

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER No. R2-2002-0102

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, ORDER NUMBER 97-119
(NPDES CA00300910) AND ORDER NUMBER 97-120 (NPDES CA0030104), FOR:

CATERPILLAR, INC.,

for Caterpillar groundwater treatment facilities number 2 and number 3 located, respectively, at

GROVER CLEVELAND PARK AT THE SOUTH END OF O'DONNELL AVENUE
SAN LEANDRO
ALAMEDA COUNTY

and

359 105TH AVENUE
OAKLAND
ALAMEDA COUNTY

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

1. The Board issued the following individual NPDES permits for discharge of extracted and treated groundwater to Caterpillar, Inc. (hereinafter the Discharger):

WDID Number	Discharger Groundwater Treatment Facility Address	Order Number	NPDES Number	Date Adopted
2019289002	Caterpillar groundwater treatment facility number 2 located at Grover Cleveland Park at the south end of O'Donnell Avenue, San Leandro, Alameda County	97-119	CA0030091	10/15/97
2019289003	Caterpillar groundwater treatment facility number 3 located at 359 105th Avenue, Oakland, Alameda County	97-120	CA0030104	10/15/97

2. This Order rescinds these two Caterpillar discharge permits. The permit for Caterpillar facility number 3 (Order 97-120) is being rescinded because the Discharger no longer discharges at this facility. The Discharger stopped the extraction, treatment, and discharge at this facility to prevent pulling a neighboring site's contaminated

groundwater into this facility. The permit for Caterpillar facility number 2 (Order 97-119) is being rescinded because the Discharger has obtained discharge authorization under the VOC General Permit (NPDES number CAG912003, general waste discharge requirements for discharge or reuse of extracted and treated groundwater resulting from the cleanup of groundwater polluted by volatile organic compounds). Previously the Discharger could not obtain discharge authorization under the VOC General Permit because the Discharger's activated carbon treatment system could not remove Freon 12 and Freon 22 to effluent limits required by the VOC General Permit. Since 1998 the Discharger has conducted effluent chronic toxicity and has sufficient data that demonstrates the effluent contains no harmful levels of Freon 12 and Freon 22. In June 2002 the VOC General Permit was amended to delete the "Any Other VOC" effluent limit which includes Freon 12 and Freon 22. The Discharger will continue the regular monitoring for Freon 12 and Freon 22.

3. The rescissions of waste discharge requirements (NPDES permits) for these discharges are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
4. The Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements (NPDES permits) for these discharges, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
5. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Orders Number 97-119 and Number 97-120 are rescinded.

I, Loretta K. 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 October 16, 2002.



Loretta K. Barsamian
Executive Officer