

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 85-53 (Revision No. 3)  
AGAINST  
EXXON GASOLINE STATION - EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A., OWNER  
Indio, Riverside County

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

1. Exxon Company, U.S.A., Houston, Texas, is the owner of a gasoline station located at the intersection of Avenue 44 and Jackson Street in Indio, California (NE¼, Section 23, T5S, R7E, SBB&M).
2. The gasoline station was closed and has remained inoperative since September 7, 1984.
3. EXXON Company received an unverified report that a leak in the pressurized product lines had occurred during a test in the past.
4. EXXON Company contracted with the engineering firm Harding Lawson and Associates on September 18, 1984, to determine if hydrocarbon contamination existed in the soil and in the ground water beneath the site.
5. The Regional Board received a telephone report on November 11, 1984, from EXXON Corporation, Long Beach, that gasoline contamination had been discovered in the soil at the station in question.
6. On March 11, 1985, the Regional Board received two technical reports prepared by EXXON's consultant, Harding Lawson and Associates, regarding the gasoline contamination. One report was dated March 1, 1985, and the other November 13, 1984.
7. The technical reports indicate that the ground water is about 18 feet below the ground surface and that significant amounts of free gasoline exist above the ground water table.
8. EXXON Company informed this Regional Board by telephone that the dewatering water from the cleanup operation would be discharged to the Valley Sanitary District wastewater facilities.
9. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of ground waters in the Coachella Hydrologic subunit as:
  - a. Municipal
  - b. Industrial
  - c. Agricultural

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10. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
11. This enforcement action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15308 and Chapter 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14, of the California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Administrative Code, EXXON Company, U.S.A. shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Limitations

1. Water discharged from the cleanup operation to the Valley Sanitary District facilities shall not contain total hydrocarbons in excess of 25 mg/l.
2. No discharge of water from the cleanup operation shall be made to the surface or ground water in this region without the approval of the Executive Officer.

B. Provision

1. This Order supersedes Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 85-53 (Revision No. 2).
2. By April 30, 1985, submit to the Regional Board a plan and time schedule of specific actions for the cleanup of said gasoline contamination. The cleanup plan shall include the anticipated level of cleanup, and the rationale for it.
3. During the cleanup operation, submit monitoring reports as specified in the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 85-53".
4. Upon completion of the cleanup operation, submit to the Regional Board a written certification of the cleanup signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer.

  
Executive Officer

  
Date

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

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 85-53 (Revision No. 2)  
AGAINST  
EXXON GASOLINE STATION - EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A., OWNER  
Indio, Riverside County**

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

1. EXXON Company, U.S.A., Houston, Texas, is the owner of a gasoline station located at the intersection of Avenue 44 and Jackson Street in Indio, California (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, T5S,R7E, SBB&M).
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by 85-53 (Rev. 3)  
3/18/87*

10. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.

11. This enforcement action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 2714, Chapter 3, Title 14, of the California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Administrative Code, EXXON Company, U.S.A., shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Limitations

1. Water discharged from the cleanup operation to the Valley Sanitary District facilities shall not contain total hydrocarbons in excess of 20 mg/L.
2. No discharge of water from the cleanup operation shall be made to the surface or ground water in this region without the approval of the Executive Officer.

B. Provisions

1. This Order supersedes Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 85-53 (revised).
2. By April 30, 1985, submit to the Regional Board a plan and time schedule of specific actions for the cleanup of said gasoline contamination. The cleanup plan shall include the anticipated level of cleanup, and the rationale for it.
3. During the cleanup operation, submit monitoring reports as specified in the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 85-53 (revised)" and as may be revised hereafter.
4. Upon completion of the cleanup operation, submit to the Regional Board a written certification of the cleanup signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer or a Certified Engineering Geologist.

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

*Administrative Code, Section 2714*

*Arden Swajan*  
Executive Officer

*February 19, 1987*  
DATE

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 85-53 (REVISED)  
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Indio, Riverside County

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Rev.#2  
2/19/87*

10. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Administrative Code, EXXON Company, U.S.A., shall comply with the following:

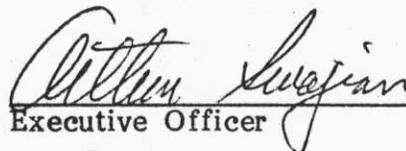
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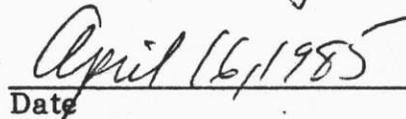
1. Water discharged from the cleanup operation to the Valley Sanitary District facilities shall not contain total hydrocarbons in excess of 10 mg/l.
2. No discharge of water from the cleanup operation shall be made to the surface or ground water in this region without the approval of the Executive Officer.

B. Provisions

1. This Order supersedes Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 85-53.
2. By April 30, 1985, submit to the Regional Board a plan and time schedule of specific actions for the cleanup of said gasoline contamination. The cleanup plan shall include the anticipated level of cleanup, and the rationale for it.
3. During the cleanup operation, submit monitoring reports as specified in the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 85-53" and as may be revised hereafter.
4. Upon completion of the cleanup operation, submit to the Regional Board a written certification of the cleanup signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer or a Certified Engineering Geologist.

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Executive Officer

  
Date

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN • REGION 7**

73-271 HIGHWAY 111, SUITE 21  
PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA 92260  
Phone: (619) 346-7491



April 7, 1986

Donald A. Pape  
Engineering Geologist  
Harding Lawson Associates  
1541 Parkway Loop, Suite F  
Tustin, CA 92680

Re: Underground Tank Leak, EXXON Station (7-3928) Indio, CA; Order No. 85-53  
(Revised)

The monitoring frequency of the hydrocarbon concentrations at the subject facility has been reduced in accordance with your request. This is justified by the low hydrocarbon concentrations continually reported since monitoring began. Our only concern is that less frequent visits to the facility may increase the risk of operation and maintenance problems developing that could result in a nuisance condition such as one recently reported to this office. The report indicated that water had flowed beyond the property boundaries by overflow from the separator tank in which the discharge pipe had been blocked by sand. It is therefore necessary that measures be taken to minimize the risk of having such nuisance conditions recurring. A report should be submitted to this office by the end of this month outlining the steps that will be taken.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 85-53 (Revised). If you have any questions regarding this letter call Ron Rodriguez at the above telephone number.

ARTHUR SWAJIAN  
Executive Officer

cc: Roger Pinkert - EXXON Company, U.S.A  
Douglas D. Drury, Valley Sanitation District

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

**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 85-53 (REVISED)  
FOR  
EXXON GASOLINE STATION - EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A., OWNER  
Indio, Riverside County**

Location of discharge: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, T5S, R7E, SBB&M

Monitoring

1. The discharge of water to the Valley Sanitary District facilities from the cleanup operation shall be monitored every two months for total hydrocarbons.
2. The volume of recovered fluids shall be measured during extraction, giving the volume of gasoline and of water.

Reporting

1. The monitoring data shall be submitted monthly to:

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

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Levajian  
Executive Officer  
April 7, 1986  
Date

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FOR  
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Location of Discharge: NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, T5S, R7E, SBB&M

Monitoring

1. The discharge of water to the Valley Sanitary District facilities from the cleanup operation shall be monitored weekly for total hydrocarbons.
2. Daily flow measurements shall be made of the above discharge.
3. The volume of recovered fluids shall be measured during extraction, giving the volume of gasoline and of water.

Reporting

1. The monitoring data shall be submitted monthly to the Regional Board.
2. The monitoring data shall be mailed to:

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

*Arthur Levajian*  
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Executive Officer

*April 16, 1985*  
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Date

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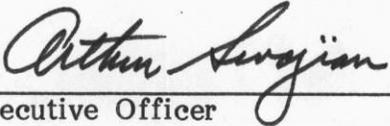
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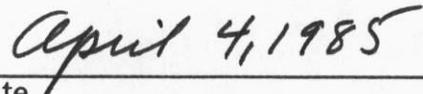
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1. By April 30, 1985, submit to the Regional Board a plan and time schedule of specific actions for the cleanup of said gasoline contamination. The cleanup plan shall include the anticipated level of cleanup, and the rationale for it.
2. By May 15, 1985, commence the cleanup operation. Progress reports on the cleanup shall be submitted quarterly and are due by the first of the month until the completion of the cleanup.
3. Upon completion of the cleanup operation, submit to the Regional Board a written certification of the cleanup signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer or a Certified Engineering Geologist.

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Executive Officer

  
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