

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO.R5-2015-0119

RESCINDING NPDES PERMITS AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDERS

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, INC. AND PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, GROUNDWATER CLEANUP SYSTEM, TULARE COUNTY. Order R5-2011-0013 (NPDES Permit No. CA0082708) and Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2011-0014 were adopted on 3 February 2011. Rockwell Automation, Inc. (Rockwell) is the owner and operator of a groundwater cleanup system at 914 West Pioneer Avenue in Porterville (Facility). Order R5-2011-0013 permits Rockwell to discharge treated groundwater from the Facility to Pioneer Ditch Pipeline. TSO R5-2011-0014 was adopted to provide Rockwell interim ammonia (un-ionized), mercury (total recoverable), selenium (total recoverable), and pH effluent limitations and a time schedule to fully implement additional control measures specified in plans submitted by the Discharger, or take other actions to come into compliance with the final effluent limitations for ammonia, mercury, selenium and pH contained in Order R5-2011-0013.

On 13 July 2015, ARCADIS U.S., Inc., on behalf of Rockwell, submitted a letter requesting the rescission of Order R5-2011-0013. Rockwell modified the Facility's treatment system in September 2013 to a groundwater reinjection system. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2008-0149 (Enrollee # R5 2008-0149-044) permits Rockwell to inject treated groundwater to the underlying aquifer.

The Facility has not discharged to Pioneer Ditch Pipeline since 2013. Therefore, Order R5-2011-0013 is no longer needed. In addition, the Discharger has achieved compliance with TSO R5-2011-0014 by taking actions to comply with the final effluent limitations for the constituents listed above (e.g., cease discharging treated groundwater to Pioneer Ditch Pipeline). Therefore, TSO R5-2011-0014 is no longer needed.

PLANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, PLANADA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MERCED COUNTY. Order R5-2011-0042 (NPDES Permit No. CA0078950) and Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2011-0043 were adopted on 10 June 2011. Planada Community Services District (Planada CSD) is the owner and operator of the Planada Wastewater Treatment Facility at 8597 East Toews Avenue in Planada (Facility). Order R5-2011-0042 permits Planada CSD to discharge treated wastewater from the Facility to Miles Creek. TSO R5-2011-0043 was adopted to grant Planada CSD time to fully implement additional control measures specified in plans submitted by the Discharger, or take other actions to come into compliance with the final effluent limitations contained in Order R5-2011-0042 for carbon tetrachloride, chlorodibromomethane, cyanide, dichlorobromomethane, biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, and total coliform.

According to a 7 August 2015 letter from Planada CSD to the Central Valley Water Board, Planada CSD ceased discharging treated wastewater to Miles Creek on 16 March 2015. Planada CSD purchased land adjacent to the Facility (110 acres), in accordance with TSO R5-2011-0043, on which it will recycle treated effluent on alfalfa. On 11 April 2013, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Order R5-2013-0021 which authorizes Planada CSD to recycle treated effluent on the 110-acre parcel adjacent to the Facility. As a result of these Facility improvements and the adoption of Order R5-2013-0021, Planada CSD no longer needs Order R5-2011-0042 or TSO R5-2011-0043.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above NPDES Permits and Time Schedule Orders are rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on October 2, 2015

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer