

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

ORDER 99-069

WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR:

SONOMA VALLEY COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, MITCHELL MULAS, BUENA VISTA WINERY, HELEN LARSON, DOMAIN CHANDON, AND DALE A. RICCI, SONOMA COUNTY

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

1. The Board adopted Order 92-067 reissuing water reclamation requirements to Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (hereinafter referred to as the producer) for discharge of secondary treated water to land.
2. Some of the recycled water users, the vineyard owners, have requested that the Recycled Water Use Specification, No. 10, which specifies a 10-day suspension of irrigation prior to harvesting, be eliminated. Since no such restriction is required in the wastewater reclamation criteria specified under Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, this Order modifies the reclamation requirements in Order 92-067 to delete this restriction.
3. This action to modify an existing reclamation permit is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code [California environmental Quality Act (CEQA)] pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
4. The Producer and Users of the recycled water have been notified of the Board's intent to modify the water reclamation requirements and the Board has provided an opportunity for a public meeting and the opportunity for the public to submit comments.
5. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Order No. 92-067 is modified to delete Recycled Water Use Specification #10, as shown below.

~~10. Vineyard irrigation shall be suspended at least 10 days prior to harvesting, in order to allow the soils to dry and to prevent harvest workers from contacting recycled water.~~

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 September 15, 1999.


LORETTA K. BARSAMIAN
Executive Officer

Attachment:

- A. Letter from the California Department of Health Services.

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QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

July 13, 1999

Ms. Tobi Tyler
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San Francisco Bay Region
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Tyler:

We have received your letter dated June 30, 1999 concerning the imposition of a 10-day waiting period between the time that recycled water (disinfected secondary-2.2) is last applied to a vineyard and the time that grape harvesting begins. You have indicated that a 10-day waiting period has been incorporated into reclamation permits issued by your Agency with no record of where said requirement originated. You are correct in noting that a designated waiting period for such use is not referenced in Title 22. In reviewing our files, I was unsuccessful in finding documentation that would indicate a formal Departmental position concerning this, although it is feasible that such a recommendation may have been made by one of our District offices at some time in the past.

Considering the above, and in reviewing this matter with our Santa Rosa District Office and the Departments Food and Drug Branch, the Department has no formal position on requiring a 10-day waiting period. However, it is recommended that use site agreements between the producer and the user include control measures to maximize the timeframe between irrigation and harvest, and incorporate all reasonable methods to avoid ground contact during harvesting.

It is recommended that you ensure that this position is not in conflict with any local health jurisdiction requirements that may be in place.

If you have further questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned at (805) 962-1713.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey L. Stone
Recycled Water Program Coordinator
Technical Programs Branch
Division of Drinking Water

cc: Dr. Chiang Lee, F&D Branch
Mr. Mike, Thompson, Sonoma CWA
Mr. Bruce Burton, DDWEM

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