

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

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 83-52
FOR
DE BONNE RANCH MANAGEMENT
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, was discharging domestic sewage 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. On March 29, 1983, the Regional Board Executive Officer signed into effect Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 83-40. However, the discharger has informed the Board staff that the site is no longer available to him for the discharge of wastes or access for cleanup.**

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7. De Bonne Ranch Management, P. O. Box 1935, Palm Desert, CA 92261, as reported to the Regional Board staff on April 21, 1983, has assumed management and cleanup of the site property (known as Rancho Indio).
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, De Bonne Ranch Management shall:

1. Cease immediately the discharge of oil at the disposal site.
2. By May 6, 1983, submit a report to the Regional Board explaining that the above necessary action has 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.
3. By May 13, 1983, submit a report that includes an 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.

April 22, 1983
Date

Arthur Swajian
Executive Officer