

# Wastewater Enforcement: Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and Columbus Chemical Manufacturing Facility Enter into Agreed Order



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The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (“MCEQ”) and Nouryon Pulp and Performance Chemicals LLC (“NPPC”) entered into a February 10th Agreed Order (“AO”) addressing alleged violations of a Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) Permit. See Order No. 7662 26.

The AO provides that NPPC operates a facility in Columbus, Mississippi.

The facility is stated to hold an NPDES Permit.

MCEQ contacted NPPC notifying the facility of the following alleged violations of the NPDES Permit:

- Total Nitrogen discharge limitation during the February, March, May, and June monitoring periods in 2024.
- Total Residual Chlorine discharge limitations during the March 2024 monitoring period.
- Total Recoverable Chromium discharge limitation during the December 2024 monitoring period.
- Maximum pH discharge limitation during the January 2025 monitoring period.

The facility is stated to have through the submittal of Discharge Monitoring Reports since the January 2025 monitoring period, demonstrated compliance with the discharge limitations required by the Permit.

The AO assesses a civil penalty of \$37,500.

A copy of the AO can be found [here](#).