

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 80-49

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CITY OF EL CENTRO
Imperial County

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

1. City of El Centro (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Bin 1701, El Centro, CA 92243, discharges during an emergency and/or routine maintenance a maximum of 4.4 million gallons-per-day into 50 acres of earthen basins for final disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located near the center of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M.
2. The discharger reserves the basins for use as standby facilities during routine maintenance, power outages and other emergencies.
3. The wastewater is normally treated in an activated sludge type treatment plant and discharged into Central Drain. This discharge is subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 79-53.
4. There are no domestic wells within 500 feet of said standby facilities.
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Imperial Hydrologic Unit.
6. The beneficial uses of groundwaters at the location of the discharge are:
 - a. Deep groundwaters are saline and are being investigated for potential geothermal development.
 - b. Shallow groundwaters are influenced by agricultural operations, are saline, and enter irrigation drains and flow to Salton Sea.

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6/22/85*

7. The Board has notified the discharger and interested persons and agencies of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
8. The Board in a public hearing heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
9. These wastewater standby disposal facilities constitute 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:

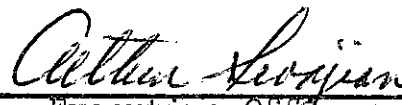
A. Discharge Specifications

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. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the standby facilities inoperable.
3. A minimum freeboard depth of at least two (2) feet shall be maintained at all times in the basins.
4. Sewage sludge shall not be discharged to any natural or artificial channel.
5. There shall be no surface flow of sewage away from the designated disposal area or into any drainage channel.
6. Standby facilities shall be maintained in a condition satisfactory for discharge thereto.

B. Provisions

1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
2. In the event of any change in control or ownership of land or waste disposal facilities, owned or controlled by the discharger, the discharger shall:
 - a. Notify this Board of such change; and
 - b. Notify the succeeding owner or operator by letter of the existence of this Order, a copy of which shall be filed with this Board.
3. This Order includes the attached " Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 80-49", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.

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 Region on July 9, 1980.



Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 80-49
FOR
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Location of Discharge: Near center of Section 25, T15S,
R13E, SBB&M

MONITORING

In the event of a routine maintenance and/or emergency discharge of wastewater to the basins, the City shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

1. Prior to discharge, inspect the standby facilities and report on the integrity of said facilities (Telephone Number: (714) 346-7491).
2. Estimate of average daily flow to basins and anticipated duration of discharge - reported monthly.

Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board monthly when wastewater is being discharged to the basins.

Submit monitoring reports to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Ordered by

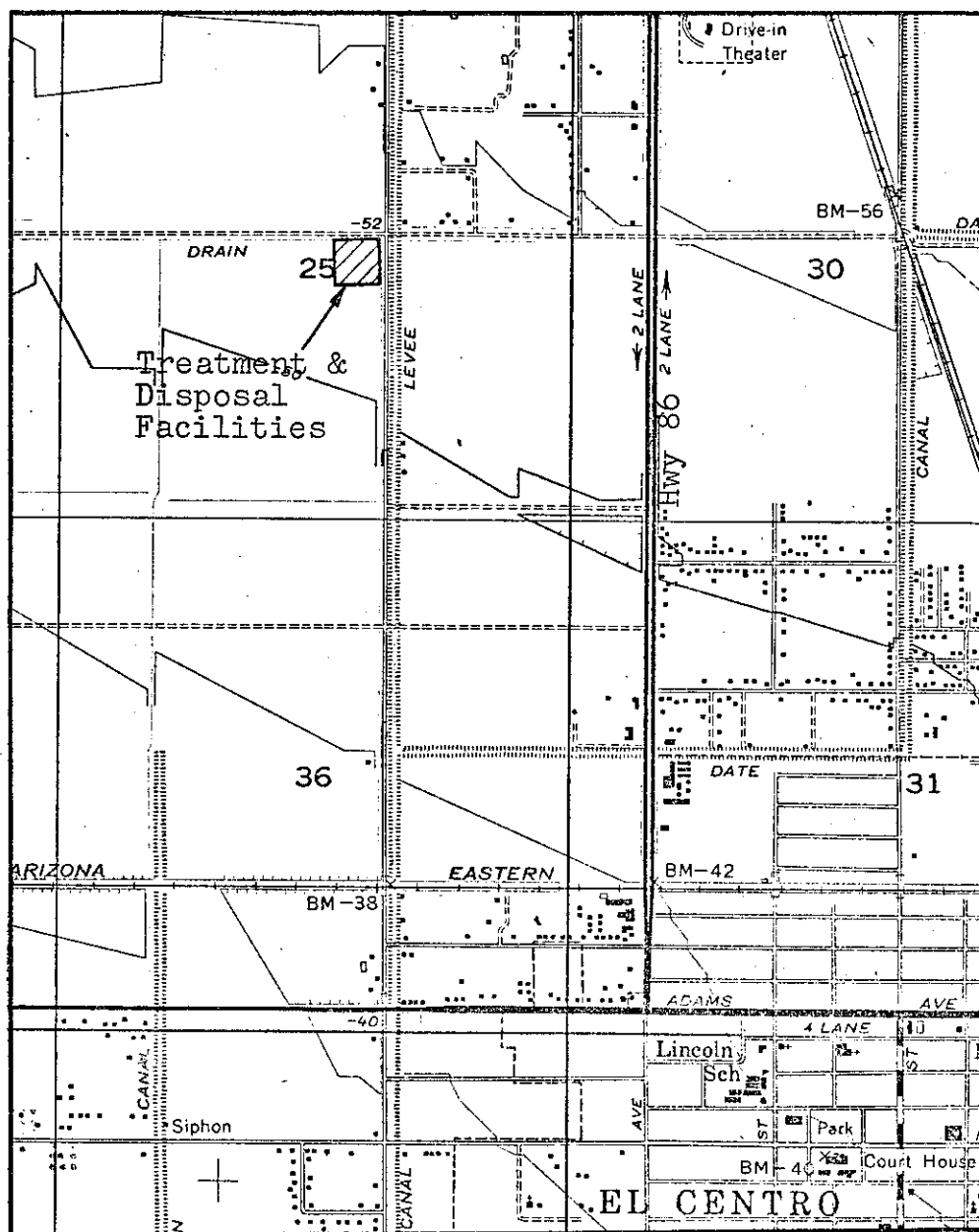
Arthur Levajian

Executive Officer

July 9, 1980

Date

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SITE MAP
CITY OF EL CENTRO
Imperial County
Near center of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M
USGS El Centro 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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