

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

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-115  
AGAINST  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

City of Blythe, Riverside County

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

1. The California Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), 2829 Juan Street, San Diego, California, 92110, is the owner of the Blythe Maintenance Station, located at 200 South Broadway, Blythe, California, 92225.
2. An Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release Report was received in this office on June 2, 1986, indicating that gasoline has leaked from the underground storage tank and contaminated the soil and the ground water at the Blythe Maintenance Station.
3. By letter dated June 12, 1986, the discharger was requested to conduct a complete subsurface investigation of the contamination and submit a technical report of the results to this office.
4. On August 28, 1987 a technical report containing the subsurface investigation was received in this office. The report delineates the extent of the gasoline contamination in the soil and the ground water.
5. Section 13304 of the California Water Code states, in part, that: "Any person..who has caused or permitted...any waste to be discharged or deposited where it is, or probably will be, discharged into the waters of the state and creates, or threatens to create, a condition of pollution or nuisance, shall upon order of the regional board clean up such waste or abate the effects thereof or, in the case of threatened pollution or nuisance, take other necessary remedial action."
6. The discharger has caused, or permitted, the discharge of waste into the waters of the State, and created a condition of pollution.
7. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of the ground waters in the Palo Verde Hydrologic Subunit as:
  - a. Municipal
  - b. Industrial
  - c. Agricultural
8. Contamination of ground water with gasoline will significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.

*Reviewed  
9/17/92*

9. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 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 Water Code, the discharger shall comply with the following:

1. Clean up or abate the effects of the discharge of gasoline from the underground storage tank at 200 South Broadway, Blythe, California.
2. By January 30, 1988 submit to the Regional Board's office a cleanup proposal for recovery of the free product in the ground water and extraction of the contaminated ground water.

ORDERED BY:

*Arthur Levajian*

Executive Officer

*December 1, 1987*

Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 87-115  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Location of Discharge: Blythe - Riverside County

MONITORING

The discharger shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

1. Water discharged to the sanitary sewer shall be monitored monthly for total petroleum hydrocarbons.
2. Contaminated ground water shall be monitored monthly for benzene, toluene, xylene, and ethylbenzene, prior to treatment.
3. The volume of gasoline and ground water shall be measured daily during extraction.

REPORTING

1. The above monitoring data shall be submitted monthly to the Regional Board, by the 15th day of the succeeding month.
2. Submit monitoring reports to:

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

ORDERED BY:

Phil Granberg  
Executive Officer

5-18-89

Date

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 87-115 (REVISION 1)  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BLYTHE MAINTENANCE STATION  
Blythe - Riverside County

Location of Discharge: Blythe , Riverside County

The discharger shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

MONITORING

1. Water discharged to the sanitary sewer shall be monitored monthly for total petroleum hydrocarbons.
2. Contaminated ground water shall be monitored quarterly for benzene, toluene, xylene, and ethylbenzene.
3. The volume of gasoline and ground water shall be measured during extraction.

REPORTING

1. The above monitoring data shall be submitted quarterly to the Regional Board by January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.
2. Submit monitoring reports to:

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

ORDERED BY:

Phil Gumbert  
Executive Officer

1-7-91

Date