

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 83-54

IMPERIAL THERMAL PRODUCTS, INC.
SALT CONTAINMENT BASINS NEAR SALTON SEA
Imperial County

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

1. In accordance with the requirements contained in the Board's Resolution No. 67-1 and in accordance with the Board's Order No. 81-24, Revision No. 2, Imperial Thermal Products, Inc. (ITP), via correspondence from its Attorneys Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, dated August 2, 1982, submitted its plan for disposal of residual geothermal materials which are contained in the company's existing impoundments located in T11S, R13E, SBB&M, in the County of Imperial.
2. In its Order No. 82-52, dated September 22, 1982, the Regional Board determined that ITP's 120-acre facility contained only an insignificant amount of salts, and that salts removal therefore is not necessary.
3. The Board also determined that following completion of removal of geothermal material from the 98-acre impoundment located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, T11S, R13E, SBB&M, the existing levees of that impoundment may be breached to enable Salton Sea to seek its natural surface elevation therein.
4. In correspondence dated April 29, 1983, ITP proposes immediate breaching of levees surrounding the 120-acre facility, so that the Salton Sea may immediately seek its natural surface elevation by entering that impoundment area.
5. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to immediate breaching of the levees of the 120-acre impoundment to allow Salton Sea to immediately inundate that area.
8. The issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21000 et. seq.) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code in accordance with Sections 15104 and 15121 of Title 14, California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as follows:

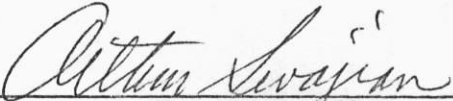
Accomplishment of the proposal of Imperial Thermal Products, Inc., as outlined in the letter dated August 2, 1982 from Horton, Knox, Carter and Foote, fulfill's the objectives of this Regional Board's Resolution No. 67-1, and of this Board's Order No. 81-24,

*Cancelled
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Revision No. 2 as to all dischargers named therein, and said proposal, which is by this reference incorporated herein, is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Regional Board cannot provide assurances concerning fulfillment of obligations and liabilities arising from applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, other than those which are attributable to Division 7 of the State Water Code.
2. Prior to ITP's breaching of any dikes protecting the 98-acre impoundment from which geothermal materials are required to be removed, ITP shall obtain written clearance from the Regional Board Executive Officer verifying completion of removal of such materials from said impoundment. Said prior clearance shall not be required for the breaching of dikes protecting the 120-acre impoundment, from which geothermal materials are not required to be removed.
3. This Order does not alter the effective status of said Resolution No. 67-1, or of said Order No. 81-24, Revision No. 2, pending completion of the removal work contained in the ITP proposal.
4. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 82-52.

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 May 18, 1983.



Executive Officer