

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin



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Executive Officer Report

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LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

WDR Program Notices of Violations

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Violation Type</u>
Imperial Valley Community College WWTP, Imperial	4/4/19	Effluent Limits Violation
Banning WWTP	4/5/19	Unauthorized bypass
McCabe School District WWTP	4/10/19	Effluent Limits Violation
Salton Community Services District Desert Shores WWTP	4/16/19	Effluent Limits Violation
Salton Community Services District Thomas Cannell WWTP, Salton City	4/16/19	Effluent Limits Violation
Salton Community Services District Lansing St. WWTP, Salton City	4/16/19	Effluent Limits Violation
St. Anthony Trailer Park WWTP, Mecca	4/23/19	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
Desert Vista Village WWTP, Yucca Valley	4/23/19	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
Best Western Hotel WWTP, Yucca Valley	4/23/19	Effluent Limits Violation
Desert Water Agency Collection System, Cathedral City	4/26/19	Sanitary Sewer Overflow

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) AND SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM (SCP)

7-Eleven Store No. 23409, 904 Imperial Avenue, Calexico: On April 12, 2019, staff participated in an Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP) teleconference with Galvin Kauffman and Caryl Sheehan (State Water Board), and Ryan Shafer with GESI Consultants (Responsible Party’s representative). The meeting was called to discuss the “Soil Vapor Assessment, Fingerprinting and Total Dissolved Solids Analyses” report submitted by GESI consultants, the Conceptual Site Model, and compliance with General and Media Specific Criteria of the Low Threat Closure Policy (LTCP) for the above site. Free product is the main impediment to closure under the LTCP, and a Project Execution Plan to abate free product was discussed. Subsequent to the meeting, Regional Water Board staff issued a letter requesting a work plan by June 30, 2019, to recover additional free product using a Groundwater/Free Product Optimization Removal Method. [Kola Olantunbosun, WRCE; Joan Stormo PG CHG, Senior EG]

Former EZ-Serve #100828, 940 Imperial Avenue, Calexico: On April 12, 2019, staff participated in an ECAP teleconference with Galvin Kauffman and Caryl Sheehan (State Water Board), and Ryan Shafer with GESI Consultants (Responsible Party’s representative). The meeting was called to discuss the only impediment to site closure under the LTCP, specifically, benzene levels in groundwater that exceed the LTCP limit of 3,000 micrograms per liter (ug/L). A Project Execution Plan to address this issue was discussed that included benzene mitigation as well as site closure with high benzene levels in groundwater. [Kola Olantunbosun, WRCE; Joan Stormo PG CHG, Senior EG]

SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SNMP) DEVELOPMENT

Basin Plan Amendment to Establish Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (Drinking Water Standards) as Water Quality Objectives: On April 10, 2019, staff provided notification of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting to the public. The meeting, scheduled for 2:00 pm on May 16, 2019 in the Palm Desert Regional Water Board office, will provide participants an

opportunity to discuss the development of the proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Colorado River Basin Region. [Cathy Sanford PG, EG]

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) NOTIFICATIONS AND SPILLS:

Twenty OES notifications were received in April 2019. All spills were contained, or if released to the ground surface, soils were removed and properly disposed of. [Jose Cortez, WRCE]

NPDES PROGRAM

Pilot Test of WaterSavr™ Evaporation Suppressant Application on Brock Reservoir Imperial County: Staff received an application and supporting information for a pilot test of chemical application to suppress evaporation from surface water. The pilot test proposes to add WaterSavr™ (Product), a patented blend of calcium hydroxide, 1-octadecanol and 1-hexadecanol, at a dose of 1.0 pound per acre to the Brock Reservoir managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) in May and June 2019. The Product is an approved direct additive in accordance with the American National Standards Institute/National Sanitation Foundation (ANSI/NSF) Standard 60. Based on previously reported ecological experiments and field trials on reservoirs elsewhere, adverse effects are not expected to occur with respect to aquatic biota, recreation, or other water quality related uses. Based on the information provided, staff's research and other considerations, staff have determined that issuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for the application of the Product for evaporation control is not necessary at this time for the pilot test. On April 25, 2019, Executive Officer issued a conditional approval letter including requirements for monitoring and reporting for the pilot test. [Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E]

Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

No.	Facility	Violation Description	Assessed Penalty	Settlement Offer Date	Waiver Received Date	Public Notice Issuance Date	Comment Due Date	Number of MMPs
1	Calexico WWTP	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$6,000	2/13/19	3/12/19	3/13/19	4/11/19	2
2	Holtville WWTP	Oil & Grease, Bis (2-Ethylhexyl)	\$12,000	2/14/19	3/13/19	3/15/19	4/14/19	4
3	Brawley WWTP	Copper & Grease, Bis (2-Ethylhexyl)	\$21,000	2/21/19	3/18/19	3/26/19	4/24/19	7
4	Imperial City WWTP	Copper & Grease, Bis (2-Ethylhexyl)	\$66,000	3/27/19	4/18/19	5/1/19	6/1/19	22
5	Kent SeaTech Fish Farm	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$84,000	4/5/19				28

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (April 2019)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
11	117

[Maribel Jernegan, SEA and Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E.]

Industrial Storm Water Program Notices of Violation

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Violation Type</u>
Havens Sons Trucking, Inc.	4/10/19	BMP ¹ deficiencies SWPPP ² Violations
AA Auto Dismantlers	4/10/19	BMP deficiencies Monitoring Violations

¹ Best Management Practices

² Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan