

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 84-24
NPDES NO. CA0104426

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CITY OF EL CENTRO
Imperial County

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

1. City of El Centro (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P. O. Bin 1701, El Centro, CA, 92243, submitted an updated NPDES Application for Permit to Discharge, dated November 16, 1983. Said application is assigned Application No. CA0104426.
2. The discharger presently discharges a peak month average daily flow of 3.45 million gallons-per-day and a peak week average daily flow of 3.64 million gallons-per-day of wastewater from an activated sludge type treatment plant, which is designed for an average daily flow of 5.0 million gallons-per-day, into Central Drain near the center of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M. The wastewater flows 8 miles and enters Alamo River 39 miles from Salton Sea.
3. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted on May 16, 1984. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for Imperial Hydrologic Unit.
4. The beneficial uses of water in Alamo River and Imperial Valley drains discharging thereto are:
 - a. Transport of dissolved solids to Salton Sea for agricultural soil salinity control.
 - b. Freshwater replenishment for Salton Sea.
 - c. Warm freshwater habitat for fish and wildlife.
 - d. Recreation - non-water contact.
5. The issuance of waste discharge requirements for this discharge is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21000 et seq.) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.
6. The discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Order No. 79-53 (NPDES No. CA0104426) which allows discharge to Central Drain.

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7. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update requirements for the existing discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
8. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
9. This Order shall serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit pursuant to Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act, or amendments thereto, and shall take effect at the end of ten days from date of adoption provided the Regional Administrator has no objections.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, City of El Centro, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, shall comply with the following:

A. Effluent Limitations

1. Representative samples of wastewater discharged to Central Drain shall not contain constituents in excess of the following limits:

Constituent	Unit	30-Day Arithmetic Mean Discharge Rate	7-Day Arithmetic Mean Discharge Rate
20°C BOD ₅	lbs/day mg/l	1,251 30	1,876 45
Suspended Solids	lbs/day mg/l	1,251 30	1,876 45
Settleable Matter	ml/l	0.3	0.5

2. The arithmetic mean of the values, by weight, for effluent samples collected for 20°C BOD₅ and for suspended solids in any 30-day period shall not be greater than 15 percent of the arithmetic mean of the values, by weight, for influent samples collected during the same 30-day period (85 percent removal).
3. The effluent values for pH shall remain within the limits of 6.0 to 9.0.

B. Receiving Water Limitations

1. Wastewater discharged to Central Drain shall not:
 - a. Depress the dissolved oxygen content of said Drain below 5.0 mg/l.

- b. Cause presence of oil, grease, scum, sludge, or solids.
 - c. Contain heavy metals or associated chemicals or pesticides in concentrations toxic to fish and other aquatic life.
2. This discharge shall not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standard for receiving waters adopted by the Regional Board or the State Water Resources Control Board as required by the Federal Clean Water Act and regulations adopted thereunder.

C. Pretreatment Provisions

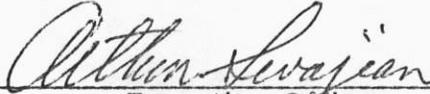
1. The discharger shall develop an industrial pretreatment program in accordance with Federal Clean Water Act, Section 402 (b)(8), and (9), and Federal Pretreatment Regulations 40 CFR 403.
2. The discharger shall implement an approved Industrial Pretreatment Program in accordance with the legal authorities, policies, and procedures described in its pretreatment program document and in accordance with the Federal Pretreatment Regulations in 40 CFR 403.
3. The discharger shall maintain an adequate revenue program and enforce prohibitions and any applicable National Pretreatment Standards established by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
4. The discharger shall provide EPA and the Regional Board with an annual report describing the pretreatment program activities over the previous 12-month period. The report shall be transmitted to EPA and the Regional Board no later than January 31, and include:
 - a. A summary of actions taken by the discharger which ensures industrial-user compliance;
 - b. An updated list of industrial users (by SIC categories) which were issued permits, enforcement orders, and a status of compliance for each user; and
 - c. The name and address of each user that received a revised discharge limit.
5. The Regional Board and EPA retain the right to take legal action against an industrial user and/or the discharger where a user fails to meet the approved applicable pretreatment standards.

D. Other Provisions

1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastes shall cause a pollution or a nuisance, as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate protective works shall be provided to assure that a flood which would be expected to occur on a frequency of once in a 100-year period, would not erode or otherwise render portions of the treatment and discharge facilities inoperable.

3. This Order supersedes this Board's Order No. 79-53.
4. This Order includes the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 84-24, and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
5. This Order expires five (5) years from June 20, 1984, and the discharger shall file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with Title 23, California Administrative Code, not later than 180 days in advance of such date as an application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements.
6. Facilities shall be available to keep the plant in operation in the event of commercial power failure.
7. The discharger's wastewater treatment plant shall be supervised and operated by persons possessing certification of appropriate grade pursuant to Chapter 3, Subchapter 14, Title 23, California Administrative Code.

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 June 20, 1984.



Executive Officer

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 84-24
FOR
CITY OF EL CENTRO
Imperial County**

Location of Discharge: Central Drain near the center of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M.

EFFLUENT MONITORING

Wastewater discharged to Central Drain shall be monitored for the following constituents. A sampling station shall be established where representative samples of the effluent can be obtained.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>
20°C BOD ₅	mg/l	24-Hr. Composite	Weekly
Suspended Solids	mg/l	24-Hr. Composite	Weekly
Settleable Matter	ml/l	Grab at Peak Flow	Weekly
pH	pH Units	Grab	Daily ¹
Flow	MGD	Daily	Reported ² Monthly

INFLUENT MONITORING

Wastewater entering the treatment facilities shall be monitored for the following constituents:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>
20°C BOD ₅	mg/l	24-Hr. Composite	Bi-Weekly
Suspended Solids	mg/l	24-Hr. Composite	Bi-Weekly

1. Once per weekday
2. For each day with average monthly flow calculated

REPORTING

Monthly, bi-weekly, weekly and daily monitoring reports shall be submitted monthly to the Regional Board by the 15th day of the following month.

Forward monitoring reports:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21
Palm Desert, California 92260

A copy of the discharge monitoring report shall also be sent to:

Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, Attn: W-3
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Sevajian
Executive Officer

June 22, 1984
Date

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1" = 1 mi.

SITE MAP

CITY OF EL CENTRO
Imperial County

Location of Discharge: near the center of Section
25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M

U.S.G.S. Brawley 15 min. Topographic Map