

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 99-020

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER CA0029297

RESCISSION OF ORDER NUMBER 94-055, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, ALAMEDA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter Board) finds that:

1. On May 18, 1994, the Board issued an individual NPDES permit for discharge of extracted groundwater to Union Oil Company of California (Unocal) for the 401 and 411 High Street properties (Order No. 94-055, NPDES No. CA0029297).
2. A major spill was reported at 401 High Street in June of 1983 when 23,300 gallons of toluene was spilled during rail car off-loading at the Unocal tank farm. An interceptor trench was constructed along the western shoreline of 401 High Street to remove contaminated groundwater from the uppermost water bearing zone (Zone A) that would impact the Oakland Inner Harbor. Additional investigations revealed contaminants such as VOCs and petroleum hydrocarbons and their constituents in the lower water bearing zone (Zone B) as well. The Zone B contamination is found in both 401 and 411 High Street and regulated by Board Site Cleanup Requirements (Order Nos. 90-133 and 93-025). A groundwater extraction and treatment system was built to remediate the Zone B contamination. This NPDES permit was issued for the discharge of extracted and treated groundwater from Zones A and B.
3. This individual NPDES permit will expire on May 18, 1999. The discharge of extracted and treated groundwater will be regulated by a Board-issued general NPDES permit after the expiration date. This individual NPDES permit is therefore no longer needed.
4. The rescission of waste discharge requirements (NPDES permit) for the discharge is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
5. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements (NPDES permit) for the discharge, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

6. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Board Order Number 94-055 is rescinded.

I, Loretta Barsamian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on May 25, 1999.



Loretta K. Barsamian  
Executive Officer