



REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202-2733

NPDES Permit No TX0134047

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq; the "Act"),

Valley Crossing Pipeline, LLC
5400 Westheimer Court
Houston, TX 77056

is authorized to discharge from a facility located in Cameron County, Texas (Latitude 25° 59' 23.93" N; Longitude 97° 21' 23.07" to Latitude 26° 3' 18.54" N; Longitude 97° 9' 16.46" W) to the Brownsville Ship Channel Segment Code No. 2494, South Bay Segment Code No. 2493, South Bay Segment Code No. 2493 (Oyster Waters) Laguna Madre Segment Code No. 2491, and Laguna Madre Segment Code No. 2491 (Oyster Waters) from:

Outfall 001: Latitude: 26° 0' 24.480" N Longitude: 97° 17' 22.290" W
Outfall 002: Latitude: 26° 1' 48.130" N Longitude: 97° 14' 53.240" W
Outfall 003: Latitude: 26° 2' 13.510" N Longitude: 97° 14' 12.510" W
Outfall 004: Latitude: 26° 1' 51.090" N Longitude: 97° 12' 35.430" W
Outfall 005: Latitude: 26° 3' 37.040" N Longitude: 97° 9' 25.820" W
Outfall 006: Latitude: 25° 59' 34.730" N Longitude: 97° 21' 23.510" W

in accordance with this cover page and the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Part I, Part II and Part III hereof.

This permit shall become effective on

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight,

Issued on

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PART I – REQUIREMENTS FOR NPDES PERMITS

SECTION A. LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. Outfall 001

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic wastewater from the Outfall 001, thence to Saint Martin Lake upstream of Brownsville Ship Channel Segment Code No. 2494. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS Standard Units		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
pH	00400	6.5	9.0	Daily (*1)	Grab

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS lbs/day, unless noted		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS mg/l, unless noted		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	50050	Report GPD	Report GPD	N/A	N/A	Daily (*1)	Estimate (*3)
Total Residual Chlorine (*2)	50060	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.019	Daily (*1)	Grab
Oil & Grease	00556	Report	Report	N/A	15	Daily (*1)	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	00530	Report	Report	30	45	Daily (*1)	Grab

Footnotes:

*1 When discharging.

*2 In the event that municipal water is used, TRC shall be measured daily, when discharging.

*3 Estimate" flow measurements shall not be subject to the accuracy provisions established at Part III.C.6. Flow may be estimated using best engineering judgment.

2. Outfall 002

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic wastewater from the Outfall 002, thence to Paso Corvinas, to the Brownsville Ship Channel Segment Code No. 2494. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS Standard Units		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
pH	00400	6.5	9.0	Daily (*1)	Grab

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS lbs/day, unless noted		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS mg/l, unless noted		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	50050	Report GPD	Report GPD	N/A	N/A	Daily (*1)	Estimate (*3)
Total Residual Chlorine (*2)	50060	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.019	Daily (*1)	Grab
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3. Outfall 003

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic wastewater from the Outfall 003, thence to Paso Corvinas, to the Brownsville Ship Channel Segment Code No. 2494. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS Standard Units		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
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POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	50050	Report GPD	Report GPD	N/A	N/A	Daily (*1)	Estimate (*3)
Total Residual Chlorine (*2)	50060	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.019	Daily (*1)	Grab
Oil & Grease	00556	Report	Report	N/A	15	Daily (*1)	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	00530	Report	Report	30	45	Daily (*1)	Grab

Footnotes:

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4. Outfall 004

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic wastewater from the Outfall 004, thence to South bay, Segment Code No. 2493 and No. 2493 Oyster Waters. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS Standard Units		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
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5. Outfall 005

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic wastewater from the Outfall 005, thence to Brazos Santiago Pass, Brownsville Ship Channel to the Laguna Madre Segment Code No. 2491. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS Standard Units		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
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EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS lbs/day, unless noted		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS mg/l, unless noted		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
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6. Outfall 006

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic wastewater from the Outfall 006 thence to Saint Martin Lake, to the Brownsville Ship Channel Segment Code No. 2494. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

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POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
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EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS lbs/day, unless noted		DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS mg/l, unless noted		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
POLLUTANT	STORET CODE	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MON AVG	DAY MAX	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	50050	Report GPD	Report GPD	N/A	N/A	Daily (*1)	Estimate (*3)
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SAMPLING LOCATION(S) AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the discharge point prior to the receiving stream.

FLOATING SOLIDS, VISIBLE FOAM AND/OR OILS

The discharge shall not cause oil, grease, or related residue which produces a visible film or globules of grease on the surface or coat the banks or bottoms of the watercourse; or toxicity to man, aquatic life, or terrestrial life

SECTION B. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

NONE

SECTION C. MONITORING AND REPORTING (MINOR DISCHARGERS)

1. The EPA published the electronic reporting rule in the federal register (80 FR 64063) on October 22, 2015. The rule became effective on December 21, 2015. One year after the effective date of the final rule, NPDES regulated entities that are required to submit DMRs (including majors and non-majors, individually permitted facilities and facilities covered by general permits) must do so electronically. All DMRs shall be electronically reported effective December 21, 2016, per 40 CFR 127.16. If you are submitting on paper before December 21, 2016, you must report on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Form EPA No. 3320-1 in accordance with the "General Instructions" provided on the form. No additional copies are needed if reporting electronically, however when submitting paper form EPA No. 3320-1, the permittee shall submit the original DMR signed and certified as required by Part III.D.11 and all other reports required by Part III.D. to the EPA and other agencies as required. (See Part III.D.IV of the permit.). To submit electronically, access the NetDMR website at www.epa.gov/netdmr and contact the R6NetDMR@epa.gov in-box for further instructions. PA and authorized NPDES programs will begin electronically receiving these DMRs from all DMR filers and start sharing these data with each other.

Discharge Monitoring Report Form(s) shall be submitted quarterly. Each quarterly submittal shall include separate forms for each month of the reporting period.

1. Reporting periods shall end on the last day of the months March, June, September, and December.

2. The first Discharge Monitoring Report(s) shall represent facility operations from the effective date of the permit through the last day of the current reporting period.

3. Thereafter, the permittee is required to submit regular quarterly reports as described above and shall submit those reports postmarked no later than the 28th day of the month following each reporting period.

4. NO DISCHARGE REPORTING - If there is no discharge from any outfall during the sampling month, place an "X" in the NO DISCHARGE box located in the upper right corner of the Discharge Monitoring Report.

5. If any daily maximum or monthly average value exceeds the effluent limitations specified in Part I. A, the permittee shall report the excursion in accordance with the requirements of Part III. D.

6. Any daily maximum or monthly average value reported in the required Discharge Monitoring Report which is in excess of the effluent limitation specified in Part I. A shall constitute evidence of violation of such effluent limitation and of this permit.

The permittee shall effectively monitor the operation and efficiency of all treatment and control facilities and the quantity and quality of the treated discharge.

All reports shall be sent both to EPA and the Texas Railroad Commission at the addresses shown in Part III of the permit.

D . WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL PROHIBITION

Products containing chromium and zinc will be prohibited from use as additives to the utility waters.

PART II - OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. MINIMUM QUANTIFICATION LEVEL (MQL)

See list of MQL's at Appendix A of Part II below. For pollutants listed on Appendix A of Part II with MQL's, analyses must be performed to the listed MQL. If any individual analytical test result is less than the MQL listed, a value of zero (0) may be used for that pollutant result for the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) calculations and reporting requirements.

In addition, any additional pollutant sampling for purposes of this permit, including renewal applications or any other reporting, shall be tested to the MQL shown on the attached Appendix A of Part II. Results of analyses that are less than the listed MQL may be reported as "non detect" (ND).

B. 24-HOUR ORAL REPORTING: DAILY MAXIMUM LIMITATION VIOLATIONS

Under the provisions of Part III.D.7.b.(3) of this permit, violations of daily maximum limitations for the following pollutants shall be reported orally to EPA Region 6, Compliance and Assurance Division, Water Enforcement Branch (6EN-W), Dallas, Texas, at (214) 665-6595, and concurrently to Railroad Commission of Texas, at (512) 463-6804, within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the violation followed by a written report in five days.

Total Residual Chlorine

C. 40 CFR PART 136 ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified in this permit, monitoring shall be conducted according to the analytical, apparatus and materials, sample collection, preservation, handling, etc., procedures listed at 40 CFR Part 136 in effect on the effective date of this permit. Appendices A, B, and C to 40 CFR Part 136 are specifically referenced as part of this requirement. Amendments to 40 CFR Part 136 promulgated after the effective date of this permit shall supersede these requirements as applicable.

Sufficiently Sensitive Analytical Methods (SSM)

The permittee must use sufficiently sensitive EPA-approved analytical methods (SSM) (under 40 CFR part 136 or required under 40 CFR chapter I, subchapters N or O) when quantifying the presence of pollutants in a discharge for analyses of pollutants or pollutant parameters under the permit. In case the approved methods are not sufficiently sensitive to the limits, the most SSM with the lowest method detection limit (MDL) must be used as defined under 40 CFR 122.44(i)(1)(iv)(A). If no analytical laboratory is able to perform a test satisfying the SSM in the region, the most SSM with the lowest MDL must be used after adequate demonstrations by the permittee and EPA approval.

D. REOPENER

The permit may be reopened and modified during the life of the permit if relevant portions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Water Quality Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Streams are revised or remanded. In addition, the permit may be reopened and modified during the life of the permit if relevant procedures implementing the Water Quality

Standards are either revised or promulgated by the TCEQ. Should the State adopt a State water quality standard, this permit may be reopened to establish effluent limitations for the parameter(s) to be consistent with that approved State standard in accordance with 40CFR122.44 (d). Modification of the permit is subject to the provisions of 40CFR124.5.

If a new or revised TMDL is determined for the receiving stream, the permit may be reopened, and new limitations based on the TMDL may be incorporated into the permit. Additionally, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.62 (a) (2), the permit may be reopened and modified if new information is received that was not available at the time of permit issuance that would have justified the application of different permit conditions at the time of permit issuance. Permit modifications shall reflect the results of any of these actions and shall follow regulations listed at 40 CFR Part 124.5.

APPENDIX A of PART II

The following Minimum Quantification Levels (MQL's) are to be used for reporting pollutant data for NPDES permit applications and/or compliance reporting.

POLLUTANTS	MQL µg/l	POLLUTANTS	MQL µg/l
METALS, RADIOACTIVITY, CYANIDE and CHLORINE			
Aluminum	2.5	Molybdenum	10
Antimony	60	Nickel	0.5
Arsenic	0.5	Selenium	5
Barium	100	Silver	0.5
Beryllium	0.5	Thallium	0.5
Boron	100	Uranium	0.1
Cadmium	1	Vanadium	50
Chromium	10	Zinc	20
Cobalt	50	Cyanide	10
Copper	0.5	Cyanide, weak acid dissociable	10
Lead	0.5	Total Residual Chlorine	33
Mercury *1	0.0005		
	0.005		
DIOXIN			
2,3,7,8-TCDD	0.00001		
VOLATILE COMPOUNDS			
Acrolein	50	1,3-Dichloropropylene	10
Acrylonitrile	20	Ethylbenzene	10
Benzene	10	Methyl Bromide	50
Bromoform	10	Methylene Chloride	20
Carbon Tetrachloride	2	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	10
Chlorobenzene	10	Tetrachloroethylene	10
Chlorodibromomethane	10	Toluene	10
Chloroform	50	1,2-trans-Dichloroethylene	10
Dichlorobromomethane	10	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	10
1,2-Dichloroethane	10	Trichloroethylene	10
1,1-Dichloroethylene	10	Vinyl Chloride	10
1,2-Dichloropropane	10		
ACID COMPOUNDS			
2-Chlorophenol	10	2,4-Dinitrophenol	50
2,4-Dichlorophenol	10	Pentachlorophenol	5
2,4-Dimethylphenol	10	Phenol	10
4,6-Dinitro-o-Cresol	50	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	10

POLLUTANTS	MLQ µg/l	POLLUTANTS	MLQ µg/l
BASE/NEUTRAL			
Acenaphthene	10	Dimethyl Phthalate	10
Anthracene	10	Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	10
Benzidine	50	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	10
Benzo(a)anthracene	5	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	20
Benzo(a)pyrene	5	Fluoranthene	10
3,4-Benzofluoranthene	10	Fluorene	10
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	5	Hexachlorobenzene	5
Bis(2-chloroethyl)Ether	10	Hexachlorobutadiene	10
Bis(2-chloroisopropyl)Ether	10	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	10
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)Phthalate	10	Hexachloroethane	20
Butyl Benzyl Phthalate	10	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene	5
2-Chloronaphthalene	10	Isophorone	10
Chrysene	5	Nitrobenzene	10
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	5	n-Nitrosodimethylamine	50
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	10	n-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	20
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	10	n-Nitrosodiphenylamine	20
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	10	Pyrene	10
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	5	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	10
Diethyl Phthalate	10		
PESTICIDES AND PCBS			
Aldrin	0.01	Beta-Endosulfan	0.02
Alpha-BHC	0.05	Endosulfan sulfate	0.02
Beta-BHC	0.05	Endrin	0.02
Gamma-BHC	0.05	Endrin Aldehyde	0.1
Chlordane	0.2	Heptachlor	0.01
4,4'-DDT and derivatives	0.02	Heptachlor Epoxide	0.01
Dieldrin	0.02	PCBs	0.2
Alpha-Endosulfan	0.01	Toxaphene	0.3

(MLQ's Revised November 1, 2007)

Footnotes:

*1 Default MLQ for Mercury is 0.005 unless Part I of your permit requires the more sensitive Method 1631 (Oxidation / Purge and Trap / Cold vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry), then the MLQ shall be 0.0005