



Form Surface Water Analysis

Project Name: **US 90 from I-10 to FM 1463**

CSJ(s): **0271-09-025, 0271-09-026, 0271-10-011**

County(ies): **Waller, Fort Bend**

Date Analysis Completed: **January 29, 2021**

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<If the project is assigned to TxDOT by FHWA, retain the following sentence; if not, delete it>

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

I. Section 402 of the Clean Water Act

No project-specific analysis is required as part of the environmental review process under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act for the reasons provided below:

Since TPDES Construction General Permit (CGP) authorization and compliance (and the associated documentation) occur outside of the environmental clearance process, compliance is ensured by the policies and procedures that govern the design and construction phases of the project. The Project Development Process Manual and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Preparation Manual require a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3) be included in the plans of all projects that disturb one or more acres. The Construction Contract Administration Manual requires that the appropriate CGP authorization documents (notice of intent or site notice) be completed, posted, and submitted, when required by the CGP, to TCEQ and the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operator. It also requires that projects be inspected to ensure compliance with the CGP.

The PS&E Preparation Manual requires that all projects include Standard Specification Item 506 (Temporary Erosion, Sedimentation, and Environmental Controls), and the "Required Specification Checklists" require the current version of Special Provision 506 on all projects that need authorization under the CGP. These documents require the project contractor to comply with the CGP and SWP3, and to complete the appropriate authorization documents.

For more information regarding Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

II. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

Select the appropriate statement(s) below:

- This project will not involve any regulated activity in any jurisdictional waters and therefore does not require a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) "dredge and fill" permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.



- Some or all regulated activity in jurisdictional waters will be authorized under a non-reporting nationwide permit (i.e., no pre-construction notification required). If this statement applies, indicate which non-reporting nationwide permit(s) will be used below.

Non-reporting NWP no(s): **<enter non-reporting NWP no(s)>**

- Some or all regulated activity in jurisdictional waters cannot be authorized under a non-reporting nationwide permit; therefore, a nationwide permit with pre-construction notification, individual permit, letter of permission, or regional general permit will be required.

For more information regarding Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

III. Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 408)

No project-specific analysis is required as part of the environmental review process under Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 408) ("Section 408") for the reasons provided below:

Any project that involves alterations to, or will temporarily or permanently occupy or use, a USACE federally authorized civil works project (e.g., sea walls, bulkheads, reservoirs, levees, wharfs, or other federal civil works projects, or associated federal land (fee simple) or easements) will require USACE authorization under Section 408 prior to construction of the project. Obtaining any required authorization under Section 408 from the USACE is generally handled by hydraulic and/or design engineers. For any project that requires authorization under both Section 404 and Section 408, the Section 404 authorization cannot be issued until the Section 408 authorization is issued.

For more information regarding Section 408, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

IV. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act

For a CE project, no project-specific analysis is required as part of the environmental review process under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act for the reasons provided below:

To date, TCEQ has not identified (through either a total maximum daily load (TMDL) or the review of projects under the TCEQ MOU) a need to implement control measures beyond those required by the construction general permit (CGP) on road construction projects. Therefore, compliance with the project's CGP, along with coordination under the TCEQ MOU for certain transportation projects, collectively meets the need to address impaired waters during the environmental review process. As required by the CGP, the project and associated activities will be implemented, operated, and maintained using best management practices to control the discharge of pollutants from the project site.

For an EA or EIS project, further analysis regarding impaired waters is required under TxDOT's MOU with TCEQ for inclusion in the body of the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. To do this further analysis, determine whether the project is located within five linear miles (not stream miles) of, is within the watershed of, and drains to, an impaired assessment unit under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.



For an EA or EIS project only, provide the date of the Section 303(d) list consulted: **January 29, 2021**

For an EA or EIS project only, check the appropriate box below:

- This project is not located within five linear miles (not stream miles) of, is not within the watershed of, or does not drain to, an impaired assessment unit under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.
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For an EA or EIS project only, if the second box is checked, fill-in the table below for any impaired assessment units within five miles of the project and within the same watershed as the project:

Watershed	Segment name	Segment number	Assessment unit number
San Jacinto	Cypress Creek	1009	1009
San Jacinto	Buffalo Bayou/Barker Reservoir	1014	1014B
San Jacinto	Mason Creek	1014	1014L

For more information regarding Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

V. General Bridge Act/Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act

Select the appropriate statement below:

- This project will not require a permit, bridge lighting authorization, or exemption from the United States Coast Guard under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which outlines the requirements for approval to construct dams, dikes, bridges, or causeways in or over a navigable waterway.
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For more information regarding the General Bridge Act/Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

VI. Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act

Select the appropriate statement(s) below:



- This project does not require authorization from the USACE under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which outlines the requirements for approval to construct smaller structures in a navigable waterway.

- This project does require authorization from the USACE under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Some or all regulated activity in a navigable waterway will be authorized under a non-reporting nationwide permit (i.e., no pre-construction notification required). If this statement applies, indicate which non-reporting nationwide permit(s) will be used below.

Non-reporting NWP no(s): **<enter number or numbers of any non-reporting NWPs used>**

- This project does require authorization from the USACE under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Some or all regulated activity in a navigable waterway cannot be authorized under a non-reporting nationwide permit; therefore, a nationwide permit with pre-construction notification, individual permit, letter of permission, regional general permit, or individual Section 10 permit will be required.

For more information regarding Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

VII. Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

No project-specific analysis is required as part of the surface water analysis under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the reasons provided below:

For a project that will use a NWP under Section 404 or Section 10, regardless of whether the NWP is non-reporting (i.e., assumed) or reporting (i.e., requires submittal of a PCN), TxDOT complies with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act by implementing TCEQ's conditions for NWPs. For projects that require authorization under Section 404 or Section 10 beyond a NWP, TxDOT complies with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act by including a Tier I or Tier II checklist (depending upon the amount of disturbance/impact) in the individual permit, letter of permission, or regional general permit application that is submitted to the USACE, and then complying with the conditions of the Tier I or Tier II checklist.

For more information regarding Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

VIII. Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands

Select the appropriate statement below:

- This project is not federally funded and therefore is not subject to Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands.

- This project is federally funded and therefore is subject to Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and will not involve construction in any wetlands.



- This project is federally funded and therefore is subject to Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and will involve construction in one or more wetlands. Explanation of how the project will comply with Executive Order 11990 is provided below.

Explanation of why there is no practicable alternative to such construction:

Avoidance of wetlands is not practicable because the wetlands lie within the proposed location of the western detention basin and avoidance would require acquisition of additional ROW and there is the potential that wetlands might lie within the additional ROW

Explanation of how the project includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to wetlands:

The proposed project will implement all necessary BMPs and take necessary mitigation measures to assure that impacts to wetlands are minimized to the extent practicable.

For more information regarding Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

IX. Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management

No project-specific analysis is required as part of the environmental review process under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management for the reasons provided below:

The department implements this Executive Order on a programmatic basis through its Hydraulic Design Manual. Design of this project will be conducted in accordance with the department's Hydraulic Design Manual. Adherence to the TxDOT Hydraulic Design Manual ensures that this project will not result in a "significant encroachment" as defined by FHWA's rules implementing Executive Order 11988 at 23 CFR 650.105(q).

For more information regarding Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, see **ENV's Water Resources Handbook**.

X. Drinking Water Systems

No project-specific analysis is required as part of the environmental review process for drinking water systems for the reasons provided below:

In accordance with TxDOT's Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets and Bridges (Item 103, Disposal of Wells), any drinking water wells would need to be properly removed and disposed of during construction of the project.

XI. Resources Consulted

Indicate which resources were consulted/actions were taken to make the surface water determinations recorded in this form (DO NOT ATTACH TO THIS FORM OR UPLOAD TO ECOS ANY RESOURCES CONSULTED – JUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES)):

- Aerial Photography (list dates mm/yyyy): 12/2020



- Topographic Maps
- Site Visit
- NHD
- USACE Approved JDs
- TCEQ 303(d) Impaired Waters
- Contacted resource agency (list agency and reason): _____
- Other (list): _____
- Floodplain Maps
- USFWS NWI Maps
- TCEQ Streams/Waterbodies
- USACE Section 10 waters
- NRCS Soil Survey
- LIDAR
- USACE 408 data

