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Report Confirmation

Received	Sep 28, 2026 at 7:50pm EDT
Your Name	Kyle Douglas Moring
Your Email	[redacted]
Your Phone Number	[redacted]
Suspected Violator's Name *	PILGRIM'S PRIDE SOUTHWEST WASTEWATER PLANT
Suspected Violation Location (Address) *	664 FM ROAD 127 WEST
Suspected Violation City *	MOUNT PLEASANT
Suspected Violation State *	Texas
Suspected Violation ZIP Code *	74556
Responsible Party	Company
Is the suspected violation still occurring?	Yes
Date of Incident	
Characterized incident as:	
Intention *	Unknown
Violation Method *	Release
Affected Subject(s)	Water

Violation Description *	NON-EMERGENCY CLEAN WATER ACT TIP,Facility: Pilgrim's Pride Southwest Wastewater Plant, 664 FM Road 127 West, Mount Pleasant, TX. NPDES TX0062936; TPDES WQ0003017000.,Several City of Mount Pleasant residents asked me to convey these concerns because they do not believe TCEQ has been sufficiently transparent about the plant's condition, corrective work, compliance certifications, or enforcement follow-through. I am not their attorney and do not claim facts beyond the records and observations identified here. I request an independent EPA review.,1. CURRENT NONCOMPLIANCE (EPA ECHO),ECHO currently identifies the facility as in Significant/Category I Noncompliance. The July 2026 DMR (received Aug. 18) contains 24 above-limit entries across nine parameters. The August 2026 DMR (received Sept. 17) contains 26 above-limit entries across nine parameters. These include paired concentration and loading statistics, so they do not necessarily represent 50 separate discharge events, but they show broad, repeated failure across solids removal, biological treatment, nutrient control, and disinfection.,July 2026: TSS 7,214.2 mg/L average (limit 15) and 9,100 mg/L maximum (limit 30); maximum TSS loading 2,765,352.7 lb/day (limit 751). E. coli 3,029.7 CFU/100 mL average (limit 126) and 24,196 maximum (limit 394).,August 2026: TSS 856.5 mg/L average (limit 15) and 5,180 mg/L maximum (limit 30). E. coli 730.8 average (limit 126) and 2,419.2 maximum (limit 394). Ammonia 60.7 mg/L (max limit 2); carbonaceous BOD 242 mg/L (max limit 10); five-day BOD 238 mg/L (max limit 26); sulfate 2,920 mg/L (max limit 661). Total nitrogen, phosphorus, and fecal coliform also exceeded limits.,2. EVIDENCE SUMMARY (reported value / limit / percent above limit),- Jul 2026 E. coli avg: 3,029.7 CFU/100 mL / 126 / 2,305%,- Jul 2026 E. coli max: 24,196 CFU/100 mL / 394 / 6,041%,- Jul 2026 TSS avg: 7,214.2 mg/L / 15 / 47,995%,- Jul 2026 TSS max: 9,100 mg/L / 30 / 30,233%,- Jul 2026 TSS max loading: 2,765,352.7 lb/day / 751 / 368,123%,- Aug 2026 E. coli avg: 730.8 CFU/100 mL / 126 / 480%,- Aug 2026 E. coli max: 2,419.2 CFU/100 mL / 394 / 514%,- Aug 2026 TSS avg: 856.5 mg/L / 15 / 5,610%,- Aug 2026 TSS max: 5,180 mg/L / 30 / 17,167%,- Aug 2026 ammonia max: 60.7 mg/L / 2 / 2,935%,- Aug 2026 CBOD max: 242 mg/L / 10 / 2,320%,Qualification: These values are reproduced from EPA ECHO as reported. The extraordinarily large July solids values should not be treated as independently verified until compared with the signed DMR, original laboratory data, reported flow, unit conversions, and any corrected submission.,3. PRIOR EPA ORDER CWA-06-2025-1759,EPA Region 6 issued this administrative order on June 12, 2025. EPA's case summary states Pilgrim's was required within 30 days to identify corrective actions and certify in writing that the violations were corrected and the facility was compliant. Public DMR data show substantial violations more than a year later, and ECHO shows no newer formal action. Please determine what Pilgrim's submitted in response, whether EPA accepted or verified the certification, whether deadlines were extended or missed, and whether the July and August 2026 results are noncompliance with the order as well as the permit.,4. RECEIVING WATER,The 2025 Cypress Creek Basin Summary Report states Tankersley Creek was assessed as impaired for bacteria (E. coli geometric mean 278.1 MPN/100 mL vs. 126 criterion) and identifies the Pilgrim's discharge as the primary nitrate contributor based on historical monitoring. Please verify the current permitted outfall location and flow path against the permit and site conditions, and conduct contemporaneous upstream/downstream sampling for E. coli, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, suspended solids, nutrients, and other relevant parameters, particularly under low-flow conditions.,5. WATER-SUPPLY CONTEXT (not alleged to be caused by Pilgrim's),The City's Sept. 3, 2026 release asked residents and Tri-County SUD customers to voluntarily limit outdoor watering (sprinklers only midnight-6 a.m.), citing high demand, a filter damaged in early July at the I-30 Water Treatment Plant that reduced capacity by about 3 MGD, and limited ability to replenish storage. It described pressure fluctuations and said water quality was not affected. The materials I have do not establish a formal Stage 3 declaration or that the voluntary request remains active today. I describe it only as a documented voluntary conservation request and do not allege Pilgrim's caused the City's water-supply problem.,6. SEPARATE REPORT - OLD DUMP ROAD FLOW (source unknown),Facebook user Kevin Swinetime publicly posted a video on Sept. 22, 2026 showing apparent flowing water near Old Dump Road, off Highway 127. He also sent me a map screenshot placing the location at approximately 33.120742, -95.014712; I have not independently verified that location. The attached file is a screen recording of his post (recorded Sept. 24, 2026) and contains no embedded location data. The footage appears to show water flowing through a wooded drainage below disturbed ground. A commenter on the post claimed it had been running for months; I cannot verify that. I have not located any City acknowledgment of this specific location.,This is distinct from the City's Sept. 25 bi-weekly council report, which describes a raw-water leak beginning Sept. 13 on FM 127 in a 24-inch City transmission line carrying untreated lake water to the drinking-water plant. The City said repair was contracted and expected soon, that the escaping water would otherwise have gone to a filter then out of service, and that production was not affected. The report does not establish current repair status. The FM 127 leak video's embedded location metadata is approximately 33.1329, -95.0032, about 1.1 miles from the Old Dump Road coordinates. The City's report does not identify the Old Dump Road flow or establish that it is the same leak.,I do not know the source or water quality of the Old Dump Road flow and do not allege it is Pilgrim's effluent or a permit violation. Please assess whether it is relevant to the wastewater investigation and, if outside EPA jurisdiction, refer the location to the appropriate City or state authority and advise me of that referral.,7. RECORDS TO OBTAIN AND PRESERVE,- Signed July and August 2026 DMRs and any amendments,- Laboratory bench sheets, chain-of-custody, and QA/QC records,- Flow-meter calibration and daily flow records,- Operating logs,- Bypass, upset, and spill reports,- Aeration, lagoon, solids-handling, and disinfection records,- Pilgrim's response and compliance certification under order CWA-06-2025-1759,8. REQUESTED EPA ACTIONS,1) Verify the July and August values against the signed DMRs and underlying laboratory, sampling, flow, and calculation records.,2) Determine whether Pilgrim's submitted the corrective-action list and compliance certification required within 30 days by order CWA-06-2025-1759, whether that certification was accurate when submitted, and whether EPA or TCEQ independently verified compliance.,3) Conduct an independent inspection covering aeration, lagoon performance, solids handling, disinfection, bypasses, upsets, monitoring, and recordkeeping.,4) Verify the current permitted outfall location and receiving-water route, and collect contemporaneous upstream and downstream samples in Tankersley Creek and Big Cypress Creek, including under low-flow conditions.,5) Assess the Old Dump Road flow near 33.120742, -95.014712 (source, destination, water quality), or refer it to the appropriate authority if outside EPA jurisdiction.,6) Determine whether the City's FM 127 raw-water leak is distinct from the Old Dump Road report; do not treat the City's Sept. 25 account as acknowledgment of the Old Dump Road location without confirmation. Confirm whether the FM 127 leak has been repaired and whether any Old Dump Road flow remains active.,7) Evaluate whether interim measures, permit modification, penalties, supplemental monitoring, or further administrative or judicial enforcement are warranted.,8) Explain publicly, to the extent allowed by law, the current corrective requirements, deadlines, inspection status, and basis for any enforcement decision.
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