

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

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-42  
AGAINST  
JAMES CLAUSE, OWNER OF VALLEY BLOCK  
Indio - Riverside County**

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

1. James Clause (hereinafter referred to as the discharger) is the owner of Valley Block located at 43-320 Jackson Street, Indio, California, 92201.
2. The Regional Board received an Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release Report on September 24, 1986, indicating that an underground storage tank had been excavated and removed from said property. The report also indicates that gasoline and diesel fuel had leaked from the tank and contaminated the soil.
3. The Regional Board staff determined that there is a threat to the quality of ground water from this contamination. Accordingly, by a letter dated October 21, 1986, the discharger was requested to conduct a subsurface investigation of the contamination in the soil, and submit the results to this office.
4. On December 29, 1986, the Regional Board received a preliminary technical report prepared by Pioneer Consultants (technical consultants for the discharger) regarding the gasoline and diesel fuel contamination. The technical report indicates that the ground water is contaminated with gasoline and diesel fuel which constitutes a condition of pollution.
5. The discharger has caused or permitted the discharge of waste into the waters of the State and created a condition of pollution.
6. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
7. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of the ground water in the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit as:
  - a. Municipal
  - b. Industrial
  - c. Agricultural
8. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15308 and 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

*Rescinded  
12/9/96*

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. Cleanup or abate the effects of the discharge of gasoline and diesel fuel from the leaking underground storage tank located at Valley Block.
2. By May 29, 1987, submit to the Regional Board the complete subsurface investigation which requires a determination of the lateral and vertical extent of the contamination as requested in the Regional Board letter to the discharger dated October 21, 1987.
3. Submit to the Regional Board a cleanup proposal within two weeks of submittal of the subsurface investigation report, for recovery of the free product in the ground water and extraction of the contaminated ground water.
4. Submit a report of waste discharge with the appropriate filling fee for the discharge of any water from the cleanup operation to the surface or ground waters.

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Swajian  
Executive Officer

March 24, 1987  
Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 87-42

FOR  
JAMES CLAUSE, OWNER OF VALLEY BLOCK

Location of Discharge: Indio - Riverside County

MONITORING

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

1. Clarifier effluent shall be measured for flow, total petroleum hydrocarbons, and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes as follows:
  - A. Every hour for an 8 hour duration after startup.
  - B. Once after 8 hours.
  - C. Once per week for the first two weeks.
  - D. Once per month for the first six months thereafter.
  - E. Quarterly, unless otherwise recommended by consultant.
2. The volume of gasoline shall be measured during extraction from the clarifier.
3. The thickness of phase separated product in the ground water monitoring wells shall be monitored monthly.

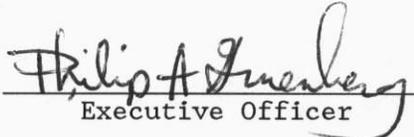
REPORTING

1. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board by the 15th day of the succeeding month for the first six months. Thereafter, the monitoring data shall be submitted quarterly by January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

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:

  
Executive Officer

6-1-89

Date