



REGION 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
DALLAS, TEXAS 75270

NPDES Permit No TX0140092

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"),

ExxonMobile Pipeline Company
22777 Springwoods Village Pkwy
Spring, TX 77389

is authorized to discharge hydrostatic test wastewater from new segments of 8,642 lineal feet of new 36-inch diameter and 2,052 lineal feet of new 42-inch diameter crude oil pipelines that is part of an expansion project at the Exxon's Webster Station in Harris County, Texas from either Outfall 001 or Outfall 002:

Outfall 001: Latitude: 29° 31' 25.32" N, Longitude: 95° 06' 41.38" W
Outfall 002: Latitude: 29° 31' 23.02" N, Longitude: 95° 06' 40.07" 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 is prepared by Jim Afghani, Environmental Engineer, Permitting Section (6WQ-PP).

This is a first-time permit and shall become effective on October 1, 2020

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, September 30, 2025

Issued on September 24, 2020

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DOCUMENT ABBREVIATIONS

In the document that follows, various abbreviations are used. They are as follows:

BAT	Best Available Technology Economically Achievable
BOD5	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
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)
MMCFD	Million cubic feet per day
MGD	Million gallons per day
MSGP	Multi-Sector General Permit
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
SQL	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 Standard
WOTUS	Waters of The United States

PART I – REQUIREMENTS FOR NPDES PERMITS

A. LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. Outfall 001 or Outfall 002 - Final Effluent Limits

During the period beginning on the effective date of the permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic test wastewater from 8,642 lineal feet of new 36-inch diameter and 2,052 lineal feet of new 42-inch diameter crude oil pipelines that is part of an expansion project and standing hydrotest water in an existing isolated pond (associated with a 2016 hydrotest) at the Exxon’s Webster Station in Harris County, Texas. Such discharges (either from Outfall 001 or Outfall 002) shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

POLLUTANT	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	FREQUENCY	TYPE
pH	6.5 s.u.	9.0 s.u.	Daily ^{*1}	Grab

POLLUTANT	MON AVG (lbs/day), unless noted	DAY MAX (lbs/day), unless noted	MON AVG (mg/L), unless noted	DAY MAX (mg/L), unless noted	FREQUENCY	TYPE
Flow ^{*2}	Report MGD	Report MGD	NA	N/A	Daily ^{*1}	Estimate ^{*3}
O&G	NA	Report	NA	15	Daily ^{*1}	Grab
TRC	NA	NA	NA	0.012	Daily ^{*1}	Instantaneous Grab ^{*4}

Footnotes:

- *1. When discharging.
- *2. The discharge flow rate shall be controlled to prevent the erosion of soils, to minimize the disturbance and re-suspension of bottom sediments and to avoid adverse impact to any wetlands or other materials and the consequent addition of suspended solids to the discharge. Contact with unvegetated or disturbed ground surfaces shall be avoided.
- *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.
- *4. When using municipal water for hydrostatic testing. Regulations at 40 CFR Part 136 define “instantaneous grab” as analyzed within 15 minutes of collection. The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes. In addition, EPA has established an MQL for TRC at 33 µg/L. Values less than 33 µg/L can be reported as zero.

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. In addition, there shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

SAMPLING LOCATION(S)

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

All hydrostatic test water shall be free from any kind of welding scrap or other foreign material before being discharged into the receiving waters.

B. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The permittee shall achieve compliance with the effluent limitations specified for discharges in accordance with the following schedule: None

C. MONITORING AND REPORTING (MINOR DISCHARGERS)

1. Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) results shall be electronically reported to EPA per 40 CFR 127.16. To submit electronically, access the NetDMR website at <https://netdmr.epa.gov>. Until approved for Net DMR, the permittee shall request temporary or emergency waivers from electronic reporting. To obtain the waiver, please contact: U.S. EPA - Region 6, Water Enforcement Branch, Texas State Coordinator (6EN-WC), (214) 665-8582. If paper reporting is granted temporarily, 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 copies to Texas Railroad Commission as required (See Part III.D.IV of the permit).

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

2. Reporting periods shall end on the last day of the months March, June, September, and December.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. Any daily maximum or monthly average value reported in the required Discharge Monitoring Report which is more than the effluent limitation specified in Part I. A shall constitute evidence of violation of such effluent limitation and of this permit.
8. The permittee shall effectively monitor the operation and efficiency of all treatment and control facilities and the quantity and quality of the treated discharge. In addition, all reports shall be sent both to EPA and the Texas Railroad Commission at the addresses shown in Part III of the permit.

PART II - OTHER CONDITIONS**A. GENERAL**

1. In accordance with 40 CFR 122.62, the permit may be reopened and modified during the life of the permit if relevant portions of Texas Water Quality Standards and/or Implementation of the State WQS via Permitting are revised, new water quality standards are established and/or remanded and any other policy, or if procedures and implementation guidelines are adopted by the State that change applicable water quality standards and permit implementation.
2. In accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.62, the permit may be reopened and modified during the life of the permit 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.
3. Sanitary waste is not authorized in this permit.
4. The use of any chemicals in the hydrostatic test waters, such as but not limited to, corrosion inhibitors, chlorine and compound containing chlorine and/or oxygen scavengers is prohibited in this permit. A permit modification is required if the permittee decides to use any chemicals in the hydrostatic test waters.
5. If a new or revised TMDL is determined for any of the receiving streams for the Outfalls listed on the Permit Outfall Table above, the permit may be reopened, and new limitations based on the TMDL may be incorporated into the permit.
6. 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.

B. 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).

C. 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.

None

D. 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 can 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.

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
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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		
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DIOXIN

2,3,7,8-TCDD	0.00001
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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
Clorodibromomethane	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	MQL µg/l	POLLUTANTS	MQL 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

(MQL's Revised November 1, 2007)

Footnotes:

*1. Default MQL 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 MQL shall be 0.0005.