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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lubbock County has developed a storm water management program (SWMP) as required for coverage under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit No. TXR040000. The SWMP includes a listing of Best Management Practices (BMP's) that will be implemented by the County in order to achieve the regulatory standard of reducing pollutants in the County's storm water to the "maximum extent practicable."

Existing Lubbock County storm water programs and activities designed to protect the County's water quality will be supplemented with new BMP activities. Measurable goals and an implementation schedule were developed for each of the BMP's in the SWMP. The BMP's, measurable goals, implementation schedule, and final SWMP were developed with input from the County's staff. BMP's, measurable goals, and the implementation schedule were selected based upon their ability to meet specific permit requirements and to reduce pollutants in the County's storm water to the maximum extent practicable. They were also selected based upon a general assessment of BMP effectiveness, applicability to Lubbock County, and costs associated with implementation of the BMP's. Effectiveness of the selected BMP's, and success in achieving the selected measurable goals will be reviewed annually.

1.2 LIST OF ACRONYMS

BMP	Best Management Practice
CWA	Clean Water Act
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ETJ	Extra Territorial Jurisdiction
MCM	Minimum Control Measure
MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
NOC	Notice of Change
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOT	Notice of Termination (to terminate coverage under a general permit)
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

O&M	Operation and Maintenance
SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures
SWMP	Storm Water Management Program
SWPPP, SWP3	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TPDES	Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

1.3 MUNICIPALITY BACKGROUND

Lubbock County was created in 1876 by state legislation which divided the South Plains into 48 counties. The center of the county is at 33°35' north latitude and 101°52' west longitude. The county seat is the City of Lubbock. The county covers a total area of approximately 901 square miles of flat tableland which slopes generally from the northwest to the southeast, with elevations ranging from 2,900 to 3,400 feet.

The county is classified as semiarid with an average rainfall of 18.41 inches. Approximately 920 playa lakes exist in the county and range in size from less than one (1) acre to 50 acres in size.

Lubbock County is located on the Brazos River Basin. The Blackwater Draw and the Yellow House Draw combine in Lubbock County to form the North Fork Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River. Buffalo Springs Lake was developed by ponding the fork in southeast Lubbock County.

From the 2000 US Census, the EPA determined there are twelve (12) urbanized areas outside the city limits of Lubbock and Wolfforth in Lubbock County. The following map (Figure 1) is based on EPA's map of Lubbock, Texas Urbanized Areas (2002).

The 2000 US Census identified a total population of the twelve (12) urbanized areas outside the city limits of Lubbock and Wolfforth to be 4,134 individuals. The area primary land usages are as described below:

- Area #1 is low income housing and agricultural use,
- Area #2 is low income housing,
- Area #3 is industrial,
- Area #4 is undeveloped land,

- Area #5 is single family housing and agricultural,
- Area #6 is a trailer park and some businesses along the SH 114,
- Area #7 is single family housing,
- Area #8 is single family housing,
- Area #9 is low-income single family housing,
- Area #10 is a state correctional facility (Montford unit compound and farm),
- Area #11 is a trailer park, and
- Area #12 is single family housing, livestock facilities and some industrial and commercial businesses near the major thoroughfares.

Lubbock County has only transportation and drainage facilities in these urbanized areas. These facilities are used for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), and include the following:

- Streets,
- Ditches,
- Alleys,
- Channels,
- Culverts, and
- Other similar means of collecting or conveying runoff that do not connect with a wastewater collection system.