TPDES PERMIT NO.
WQ0003017000
[For TCEQ office use only -
EPA I.D. No. TX0062936]

This major amendment with renewal replaces TPDES Permit No. WQ0003017000, issued on November 19, 2018.

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

PERMIT TO DISCHARGE WASTES
under provisions of
Section 402 of the Clean Water Act,
Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code,
and 40 CFR Part 432

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

whose mailing address is

1770 Promontory Circle
Greeley, Colorado 80634

is authorized to treat and discharge wastes from Pilgrim's Pride Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (SIC 2015)

located at 664 Farm-to-Market Road 127 West, near the City of Mount Pleasant, in Titus County, Texas 75455

to Tankersley Creek, thence to Big Cypress Creek Below Lake Bob Sandlin in Segment No. 0404 of the Cypress Creek 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, five years from the date of permit issuance.

ISSUED DATE: March 20, 2026

For the Commission

1. During the period beginning upon the date of permit issuance and lasting through the date of permit expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge treated process wastewater [1], utility wastewater [1], and treated domestic wastewater subject to the following effluent limitations:

   The daily average flow of effluent shall not exceed 3.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The daily maximum flow shall not exceed 5.0 MGD.

Effluent Characteristics	Discharge Limitations					Minimum Self-Monitoring Requirements	
	Daily Average		Daily Maximum		Single Grab	Report Daily Average and Daily Maximum	
	lbs/day	mg/L	lbs/day	mg/L	mg/L	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	3.5 MGD		5.0 MGD		N/A	Continuous	Record
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day)	146	5	292	10	15	3/week	Composite
Total Suspended Solids	376	15	751	30	45	3/week	Composite
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day)	454	16	738	26	48	3/week	Composite
Ammonia (as N)							
April – October	29	1	58	2	3	3/week	Composite
November - March	113	4	170	6	12	1/week	Composite
Total Nitrogen	2,922	103	4,171	147	309	2/week	Composite
Chloride	Report	Report	Report	Report	N/A	1/week	Composite
Sulfate	9,113	312	19,306	661	936	1/week	Composite
Total Dissolved Solids	Report	Report	Report	Report	N/A	1/week	Composite
Conductivity	Report, mmhos/cm		Report, mmhos/cm		N/A	1/week	Grab
Oil and Grease [2]	227	8	376	14	14	3/week	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine [3]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.0 (min)	1.0	1/day	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine [3]	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.1 (max)	0.1	1/day	Grab
Total Phosphorus	144.89	Report	Report	Report	N/A	1/week	Composite
Total Phosphorus – Monthly [4]	N/A	N/A	Report, lbs/month		N/A	1/month	Calculation
Total Phosphorus – Annual [5]	N/A	N/A	44,100 lbs/year		N/A	1/month	Summation
E. coli	126 [6]		394 [6]		394 [6]	3/week	Grab
Fecal Coliform	N/A		200 [6]		200 [6]	1/month	Grab
Chromium, Hexavalent	N/A	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	1/month	Grab

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	Daily Average		Daily Maximum		Single Grab	Report Daily Average and Daily Maximum	
	lbs/day	mg/L	lbs/day	mg/L	mg/L	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Copper, Total	N/A	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	1/month	Grab
Lead, Total	N/A	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	1/month	Grab
Zinc, Total	N/A	0.150	N/A	0.317	0.317	1/month	Grab
Mercury, Total	N/A	Report	N/A	Report	N/A	1/month	Grab
Lethal Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) limit 98% (Parameter 51710) [7]							
Ceriodaphnia dubia							
(7-day chronic NOEC [9])	98%		98%		N/A	1/quarter	Composite
Lethal Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) 94% (Parameter 51714) [7]							
Pimephales promelas							
(7-day chronic NOEC [9])	98%		98%		N/A	1/quarter	Composite
Sublethal Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) limit 80% (Parameter 51710) [8]							
Ceriodaphnia dubia							
(7-day chronic NOEC [9])	80%		80%		N/A	1/quarter	Composite

[1] See Other Requirement No. 13.
[2] Total recoverable oil and grease measured as n-hexane extractable material.
[3] The effluent must contain a chlorine residual of at least 1.0 mg/L after a detention time of at least 20 minutes (based on peak flow) and must be monitored 1/day by grab sample prior to dechlorination. The permittee shall dechlorinate the chlorinated effluent to less than 0.1 mg/L chlorine residual. An equivalent method of disinfection may be substituted only with prior approval from the Executive Director of the TCEQ.
[4] Total lbs of total phosphorus discharged during the calendar month (lbs/month).
[5] Total lbs of total phosphorus discharged during the previous twelve months (annual rolling mass limit).
[6] Colony Forming Units (CFU)/100 mL or most probable number (MPN)/100 mL.
[7] The lethal WET limit No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) of not less than 98% is effective at the permit issue date.
[8] The sublethal WET limit NOEC of not less than 80% is effective at the permit issue date.
[9] The NOEC is defined as the greatest effluent dilution at which no significant effect is demonstrated. A significant effect is defined as a statistically significant difference between a specified effluent dilution and the control for lethal or sublethal effects, whichever is specified.

The above records shall be maintained on a monthly basis and be available at the plant site for inspection by authorized representatives of the TCEQ for at least three (3) years.

11. The annual maximum load of total phosphorus discharged via Outfall 001 shall not exceed 44,100 lbs/year. This limit is consistent with the required phosphorus load reductions identified in the TCEQ document *Implementation Plan for One Total Maximum Daily Loads for Dissolved Oxygen in Lake O' the Pines Segment 0403*, approved July 9, 2009 (I-Plan) to ensure compliance with the TMDL for Dissolved Oxygen in Lake O' the Pines Segment No. 0403.

    Annual maximum load is defined as the total of all total phosphorus determinations taken within a period of 12 consecutive preceding months. It is calculated by adding the individual measurements together and taken during the previous 365 day period. The first load is calculated based on the number of measurements taken during the first month the permit goes into effect. The second reported load is calculated based on the number of measurements taken during the first and second month the permit is in effect. This calculation procedure will continue for a total of 12 months. When the permittee has a total of 13 months of data, then the first month of data will be dropped from the calculation and the 13th month of data will be included. This procedure will be followed for the life of the permit.

12. POND REQUIREMENTS

    A wastewater pond must comply with the following requirements. A wastewater pond (or lagoon) is an earthen structure used to evaporate, hold, store, or treat water that contains a *waste* or *pollutant* or that would cause *pollution* upon *discharge* as those terms are defined in Texas Water Code § 26.001, but does not include a pond that contains only stormwater.

    A. A wastewater pond **subject to 40 CFR Part 257, Subpart D** (related to coal combustion residuals) must comply with those requirements in lieu of the requirements in B through G of POND REQUIREMENTS. N/A

    B. An **existing** wastewater pond must be maintained to meet or exceed the original approved design and liner requirements; or, in the absence of original approved requirements, must be maintained to prevent unauthorized discharges of wastewater into or adjacent to water in the state. The permittee shall maintain copies of all liner construction and testing documents at the facility or in a reasonably accessible location and make the information available to the executive director upon request.

    C. A **new** wastewater pond constructed after the issuance date of this permit must be lined in compliance with one of the following requirements if it will contain process wastewater as defined in 40 CFR § 122.2. The executive director will review ponds that will contain only non-process wastewater on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the pond must be lined. If a pond will contain only non-process wastewater, the owner shall notify the Industrial Permits Team (MC 148) to obtain a written determination at least 90 days before the pond is placed into service and copy the TCEQ Compliance Monitoring Team (MC 224) and regional office. The permittee must submit all information about the proposed pond contents that is reasonably necessary for the executive director to make a determination. If the executive director determines that a pond does not need to be lined, then the pond is exempt from C(1) through C(3) and D through G of POND REQUIREMENTS.