

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

INSPECTION REPORT

16 August 1996

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DISCHARGER: Valley Waste Disposal

LOCATION & COUNTY: Race Track Hill Area, Section 24 Disposal Area, Kern County

CONTACT(S): Larry H. Miller

INSPECTION DATE: 13 June 1996

INSPECTED BY: Doug Patteson

ACCOMPANIED BY: Larry H. Miller

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

On 13 June 1996, I inspected Valley Waste Disposal's Race Track Hill C-Plant (Fee 34) within the Edison Oil Field and the Race Track Hill disposal area (Section 24) near the Edison Oil Field. The C-Plant inspection is discussed in a separate report. I was accompanied by Mr. Larry Miller of Valley Waste Disposal and assisted by Hassan Jakhar of the Regional Board staff. Photographs were taken to document conditions on the day of the inspection. One water sample was collected from the sump. A map (Figure 2) showing the location of the sample, and the laboratory analytical results are attached.

The Race Track Hill wastewater disposal area (Section 24) is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 58-349 which require that discharges of wastewater outside of the sumps constructed in Section 24 comply with EC, chloride, and boron limits of 1000 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$, 150 mg/l, and 1 mg/l, respectively. The numerical limitations contained in the Basin Plan are 1000 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$, 200 mg/l, and 1 mg/l.

Wastewater is pumped to the Race Track Hill disposal area from the C-Plant. The disposal area is located in Section 24, T29S, R29E, MDB&M. The disposal area consists of three incoming ponds (A, B, and C) and 24 unlined evaporation/percolation sumps. The evaporation/percolation sumps are located in three adjacent canyons (see Figure 2). Water is also discharged to one of the canyons through sprinkler irrigation. The sumps in each canyon are separated by earthen berms and hydraulically connected through pipes. Residual oil is skimmed from the incoming ponds by vacuum trucks. There was no visible oil on the surface of the ponds or sumps. Wastewater did not appear to be discharging beyond the limits of the sumps in Section 24.

Laboratory analyses of sample indicate that the wastewater exceeds the numerical limitations contained in Basin Plan and the WDRs. However, since the discharge did not extend beyond the limits of the sumps, no violations of WDRs No. 58-349 were observed.



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FACILITIES INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTOR: DKP

PCA System Task No. _____

5D152013013
WDS NUMBER

VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL CO.
NAME OF AGENCY OR PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCHARGE

EDISON
NAME OF FACILITY

NPDES NUMBER

1400 EASTON DR. SUITE 139-B
AGENCY STREET

FACILITY STREET

(YY) (MM) (TYPE)
SCHEDULED INSPECTION DATA

BAKERSEFIELD CA 93309
AGENCY CITY AND STATE

FACILITY CITY AND STATE

SCHEDULED INSPECTION DATA

LARRY BRIGHT
AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

ONSITE FACILITY CONTACT PERSON

98 13 06 (MM/DD)
ACTUAL INSPECTION DATE

8053225004
AGENCY PHONE NO.

FACILITY PHONE NO.

S Inspection agency (State = S, State / EPA Joint = J)

If this inspection is a Compliance Inspection of an NPDES facility, send a copy of this report to SWRCB's Division of Water Quality, Program Support Unit.

INSPECTION TYPE (Check One)

- A1 "A" type compliance - Comprehensive inspection in which samples are taken. (EPA Type S)
- B2 _____ "B" type compliance - A routine nonsampling inspection. (EPA type C)
- 02 _____ Noncompliance follow-up - Inspection made to verify correction of a previously identified violation.
- 03 _____ Enforcement follow-up - Inspection made to verify that conditions of an enforcement action are being met.
- 04 _____ Complaint - Inspection made in response to a complaint.
- 05 _____ Pre-requirement - Inspection made to gather info. relative to preparing, modifying, or rescinding requirements.
- 06 _____ Miscellaneous - Any inspection type not mentioned above.

If this is an EPA inspection not mentioned above, please note type.
(e.g. - biomonitoring, performance audit, diagnostic, etc.)

(Type)

N Were VIOLATIONS noted during this inspection? (Yes/No/Pending Sample Results)

N Was this a Quality Assurance-Based Inspection? (Y/N)

N Were bioassay samples taken? (N = No) If YES, then S = Static or F = Flowthrough.

INSPECTION SUMMARY (REQUIRED) (100 character limit)

RACE TRACK C-PLANT AND SECTION 24 PONDS INSPECTED.

INSPECTOR'S DATA:

INITIALS DKP

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 10/24/96

For Internal Use: Reviewed by: (1) [Signature] (2) _____

(3) [Signature]

WDS Data Entry Date 6/28/96 Regional Board File Number: _____

Reg. WDS Coordinator

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VIOLATION (IF APPLICABLE)

VIOLATION TYPE? (A-G) _____ (See pages IK05.0 and IK05.1 of the Micro Waste Discharger System Users Manual)

DATE OF VIOLATION (YYMMDD): _____ DATE OF VIOLATION DETERMINATION (YYMMDD): _____

DESCRIPTION (200 CHARACTER LIMIT):

EPA SUGGESTED INSPECTION CHECKLIST

(S= Satisfactory, M= Marginal, U= Unsatisfactory, N= Not Evaluated)

<u>S</u> Permit	<u>N</u> Flow Measurement	<u>N</u> Pretreatment	<u>S</u> Operations & Maintenance
<u>N</u> Record/Reports	<u>N</u> Laboratories	<u>N</u> Compliance Schedules	<u>N</u> Sludge Disposal
<u>N</u> Facility Site Review	<u>N</u> Eff./Receiving Waters	<u>N</u> Self-Monitoring	_____ Other

3 Overall Facility Operation Evaluation (5= Very reliable, 3= Satisfactory, 1= Unreliable)

HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

MOST RECENT ORDERS:

ORDER NO.	DATE ADOPTED	TYPE
58-349	9/18/58	WDR

MOST RECENT INSPECTIONS:

DATE	INSP. TYPE	VIOLATIONS?

MOST RECENT VIOLATIONS:

VIOL. TYPE	DATE

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS, ITEMS FOR FOLLOWUP ON FUTURE INSPECTIONS, NOTES, ETC. (Attach additional pages, if necessary)

FIGURE 2

VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL CO.
EDISON RACETRACK

INSPECTION PHOTOGRAPH AND
SAMPLE LOCATIONS

6/13/96

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