

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 77-57

UNIVERSAL PROCESSORS, INCORPORATED
Thermal - Riverside County

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

1. Universal Processors, Inc., hereinafter also referred to as the discharger, P. O. Box 292, Thermal, California 92274, operates a carrot processing facility located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 22, T6S, R8E, SBB&M, Thermal, California. Process wastewater is contained at the plant in storage tanks and is then transported by tank truck from the plant to a 30 acre field in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26, T6S, R8E, SBB&M. Final disposal is accomplished by spreading the wastewater on the above-mentioned field.
2. The Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements for this discharge on November 18, 1976, in Order No. 76-65. Said requirements were adopted for the discharge of a maximum of 100,000 gallons-per-operating-day of carrot processing wastewater onto the 30 acre field described in Finding No. 1 (above). The discharger stated in his Report of Waste Discharge that the wastewater was to be stored in four (4) 2500 gallon storage tanks on the plant site, transported by truck to the disposal field, and stored in a 200,000 gallon capacity earthen basin constructed on the disposal field. Final disposal was to be by spreading the wastewater on the field.
3. The waste discharge requirements provide, in part, as follows:
 - A. Discharge Specifications and Prohibitions
 1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall cause a pollution or a nuisance.
 2. Wastewater discharged to land shall be confined to the designated land disposal area.

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3. Wastewater discharged from the storage basin to land shall not be allowed to pond, unless such ponding is operated in a technical manner in order to prevent a nuisance condition.
 7. A minimum freeboard depth of one foot shall be maintained at all times in the basin.
 10. The discharger shall remove and relocate any wastes which are discharged contrary to the requirements contained in this Order.
4. On March 25, 1977, the Board staff inspected Universal Processors, Inc., accompanied by Mr. Ralph Christensen, plant manager, and found the following:
 - a. Odors were detected at the disposal site in violation of requirement A.1.
 - b. Wastewater was ponded in the land disposal area in violation of requirement A.3.
 - c. Wastewater containing organics was ponded at the plant site in violation of requirement A.2.
 5. On April 22, 1977, the Board staff inspected Universal Processors, Inc., and found the following violations:
 - a. Wastewater was being discharged to the disposal field indiscriminately with numerous pondings, in violation of requirement A.3.
 - b. Freeboard in the basin was approximately 10 inches in violation of requirement A.7.
 - c. Wastewater was ponded in front of the processing plant in violation of requirement A.2.
 6. On May 5, 1977, the Board staff inspected Universal Processors, Inc., and found the following violations:
 - a. Wastewater was being discharged to the disposal field indiscriminately with numerous pondings in violation of requirement A.3.
 - b. Wastewater was ponded along the road adjacent the disposal field and at several places around the processing plant in violation of requirements A.2. and A.3.

- c. Odors emanated from ponded wastewater both at the processing plant and disposal field in violation of requirement A.1.
 - d. Freeboard in the basin was approximately 8" to 10" in violation of requirement A.7.
7. The discharger has been directed to take such actions as may be necessary to comply with waste discharge requirements but has failed to do so.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, Universal Processors, Inc., shall:

1. Take all necessary actions to abate by July 1, 1977, the discharge of wastewater in violation of Order No. 76-65.
2. Cleanup by July 1, 1977, all wastewater and residues discharged in violation of Order No. 76-65.
3. Submit to the Regional Board by July 8, 1977, a technical report detailing all actions taken to achieve compliance with Order No. 76-65.

Failure to comply with this Order as directed may result in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action without further notice.

June 22, 1977
Dated

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Executive Officer