspections, clean the inlets, look for illicit discharge, clean streets, look for flow during dry weather, etc.?

During the reporting period, the permittees conducted multiple activities to help reduce the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, including but not limited to: outfall inspections, public education, and waste/debris collection. As a result, the permittee inspected their MS4 to look for flows during dry weather, conducted 33 construction site inspections and collected/properly disposed of litter/garbage on a routine basis. (data for all BMPs implemented during the reporting period to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the MEP is included in Section B.3 of this annual report). After review, the permittees has maintained 100% compliance with the measurable goals and implementation schedule established in their SWMP and believes that the program has been successful at reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP.

D. Impaired Waterbodies

1. Identify whether an impaired water within the permitted area was added to the latest EPA-approved 303(d) list or the *Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality for CWA Sections 305(b) and 303(d)*. List any newly-identified impaired waters below by including the name of the water body and the cause of impairment.

No impaired water bodies were added during the reporting period.

2. If applicable, explain below any activities taken to address the discharge to impaired waterbodies, including any sampling results and a summary of the small MS4's BMPs used to address the pollutant of concern.

The permittees have referred to the CWA 303(d) list and determined that they are a potential source of the pollutant(s) of concern being discharged to Pine Island Bayou (Stream Segment No. 0607), and Boggy Creek (Stream Segment No. 0607A). Appropriate focused BMPs and corresponding measurable goals have been developed to reduce the discharge of the pollutant(s) of concern that contribute to the impairment of the water body. The focused BMPs include activities related to sanitary sewer systems, on-site sewage facilities, illicit discharges and dumping, animal sources, and residential education.

3. Describe the implementation of targeted controls if the small MS4 discharges to an impaired water body with an approved TMDL.

N/A; permittee does not discharge to a water body with an approved TMDL

4. Report the benchmark identified by the MS4 and assessment activities:

N/A; only applies to water bodies with an approved TMDL

Benchmark Parameter <i>(Ex: Total Suspended Solids)</i>	Benchmark Value	Description of additional sampling or other assessment activities	Year(s) conducted
Stream Segment No. -	<u>N/A</u>	A routine inspection program has been implemented as part of the illicit discharge detection and elimination program.	Permit Year 1
Stream Segment No. -	<u>N/A</u>	A routine inspection program has been implemented as part of the illicit discharge detection and elimination program.	Permit Year 1

The permittees assess progress in achieving benchmarks and determining the effectiveness of BMPs by evaluating program implementation measures. The following indicators are utilized to assess progress towards the benchmark(s): the number of illicit discharge sources identified or eliminated, number of public education materials developed, and results of outfall inspection activities. As a result of implementing the focused BMPs, the permittees have inspected their outfalls and made multiple forms of public education materials available that address bacteria sources. After review, the permittees have maintained 100% compliance with the measurable goals and implementation schedule established in their SWMP and believe the continued implementation of these focused BMPs will continue to make progress towards the desired benchmark values.

5. Provide an analysis of how the selected BMPs will be effective in contributing to achieving the benchmark: **N/A; only applies to water bodies with an approved TMDL**

Benchmark Parameter	Selected BMP	Contribution to achieving Benchmark
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

6. If applicable, report on focused BMPs to address impairment for bacteria:

Description of bacteria-focused BMP	Comments/Discussion
Sanitary Sewer Systems	No sanitary sewer system improvement projects took place during the permit year.
On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs)	No OSSFs were found to be failing during the permit year.
Illicit Discharge and Dumping	No illicit discharge or illegal dumping was identified during the year.
Animal Sources	Brochure promoting proper pet waste management was developed and made available.
Residential Education	2 brochures, 1 flyer, and a stormwater quality website were developed and made available.

7. Assess the progress to determine BMP's effectiveness in achieving the benchmark.
 For example, the MS4 may use the following benchmark indicators:

- number of sources identified or eliminated;
- number of illegal dumpings;
- increase in illegal dumping reported;
- number of educational opportunities conducted;
- reductions in sanitary sewer flows (SSOs); or
- increase in illegal discharge detection through dry screening.

N/A; only applies to water bodies with an approved TMDL

Benchmark Indicator	Description/Comments
Number of complaints	No complaints were received during the permit year
Number of sanitary sewer overflows	No sanitary sewer overflows were recorded to cause illicit discharges
Number of sources identified or eliminated	No sources were identified
Number of illegal dumping cases	No illegal dumping cases
Educational opportunities conducted	Coalition website was maintained and updated

E. Stormwater Activities

Describe activities planned for the next reporting year:

MCM(s)	BMP	Stormwater Activity	Description/Comments
1	Information on the MS4 Operator's Website	Maintain a webpage with current and accurate information and working links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All links shall be checked, and the page shall be updated as necessary at a minimum of once annually - Must be maintained for the full year 	Develop and maintain a stormwater quality website to ensure that the public can easily find information about the SWMP, and inform citizens about steps they can take to improve water quality.
	Social Media Posts/Social Media Campaign	Post a minimum of four times each year on a minimum of one social media platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The message shall address ways attendees can minimize or avoid adverse stormwater impacts or practices to improve the quality of stormwater runoff - The message shall be seasonally appropriate - Must make a minimum of one post per quarter and all quarterly posts must be visible by attendees for the full year 	Develop and maintain a stormwater quality social media page to ensure that the public can easily find information about the SWMP, and inform citizens about steps they can take to improve water quality.

	Media/Advertising Campaign/Public Service Announcements; Billboard/Poster; Bus Shelter/Bench; Radio/Television/Movie Theatre; and Kiosks	Develop topics that address activities or pollutants of concern. Advertisement must be active for a minimum of three weeks each year; or must have an estimated public exposure for the duration of the advertising campaign that is equal to twice the population for the small MS4 area (based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau decennial population value for the small MS4 area).	Utilize PSAs on the Coalition's stormwater website to educate the public on the impacts of stormwater pollution and steps they can take to improve water quality.
2	Clean-Up Event	<p>Host or support at a minimum one event for level 1 and 2 MS4s or two events for level 3 and 4 MS4s annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be considered an event, the land area cleaned must be a minimum of: two acres, 400 yards of stream/streambank/riparian area, or two miles of roadside - These may be combined (such as one acre of land and 200 yards of stream). 	Clean-up events can be used to encourage public participation to ensure that litter/garbage is properly disposed of.
3	MS4 Map	Review and update, as necessary, at least one time annually to include features which have been added, removed, or changed.	MS4 map review ensures that the MS4 is properly represented in order to help facilitate the illicit discharge detection and elimination program.
	MS4 Field Staff Training	Conduct a minimum of one training annually for 100% of MS4 field staff that may come into contact with or otherwise observe an illicit discharge, illegal dumping, or illicit connection to the small MS4 as part of their normal job responsibilities.	Annual training for MS4 field staff helps educated field staff members on how to properly identify and eliminate illicit discharges and illegal dumping.

	Corrective Actions	<p>For 100% of illicit discharges or illegal dumping where a source has been determined, notify the responsible party of the problem within 24 hours.</p> <p>Require the responsible party to perform all necessary corrective actions to eliminate the illicit discharge.</p>	Responding to 100% of known illicit discharges or illegal dumping sources helps ensure that each incident is properly managed to the MEP in order to prevent illicit discharges or illegal dumping to continue.
	Complaint Inspections	<p>Conduct inspections in response to 100% of complaints each year according to the established procedures (or some Level 2b MS4s must notify the appropriate agency with the authority to act).</p> <p>Conduct follow up inspections in 100% of cases each year where necessary as described in the established procedures (except for some Level 2b MS4s without the appropriate authority to act).</p>	Responding to 100% of known illicit discharges or illegal dumping sources helps ensure that each incident is properly managed to the MEP in order to prevent illicit discharges or illegal dumping to continue.
4	Construction Site Inspections	<p>Conduct inspections at a minimum of 80% of active construction sites annually according to the established procedures (or some Level 2b small MS4s must notify the appropriate agency with the authority to act).</p> <p>Each year, conduct follow up inspections in 100% of cases where necessary as described in the established procedures (except for some Level 2b small MS4s without the appropriate authority to act).</p>	Conduct inspections of construction sites and associated control measures and enforce local regulatory mechanisms to the MEP. For non-traditional MS4s, this BMP is limited to the sites operated by the permittee and located within the urbanized area.

	Public Reporting Procedures	<p>Review and update procedures for the receipt and consideration of information submitted by the public at least one time annually to address changes and make improvements to the established procedures where applicable.</p> <p>Maintain one webpage, hotline, or similar method for receipt of information submitted by the public throughout the permit term.</p>	Maintain and implement procedures for receipt and consideration of information submitted by the public regarding construction site stormwater runoff.
5	Regulatory Mechanisms	Review and update the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism at least one time during the permit term to address changes and make improvements to the ordinance where applicable	Enforce local post construction stormwater management regulations to address discharges from new development and redevelopment projects which disturb one acre or more or are part of a common plan of development that disturb greater than or equal to one acre. Within two years from the permit effective date, the coalition will review and revise, if needed, its existing regulatory mechanisms to comply with the current permit requirements. Non-traditional MS4s included in the Coalition have standard operating procedures in place for addressing post construction stormwater discharges, in lieu of regulatory mechanisms.

	Long Term Operation and Maintenance	<p>Each year, implement a maintenance plan and schedule established by the small MS4 operator addressing 100% of stormwater control measures where the small MS4 operator is responsible for maintenance.</p> <p>Each year, require 100% of the owners or operators of any new development or redeveloped sites to develop and implement a maintenance plan addressing maintenance requirements for any structural control measures installed on site.</p> <p>Require the site owner or operators to maintain documentation, such as a tracking log, onsite of 100% of the maintenance performed and made available for review by the small MS4 operator or TCEQ within 24 hours of the request.</p>	Develop and maintain standard operating procedures to document records of enforcement actions and procedures for ensuring long-term operation/maintenance of post construction stormwater control measures.
6	MS4 Facility Inventory	<p>Develop and maintain an annual inventory for 100% of the small MS4 owned and operated facilities and controls in the small MS4 area.</p> <p>Review and update the inventory at least one time annually to address changes or additions to the facilities and controls where applicable.</p>	Maintain an inventory (and map) of applicable facilities and stormwater controls pursuant to the requirements established in Part III, Section B.5(b)(1) of TPDES General Permit TXR040000, that each permittee owns and operates within the urbanized area.
	Waste Disposal Procedures	Ensure that 100% of waste from the MS4 is disposed of in accordance with 30 TAC Chapters 330 or 335, as applicable each year.	Conduct waste and/or litter collection to reduce floatable material discharges to the MS4.

	<p>Contractor Oversight Procedures</p>	<p>Each year, ensure that 100% of contractors hired by the MS4 to perform maintenance activities on permittee-owned facilities is contractually required to comply with all of the stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices, and facility-specific stormwater management operating procedures described in Parts IV D.6(b)(2)-(6).</p> <p>Implement oversight procedures of contractor activities in 100% of contracts to ensure that contractors are using appropriate control measures and SOPs each year.</p> <p>Oversight procedures must be maintained on-site 100% of the time and made available for review by TCEQ within 24 hours of request.</p>	<p>Maintain procedures that contractually require contractors hired by the permittee to perform maintenance activities on permittee-owned facilities to comply with all stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices, and facility specific stormwater management operating procedures.</p>
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	<p>Operation and Maintenance Activities</p>	<p>Evaluate 100% of O&M activities, in conjunction with procedure reviews if appropriate, for their potential to discharge pollutants in stormwater annually including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road and parking lot maintenance, including such areas as pothole repair, pavement marking, sealing, and re-paving; - Bridge maintenance, including such areas as re-chipping, grinding, and saw cutting; - Cold weather operations, including plowing, sanding, and application of de-icing and anti-icing compounds and maintenance of snow disposal areas; and - Right-of-way maintenance, including mowing, herbicide and pesticide application, and planting vegetation. 	<p>Maintain and implement general pollution prevention plans that identify potential pollutants of concern and address stormwater discharges from permittee operation and maintenance activities, including road and parking lot maintenance, bridge maintenance, cold weather operations, and right-of-way maintenance.</p>
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F. SWMP Modifications

1. The SWMP and MCM implementation procedures are reviewed each year.

Yes No

2. Changes have been made or are proposed to the SWMP since the NOI or the last annual report, including changes in response to TCEQ’s review.

Yes No

If “Yes,” report on changes made to measurable goals and BMPs:

MCM(s)	Measurable Goal(s) or BMP(s)	Implemented or Proposed Changes (Submit NOC as needed)
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Note: If changes include additions or substitutions of BMPs, include a written analysis explaining why the original BMP is ineffective or not feasible, and why the replacement BMP is expected to achieve the goals of the original BMP.

3. Explain additional changes or proposed changes not previously mentioned (i.e. dates, contacts, procedures, annexation of land, etc.). **N/A**

4. I understand that I must submit a Notice of Change (NOC) electronically on the NeT-MS4 system to indicate these changes on the NOI.

Yes No

G. Additional BMPs for TMDLs and I-Plans

Provide a description and schedule for implementation of additional BMPs that may be necessary, based on monitoring results, to ensure compliance with applicable TMDLs and implementation plans. **N/A**

BMP	Description	Implementation Schedule (start date, etc.)	Status/Completion Date (completed, in progress, not started)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

H. Additional Information

1. Is the permittee relying on another entity to satisfy any permit obligations?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide the name(s) of other entities and an explanation of their responsibilities (add more spaces or pages if needed).

Name and Explanation: **City of Lumberton; see explanation below**

All permittees listed in this annual report are participating members in the Hardin County Stormwater Quality Coalition and are responsible for the implementation of the programs as indicated in the "MS4 Responsibilities" section of the SWMP. Some of the activities are being conducted as a group, such as the development of public education materials, guidance documents, standard operating procedures, and SWMP meetings.

2.a. Is the permittee part of a group sharing a SWMP with other entities?

Yes No

2.b. If "yes," is this a system-wide annual report including information for all permittees?

Yes No

If "Yes," list all associated authorization numbers, permittee names, and SWMP responsibilities of each member (add additional spaces or pages if needed):

Authorization Number: **TXR040246**

Permittee: **Hardin County**

Authorization Number: **TXR040174**

Permittee: **City of Lumberton**

I. Construction Activities

1. The number of construction activities that occurred in the jurisdictional area of the MS4 (Large and Small Site Notices submitted by construction site operators):

0

2a. Does the permittee utilize the optional eighth MCM related to construction?

Yes No

2b. If "yes," then provide the following information for this permit year:


The number of municipal construction activities authorized under this general permit	
The total number of acres disturbed for municipal construction projects	

Note: Though the eighth MCM is optional, implementation must be requested on the NOI or NOC and approved by the TCEQ.

J. Certification – Hardin County

Each permittee shall sign and certify the annual report in accordance with 30 TAC §305.128 (relating to Signatories to Reports). If this is this a system-wide annual report include information and signatures for all permittees.

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 gathered and evaluated 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 that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Name (printed): Wayne McDaniel Title: County Judge
Signature:  Date: 03/20/2026

Name of MS4: **Hardin County**

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Name (printed): STEVE CLARK Title: CITY MANAGER

Signature:  Date: 3-25-26

Name of MS4: City of Lumberton