CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. 75-071

REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (INTERIM)
BY THE ADDITION OF A PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGE FROM
SEPTIC TANKS OR CESSPOOLS WITHIN
KETTLEMAN CITY COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. I
KINGS COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, finds:

1. The Board adopted, on 15 June 1971, a Water Quality Control Plan (Interim), Basins 5A, B, C and D (hereafter "Interim Plan").

2. The Interim Plan contains areas where waste discharge from septic tanks and cesspools is prohibited.

3. On 21 March 1975 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2326 Fresno Street, Fresno, after due public notice, the regional board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received concerning the discharge from failing septic tanks and cesspools in Kettleman City County Service Area No. 1.

4. Kettleman City is an isolated, unincorporated community located generally in the northeastern portion of Kings County north of the intersection of Highways 41 and I-5 and the California Aqueduct. The community occupies portions of Sections 18, 19, and 30, T22S, R19E MDB&M.

5. A November 1974 sanitary survey of 91% of the developed lots in the Service Area by the Kings County Health Department indicated that failing individual systems were observed in 18%; another 12% exhibited signs of failures and surfacing sewage was found in 5% of the residences surveyed. The Health Department has concluded that a community sewage disposal system would prevent further deterioration of the environment and improve local health condition. Therefore the County has imposed a building ban to prevent the expansion of existing individual disposal systems or the addition of new ones.

6. Continued use of existing individual waste disposal systems or the installation of new systems will increase the threat to public health.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The discharge of waste within the Kettleman City County Service Area No. 1, Kings County from leaching or percolation systems installed after approval of this amendment by the State Water Resources Control Board is prohibited. An exemption to this prohibition may be granted after presentation by the proposed discharger of geologic and hydrologic evidence that leaching system disposal will not, individually or collectively, result in a pollution or nuisance.

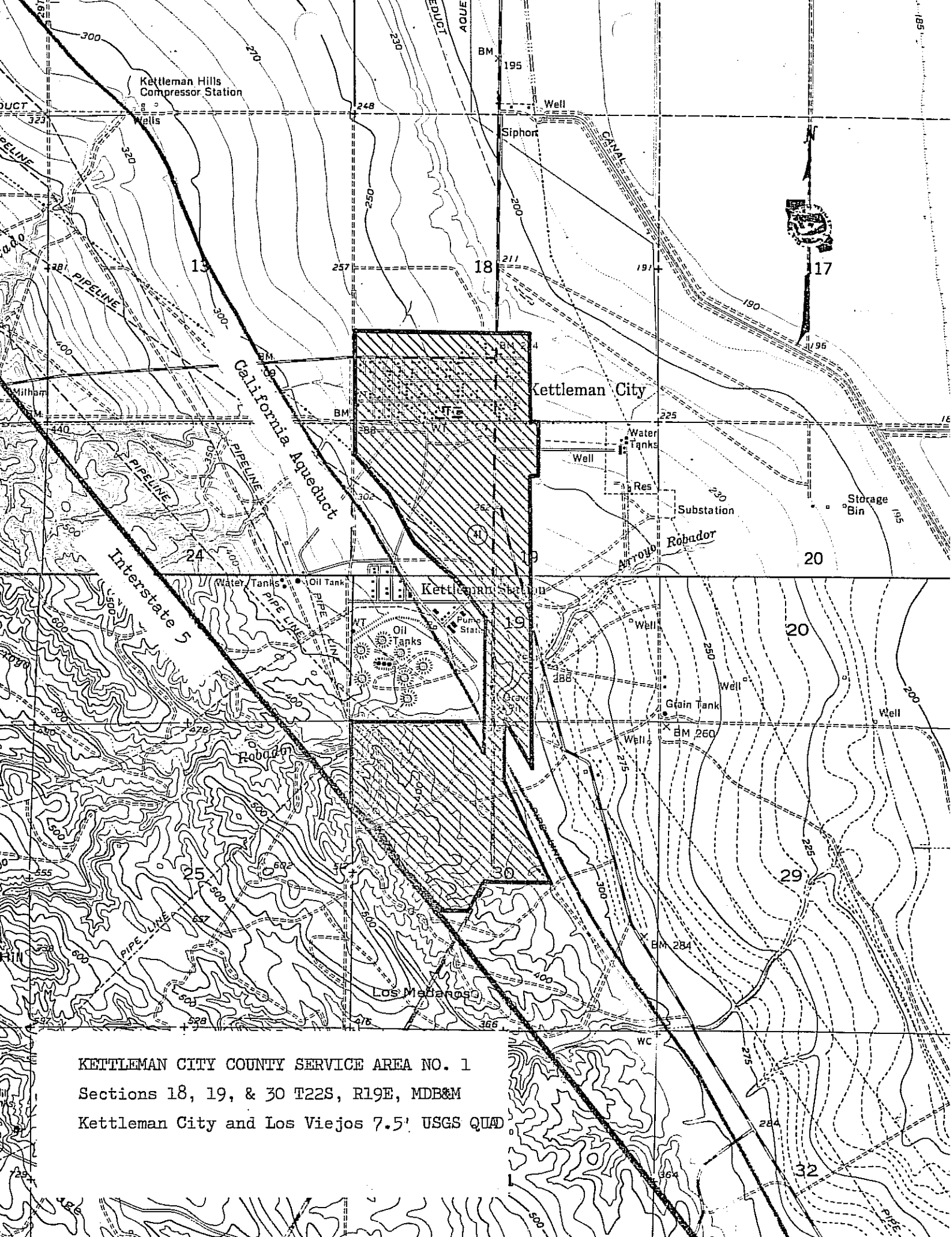
2. The discharge of waste within the Kettleman City County Service Area No. 1, Kings County from leaching or percolation systems is prohibited after 1 January 1979. An exemption to this prohibition may be granted whenever the regional board finds that the continued operation of septic tanks, cesspools, or other means of disposal in a particular area will not, individually or collectively, directly, or indirectly, adversely affect water quality.

3. Chapter VI of the Interim Plan is revised by the addition of this prohibition, upon approval of the State Water Resources Control Board.

I, JAMES A. ROBERTSON, 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 21 March 1975.

JAMES A. ROBERTSON
Executive Officer

Amended 3/21/75



KETTLEMAN CITY COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1

Sections 18, 19, & 30 T22S, R19E, MDB&M

Kettleman City and Los Viejos 7.5' USGS QUAD