

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2008-XXXX

RESCISSION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2005-0149
(NPDES NO. CA0081256)
AND
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER NO. R5-2005-0150
FOR

KRAFT FOODS, INC.
VISALIA PLANT
TULARE COUNTY

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

1. Kraft Foods, Inc. (hereafter Discharger), a California corporation, owned and operated a milk products processing plant (hereinafter plant) at 715 North Divisadero Street in Visalia, California. The Discharger's effluent consisted of approximately 25,000 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water from the initial cooling cycle for three cottage cheese process starter tanks and from evaporation pump seals. The source water is groundwater pumped from an on-site well, which is chlorinated to inhibit biological activity in the cooling system. The non-contact cooling water was discharged from the plant to a storm drain, which discharges to Mill Creek.
2. On 21 October 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2005-0149 (NPDES No. CA0081256) and the companion Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R5-2005-0150 for the Discharger. The TSO required the Discharger to develop, submit, and implement methods to comply with a new chlorine effluent limitation in WDRs Order No. R5-2005-0149 by 23 October 2006.
3. On 27 February 2006, the Discharger submitted a written request to rescind Order Nos. R5-2005-0149 and R5-2005-0150. The Discharger stated that discharge to Mill Creek ceased on 19 January 2006 and was rerouted to the Visalia Wastewater Treatment Facility.
4. On 21 August 2007, Regional Water Board staff visited the plant and observed that the cooling water discharge line leading to the storm drain appeared to be severed. During the site visit, the current plant owner/operator, Provisions Food Company, indicated that it does not wish to re-establish non-contact cooling water discharges to Mill Creek.

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5. The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind WDRs Order No. R5-2005-0149 and TSO Order No. R5-2005-0150 and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
6. 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 Section 15321(a)(2), Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0149 (NPDES No. CA0081256) and Time Schedule Order No. R5-2005-0150 are rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, 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 _____.

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

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