

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 83-40  
FOR  
BILL'S SANITATION  
Northwest of Indio - Riverside County

The Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. Norris Enterprises, Ltd. dba Bill's Sanitation (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P. O. Box 331, Thermal, CA 92274, is discharging domestic sewage and industrial wastes onto the surface of a 40-acre field located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9, T5S, R7E, SBB&M.
2. The Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements for this sewage pumping service on April 15, 1971 in Order No. 71-23.
3. The wastewater is described in Finding No. 2 of Order No. 71-23 as domestic sewage from pumping out septic tanks, cesspools, and chemical toilets.
4. The discharger reported in the operation's Report of Waste Discharge, dated March 4, 1971, that only domestic wastewater would be uniformly spread over the surface of the field, and any surface wastes would be disked into the soil within 24 hours after spreading.
5. On March 22, 1983, the Regional Board staff while inspecting the subject disposal site, found that oil had been discharged on about two acres of the site, leaving the surface with an oily appearance. The staff noted that the following Discharge Specifications contained in Order No. 71-23 were in non-compliance:
  - A.1. The discharge of industrial wastes is prohibited.
  - A.3. There shall be no ponding or surface flow of this wastewater away from the designated disposal area.
  - A.5. There shall be no surface exposure of wastes at the close of a day's operation.
  - A.6. There shall be no concentration of waste within limited areas of the reported disposal site.
6. This enforcement action is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et. seq.) in accordance with Section 2714, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

*Cancelled  
6/29/83*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, Bill's Sanitation shall:

1. Cease immediately the discharge of oil at the disposal site.
2. Take action to abate surface exposure of wastes by disking all discharged wastes into the soil at the close of a day's operation.
3. Abate concentration of waste and ponding of wastewater by uniformly spreading it over a wide area of flat graded surface within the disposal site.
4. By April 8, 1983, submit a report to the Regional Board explaining that all of the above necessary actions have been taken to comply with the Specifications A.3., A.5., and A.6., as stated in Finding No. 5 above, and contained in Order No. 71-23.
5. By April 15, 1983, submit a report that includes the source and analysis of the oily substance referred to in Finding No. 5, and a proposal for remedial action concerning this material. Both the sampling and analysis shall be performed by a laboratory approved by the Executive Officer.

Failure to comply with this Order as directed may result in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action without further notice.

March 29, 1983  
Date

Arthur Swajian  
Executive Officer