

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

ORDER NO. 99-032

RESCISSION OF SITE CLEANUP REQUIREMENTS (ORDER NOS. 93-024 AND 94-078)
FOR:

WARNER-LAMBERT COMPANY, SNOWDEN-PENSER, INC., W. LESLIE PELIO &
ASSOCIATES, AND THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

for the property located at

1587 DELL AVENUE, CAMPBELL
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

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

1. **Site Description:** The Site is currently owned and used by the U.S. Postal Service as a mail distribution facility. The land use in the vicinity of the Site is primarily office and light industrial. Groundwater recharge ponds (Camden Percolation System) operated by the Santa Clara Valley Water District are nearby as shown in Figure 1. The site is currently being redeveloped by the Postal Service to expand its facility. Deluxe Check Printers, located at 1551 Dell Avenue, is adjacent to and down gradient of groundwater flow from the Site.
2. **Site History:** Soil and groundwater at the Site was impacted with tetrachloroethylene (PCE) from former manufacturing activities conducted by Snowden-Pencer, Inc. and Warner Lambert Company. In December 1992, the highest original concentration of PCE in the groundwater was 77 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/l}$). The highest concentration of PCE reported during the most recent sampling event in December 1997 was 7 $\mu\text{g/l}$.
3. **Regional Board Orders:** On March 17, 1992, the Regional Board's Executive Officer issued Cleanup and Abatement Order 92-025 naming the United States Postal Service, Warner-Lambert Company, Snowden-Pencer Inc., and W.Leslie Pelio & Associates as dischargers. While the dischargers complied fully with the CAO, the Board adopted Site Cleanup Requirements on March 17, 1993 (Order No. 93-024) and on July 20, 1994 (Order No. 94-078) in order to collect additional information to determine if further site remediation was required.

4. **Remediation Activities:** A groundwater extraction and treatment facility was constructed and operated from November of 1994 to October of 1996. During this time, approximately 2.3 million gallons of groundwater was pumped and treated and approximately 0.51 pounds of PCE was removed. Natural biodegradation processes have further reduced PCE groundwater concentrations to levels below the drinking water maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5 µg/l in four of the five monitoring wells.
5. **Basis for Rescission:** Soil concentrations of PCE have never exceeded the cleanup standard of 1 part per million. Current or imminent attainment of groundwater cleanup standards has been confirmed by regular groundwater monitoring as reported in the "Status Report and Effectiveness Evaluation" dated January 28, 1999. Groundwater monitoring has been performed on a quarterly basis in five wells on site. Over the past eight sampling events, all samples were below the MCL in four out of five of the wells. While the most recent results show concentrations slightly above the MCL in one monitoring well, the levels are either close enough to be within the range of sampling and analytical error, or are likely to meet the MCL within a reasonable time as natural biodegradation processes continue. The highest PCE concentrations have been detected in monitoring well AM-1 at concentrations between 7.0 µg/l and 11 µg/l over the last four sampling events. Given these conditions, the Board finds (1) that the dischargers have met best practicable requirements, (2) that further cleanup to background levels is impractical, and (3) the level of cleanup is consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.
6. **Basin Plan:** The Board adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) on June 21, 1995. This updated and consolidated plan represents the Board's master water quality control planning document. The revised Basin Plan was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Office of Administrative Law on July 20, 1995, and November 13, 1995, respectively. A summary of regulatory provisions is contained in 23 CCR 3912. The Basin Plan defines beneficial uses and water quality objectives for waters of the State, including surface waters and groundwaters.

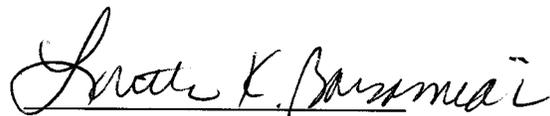
The existing and potential beneficial uses of the groundwater underlying and adjacent to the property include:

- a. Industrial process water supply,
- b. Industrial service supply,
- c. Municipal and domestic supply, and
- d. Agricultural supply.

7. **CEQA:** This action rescinds an order to enforce the laws and regulations administered by the Board. As such, this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
8. **Notification:** The Board has notified the discharger and all interested agencies and persons of its intent under California Water Code Section 13304 to rescind site cleanup requirements for the discharge, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments.
9. **Public Hearing:** The Board, at a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.

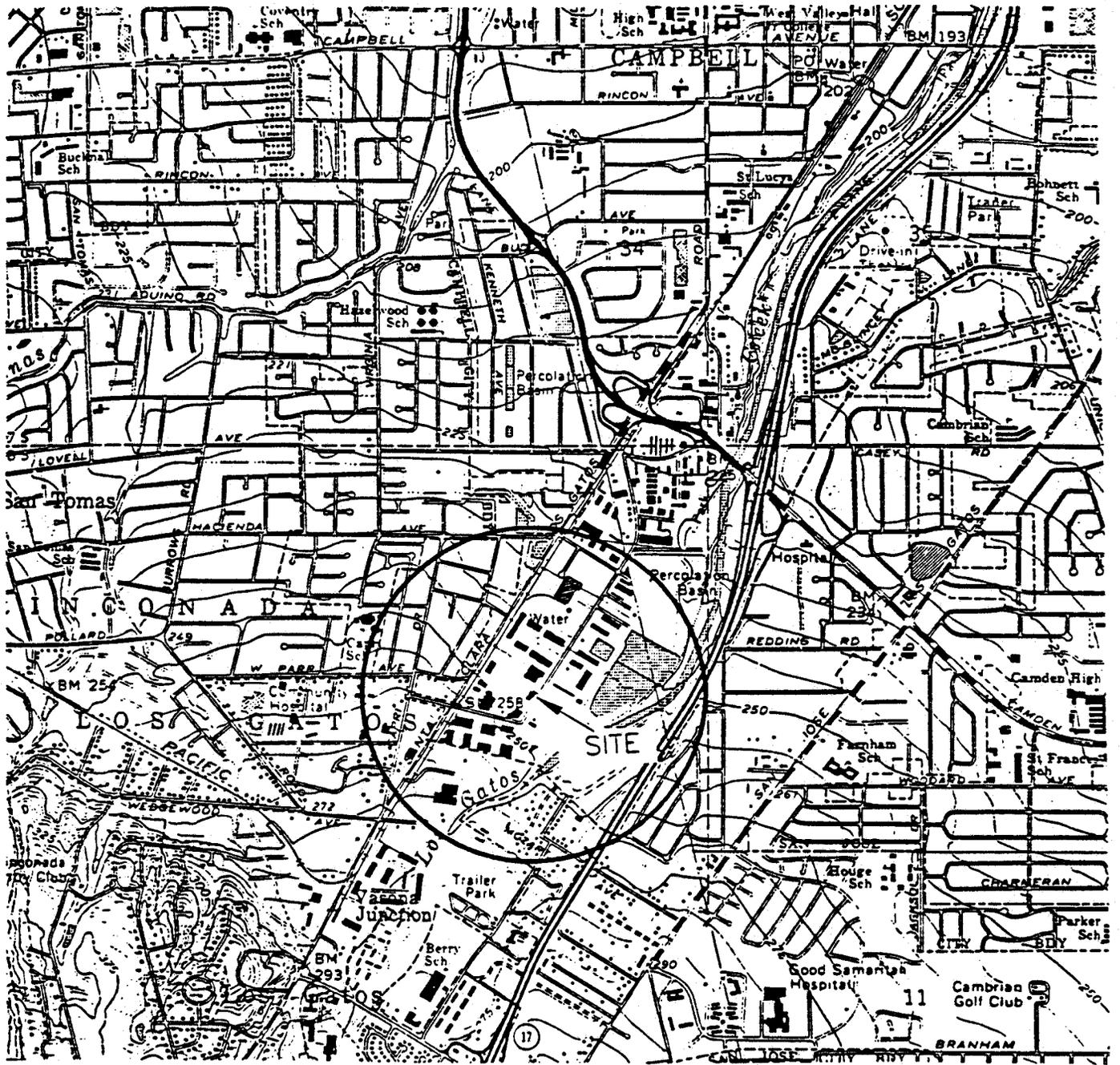
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 13304 of the California Water Code, that Order Nos. 93-024 AND 94-078 are rescinded.

I, Loretta K. Barsamian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that 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

Attachments: Site Map

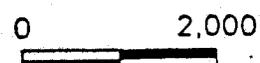


General Notes

Base Map from U.S.G.S.
 San Jose West, California
 7.5 Minute Topographic
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION



Approximate Scale
 (in feet)

FIGURE 1

SITE LOCATION MAP
 FORMER WARNER-LAMBERT PROPERTY
 1587 DELL AVENUE
 CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA

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