

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2005-0085

RESCINDING
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 99-117
FOR
SULARA ENTERPRISES, INC., DRILLING MUD DISPOSAL FACILITY
GLENN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Regional Board) finds that:

1. Sulara Enterprises, Inc. (hereafter Discharger), owns a closed drilling mud disposal facility located one mile south of Orland, Glenn County. The facility began operations in 1970 and ceased accepting wastes in 1991. Over the active life of the facility, approximately 148,000 cubic yards of drilling mud and drill cuttings from gas wells and exploratory holes were disposed in the unlined and unclassified waste management unit.
2. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. 98-162, adopted by the Regional Board on 24 July 1998, required the Discharger to implement an evaluation monitoring program, develop an engineering feasibility study, develop constituent of concern concentration limits for corrective action, and select and implement a site closure alternative.
3. Cease and Desist Order No. 99-117 was issued 17 September 1999 because the Discharger had failed to complete required actions in accordance with time schedules established in WDR Order No. 98-162. Cease and Desist Order No. 99-117 required the Discharger to implement an evaluation monitoring program, submit an engineering feasibility study, submit a corrective action program, submit updated closure and post-closure maintenance plans, establish irrevocable closure and post-closure maintenance funds, and to complete site closure.
4. The Discharger completed site closure activities in March 2002. A two-foot thick foundation layer, overlain by a one-foot thick clay barrier layer with a hydraulic conductivity of less than 1×10^{-6} cm/sec, overlain by a one-foot thick vegetative layer was constructed over the waste management unit. The vegetative layer was seeded to promote plant growth and help retain sediment on site.

5. The Discharger has substantially complied with the requirements of Cease and Desist Order No. 99-117, and Regional Board staff recommend that it be rescinded.
6. The Discharger and interested parties were notified of the intent to consider rescission of the Cease and Desist Order and provided an opportunity for public hearing and an opportunity to submit written views and recommendations.
7. The issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15321.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order No. 99-117 is rescinded.

I, THOMAS R. PINKOS, 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 24 June 2005.

THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer

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14 July 2005