

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 78-52

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
TENNECO WEST INC.
CITRUS AND VEGETABLE PACKING PLANT
Thermal - Riverside County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. Tenneco West Inc. (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 758, Thermal, CA 92274, submitted a Report of Waste Discharge, dated March 21, 1978.
2. The discharger proposes to discharge a maximum of 100,000 gallons-per-operating-day, or a maximum total of about 71 acre-feet-per-year, of citrus and vegetable packing plant washwater into an earthen settling basin. A portion of the wastewater would flow into percolation beds and the remainder would be used for irrigation of about 6 acres of citrus trees. The discharge areas are located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T6S, R8E, SBB&M. There will be no tailwaters flowing to Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel or to other open channels.
3. This packing plant normally operates from November through July each year.
4. A Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin (7A) was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit.
5. The beneficial uses of groundwaters at the location of the proposed waste discharge are:
 - a. Deep groundwaters are used for Municipal supply, Agricultural supply and Industrial supply.
 - b. Shallow groundwaters are influenced by agricultural operations, are saline, and enter irrigation drains and flow to Salton Sea.

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6. The Regional Board adopted Order No. 74-130, NPDES No. CA0104230, on December 12, 1974 for discharge to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, and said Order is still in effect.
7. The Board has notified the discharger and interested persons and agencies of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
8. The Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
9. This wastewater disposal system constitutes an ongoing project in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State Guidelines because the governmental approvals on or after April 5, 1973, do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over such (activity) than the governmental approvals received prior to that date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the discharger shall comply with the following:

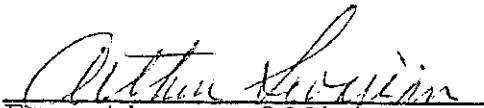
A. Discharge Specifications

1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. The discharge of overflow waters to Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel or to any irrigation drain is prohibited.
3. Poned wastewater shall be at least 50 feet from any water supply well.
4. Wastewater shall be contained within the discharge areas designated in Finding No. 2 (above).
5. Wastewater discharged to land shall be substantially free of settleable and floatable materials.

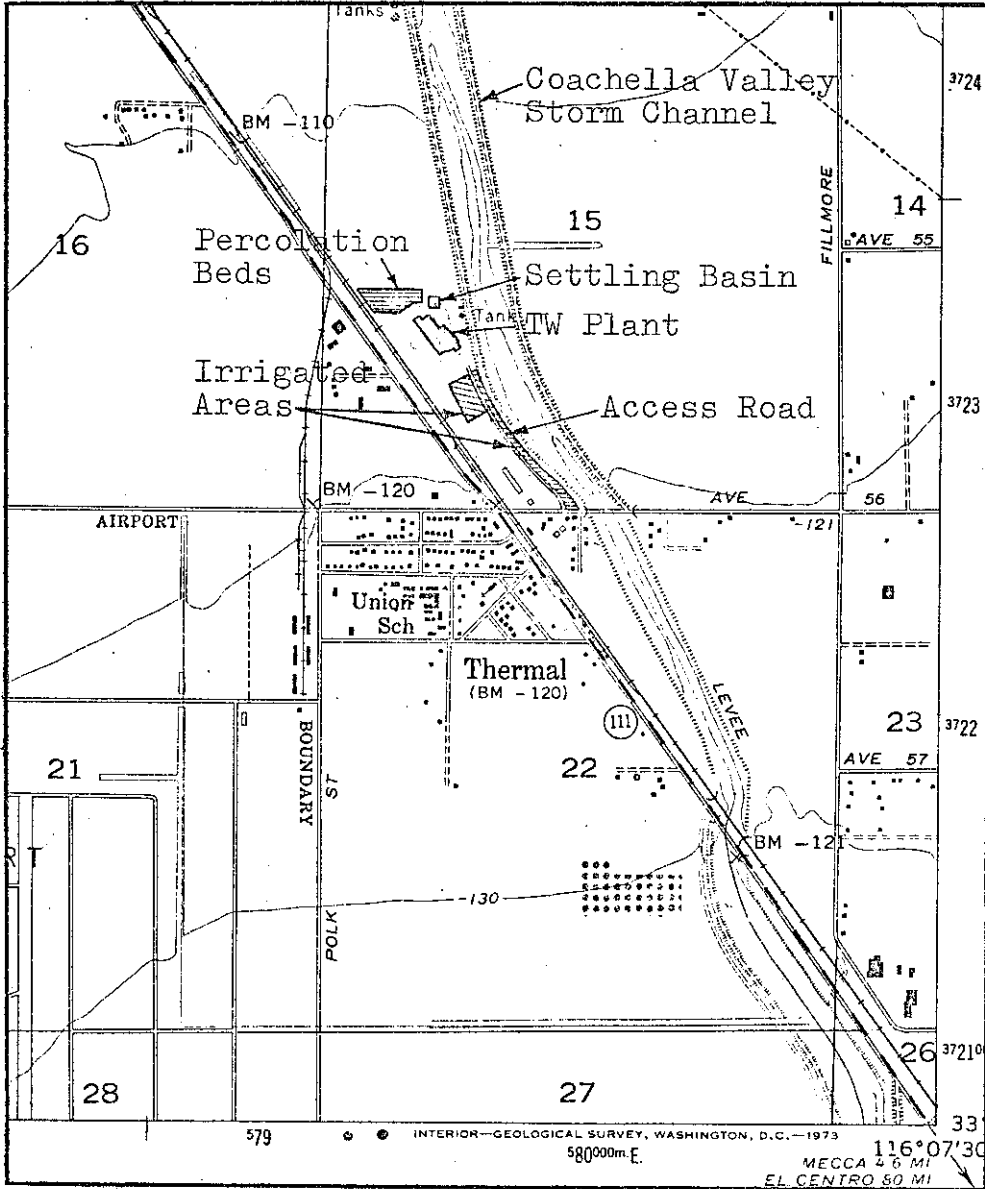
B. Provisions

1. Prior to any material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in the location of discharge, the discharger shall report thereon to the Board.
2. Upon request from this Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the discharge of wastes.

I, Arthur Swajian, 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, Colorado River Basin, on May 10, 1978.


Executive Officer

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 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T6S, R8E, SBB&M
 USGS Indio 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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