

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 83-46
AGAINST
BORDEN INDUSTRIAL FOODS, INC.
North of Indio - Riverside County

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

1. Borden Industrial Foods, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the discharger) 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, operates a citrus processing plant in Section 31, T4S, R8E, SBB&M.
2. The Regional Board prescribed waste discharge requirements for the discharge of cooling waters, wash water, press liquor, juice, peel-oil centrifuge wastes, and waste alkali in Order No. 79-97 on November 28, 1979. Regional Board Order No. 80-67 adopted on July 9, 1980 transferred responsibility for compliance with Order No. 79-97 to Borden Industrial Foods, Inc.
3. Order No. 79-97 requires in part that:
 - A.1 Neither the treatment nor discharge of wastewater shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
 - A.4 There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the disposal areas.
 - A.5 Wastewater shall not be allowed to pond in the spraying and/or spreading disposal areas.
 - A.7 The discharge of wastewater into any drainage channel is prohibited.
 - B.3 Adequate protective works shall be provided to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the treatment and holding facilities inoperable.
4. On March 28, 1983, the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health reported that they had received a citizen complaint concerning odors from a spill of industrial wastes at the Borden facility. Inspection of the facility by County personnel confirmed that wastes had flowed from the facility onto surrounding property.

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5. Regional Board staff inspection of the facility on March 29, 1983 revealed that wastewater had broken through a dike in the spray disposal area and flowed off Borden's property for nearly one mile across open desert before collecting in a pool estimated as 500 feet long, 100 feet wide and 3 feet deep. There were moderate odors around the pond and insect breeding was noted.
6. Similar discharges of wastes from the facility occurred in December 1982 and May 1980.
7. The discharger is in violation of said Order No. 79-97.
8. 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, Borden Industrial Foods, Inc., shall:

1. Take all necessary actions to immediately abate the discharge of waste materials off the approved disposal areas.
2. By May 1, 1983 all residues outside of the approved disposal areas shall be removed to an approved disposal site or disked into the soil such that no significant quantity of residues remain on the ground surface.
3. Submit by May 1, 1983 a technical report signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer evaluating the cause of the spill and the adequacy of the present disposal facilities and practices, and including a time schedule of specific actions by which similar discharges in the future will be prevented.

4/11/83

Date

Gary L. Morris

Executive Officer