

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 82-52

IMPERIAL THERMAL PRODUCTS, INC.
SALT CONTAINMENT BASINS NEAR SALTON SEA
Imperial County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region finds that:

1. In accordance with the requirements contained in the Board's Resolution No. 67-1 and in accordance with the Board's Order No. 81-24, Revision No. 2, Imperial Thermal Products, Inc. (ITP), via correspondence from its Attorneys Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, dated August 2, 1982, submitted its plan for disposal of residual geothermal materials which are contained in the company's existing impoundments located in T11S, R13E, SBB&M, in the County of Imperial.
2. ITP proposes to remove the geothermal materials from the 98 acre impoundment located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, T11S, R13E, SBB&M.
3. ITP proposes that inspection of the two impoundments comprising the 120 acre facility reveals a very thin surface encrustment, the removal of which is unnecessary and unwarranted due to the extremely small quantity of materials present in the soil-evaporative crust.
4. ITP further proposes that following completion of removal of geothermal material from said 98 acre impoundment, all existing levees will be breached to enable Salton Sea to seek its natural surface elevation by entering all of the above-mentioned impoundment areas.
5. Staff of the Regional Board inspected said 120 acre facility, and reported that the average depth of salts mixed with bottom earth is approximately 2 inches, of which about 35 percent is salt.
6. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the removal of geothermal materials from said 98 acre impoundment and subsequent breaching of the dikes to allow Salton Sea to inundate both the 98 acre and the 120 acre impoundments.
7. The issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21000) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as follows:

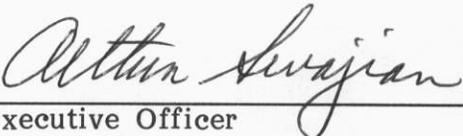
Accomplishment of the proposal of Imperial Thermal Products, Inc., as outlined in the letter dated August 2, 1982 from Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, fulfills the objectives of this Regional Board's Resolution No. 67-1, and of this Board's Order No. 81-24, Revision No. 2 as to all dischargers named therein, and said proposal, which is by this reference incorporated herein, is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:

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1. The Regional Board cannot provide assurances concerning fulfillment of obligations and liabilities arising from applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, other than those which are attributable to Division 7 of the State Water Code.
2. Prior to ITP's breaching of any dikes Imperial Thermal Products, Inc. shall obtain written clearance from the Regional Board's Executive Officer, verifying the completion of removal of geothermal materials from the 98 acre impoundment.
3. This Order does not alter the effective status of said Resolution No. 67-1, or of said Order No. 81-24, Revision No. 2, pending completion of the removal work contained in the ITP proposal.

I, Arthur Swajian, 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, Colorado River Basin Region, on September 22, 1982.



Executive Officer