

March 12, 2025

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Stormwater Permits Team Leader (MC-148)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Phase II MS4 Annual Report Transmittal for **Victoria County**
TPDES Authorization: **TXR040381**

Dear Team Leader:

This letter serves to transmit the required annual report for the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit, Authorization Number **TXR040381** for the **Victoria County**.

The annual report is for Year **1**. The reporting period's beginning **August 15, 2025** and ending **December 31, 2025**.

A separate Notice of Change **has not been** submitted based on the fact that changes **have not been** proposed for the next permit year.
The Notice of Change was submitted electronically on the NeT-MS4 system.

As required by the general permit, a copy of the report has been mailed to the TCEQ's regional office **14** in **Corpus Christy**, Texas.

Sincerely,

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Stormwater Inspector Victoria County

Phase II (Small) MS4 Annual Report Form

2024 TPDES General Permit Number TXR040000

- This annual report paper form is a temporary substitute for the electronic online NeT-MS4 system. Once the NeT-MS4 Annual Report module is available, annual reports must be submitted electronically instead of hard copy using this form (TCEQ-20561).

A. General Information

Authorization Number: **TXR040381**

Reporting Year: **1**

Reporting period beginning date: (month/date/year) **08/15/2025**

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

MS4 Operator Level: **2** Name of MS4: **Victoria County**

Contact Name: **Scott Buchanan** Telephone Number: **361-578-6281 EXT: 3498**

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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 **14**

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		Stormwater inspector complied with the MCMs and enforced them throughout the county.
Permittee is currently in compliance with recordkeeping and reporting requirements.	X		The county keeps records in the office electronically and/or on paper.
Permittee meets the eligibility requirements of the permit (e.g., TMDL requirements, Edwards Aquifer limitations, compliance history, etc.).	X		MS4 permit has been reviewed and approved by TCEQ
Permittee conducted an annual review of its SWMP in conjunction with preparation of the annual report.	X		Stormwater Inspector reviews the SWMP annually.

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. Public Education and Outreach	1 Maintain the County's website with all relevant stormwater information	Yes. The county keeps updated information relevant to stormwater information on their website for citizens to read. This helps directly educate the citizens.

2. Public Involvement/ Participation	3. Partake in a public event or school demonstration and provide educational material regarding stormwater pollution	Yes. The county participates in Career Day at schools and hands out educational material. This directly help with awareness of stormwater pollution.
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination	4. Maintain the Public Health Department's public reporting system via phone line.	Yes. The County has implemented a phone number for reporting purposes that the public may use to report potential illicit discharges and OSSF issues. This directly contributes to reducing the discharge of pollutants into stormwater.
4. Construction site stormwater runoff controls	5. Conduct inspections at all active construction sites with a TXR150000 permit.	Yes. 80 % of inspections were completed and all were attempted contact by email or phone. See CGP inspection binder.
5. Post Construction Stormwater Management	2. Document and cases where the county has to take any enforcement actions.	Yes. The county responds to stormwater complaint had has posted stop work orders. All stormwater complaints are documented in SAFE printed out and put into the stormwater complaint binder.
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operation	2. Conduct at least one training for all MS4 staff involved in county operations.	Yes. Sent Powerpoint to Precinct barns on 12/11/25 for training.

6. 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	1.3	Outreach	Constant	Outreach	Front of Health Dept. building on information board.

2	2.3	Education	1X Yearly	Public Involvement	May 16 2025 stormwater team participated in a career day prior to new permit taking affect.
3	3.2	Power point	1X Yearly	training	Conducting yearly training for field staff helps with identifying illicit discharge and reporting to Stormwater inspector.
4.	4.3	Development Meetings	Ongoing	Meetings	By meeting with the county engineer and developers, we inform them of what is required for the site with NOI and SWPPP.
5	5.1	Review and update regulatory mechanisms	1X Yearly	Review	Reviewed in mid-October as a new stormwater inspector took over the program
6	6.2	MS-4 Staff involvement	100%	Training	Held MS4 training for staff and went over all MCM and BMPs that are in the new permit.

7. 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	Public Education and Outreach	Met goal; The county accomplished this goal by keeping our website up to date, utilizing social media post, Having signage for stormwater information, and sending out mailers to residents.
2	Public Involvement	Met goal; We planted a tree at the office for a habitat improvement event, and Participated in career day at a local school.

3	Illicit discharge detection and elimination	Met goal; The county keeps a reporting line available for any observed illicit discharge. The MS4 maps have been reviewed yearly and are in the process of being updated.
4	Construction site stormwater run off	Met goal; The county holds development meeting with contractors to inform them of the permits needed. Stormwater inspectors inspected active construction sites for stormwater compliance achieving a minimum of 80% inspections.
5	Post Construction Stormwater Management	When a complaint is received, the Stormwater Team investigates it. All documentation is entered into the program SAFE. A copy of the investigation once completed is put into the Stormwater Complaint folder.
6	Pollution Prevention and good house keeping for Municipal Operations.	Once a year the county precinct barn and courtesy stations are inspected for compliance. During the inspection questions about waste collection and disposal, keeping and handling of de-icing chemicals, pollutants used and stored, among others.

8. 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.?

C. 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.

Yes. During the process of creating the county's NOI for TCEQ to renew out MS4 Permit for the new permit term, two additional impaired waterbodies were listed-

Lavaca bay/ Chocolate Bay (Category 5a Impairment)- Bacteria in Oyster Waters.

Dry Creek (Category 5b Impairment) Bacteria in Water.

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.

Due to both waterbodies' impairment categories, management strategies have not yet been selected. When management strategies are established for these waterbodies the county will address them specifically.

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

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

Benchmark Parameter <i>(Ex: Total Suspended Solids)</i>	Benchmark Value	Description of additional sampling or other assessment activities	Year(s) conducted
N/A			

5. Provide an analysis of how the selected BMPs will be effective in contributing to achieving the benchmark:

Benchmark Parameter	Selected BMP	Contribution to achieving Benchmark
N/A		

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

Description of bacteria-focused BMP	Comments/Discussion
BMP 3-2 Conduct training annually for field staff who may observe Illicit discharge	Each year a power point is sent to County precinct barn staff for training on illicit discharge and how to report it.
BMP 3-3 Maintain a public reporting method	The county has a phone number that can be called to report illicit discharge. 361-578-6281

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.

Benchmark Indicator	Description/Comments
Conduct inspections into stormwater complaint BMP 3-8	In 2025, we received 3 stormwater complaints. We investigated the complaints and resolved them.
Social Media Post BMP 1-2	The stormwaer team put information on social media a minimum of 4 time throughout the year to educate the public.
Habitat Improvement BMP 2-1	The Stormwater team planted trees at the health department.
Site plan review BMP 4-3	The county held regular meeting with developers to go over requirements in the county before construction begins.
Documentation BMP 5-2	The county keeps records through a program called SAFE for documentation of complaints.
Inspect County Precinct Barns and courtesy stations BMP 6-3	Stormwater team inspects the county precinct barns and courtesy stations yearly to insure roper waste collection and disposal.

D. Stormwater Activities

Describe activities planned for the next reporting year:

MCM(s)	BMP	Stormwater Activity	Description/Comments
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2	2-1	Habitat Improvement	The stormwater team is going to plant some trees by a drainage area.
2	2-3	Public event or school demonstration	The stormwater team participates in career day at school yearly.
1	1-4	Mailers	The county will be sending out stormwater mailers to the community.
4	4-7	MS4 staff training	The stormwater team will attend training to further help our education on stormwater issues.

E. 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)

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.).
Once a management strategy is identified for the 2 impaired waterbodies we will have to evaluate our BMP for the area to manage the waterbodies.

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

F. 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.

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

G. 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:

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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: _____ Permittee: _____

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H. 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):

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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:

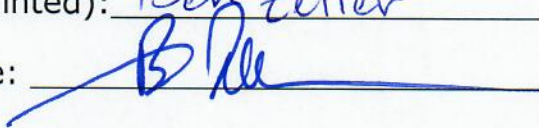
The number of municipal construction activities authorized under this general permit		
The total number of acres disturbed for municipal construction projects		

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

I. Certification

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): Ben Zeller Title: County Judge
Signature:  Date: 7/6/2020

Name of MS4: **Victoria County**

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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If you have questions on how to fill out this form or about the stormwater permits program, please contact us at 512-239-4671 or SWGPA@tceq.texas.gov.

Individuals are entitled to request and review their personal information that the agency gathers on its forms. They may also have any errors in their information corrected. To review such information, contact us at 512-239-3282.