CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-108 AGAINST THRIFTY OIL COMPANY

Calexico - Imperial County

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

- Thrifty Oil Company (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), 10000 Lakewood Boulevard, Downey, California, 90204, is the owner of A and A Service Station, located at 444 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, California, 92231.
- 2. An Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release Report was received in the Regional Board's office on September 5, 1986, indicating that gasoline odors were emanating from one of the three monitoring wells located on the site.
- 3. As a result of the above report, the discharger was requested orally by the Regional Board staff in September 1986 to submit hydrocarbon analyses of the ground water in the monitoring wells.
- 4. On October 31, 1986, the Regional Board received a laboratory analyses report prepared by Ground Water Technology Laboratory indicating that high levels of hydrocarbons are present in the ground water.
- 5. By letter dated January 22, 1987, the discharger was requested to conduct a complete subsurface investigation of the contamination and submit a technical report of the results to the Regional Board's office by March 24, 1987.
- 6. A preliminary technical report, prepared by Hydrotech Consultants, was received on July 24, 1987. However, it did not include the results of a complete subsurface investigation as requested in the Regional Board letter dated January 22, 1987.
- 7. Section 13304 of the California Water Code states, in part, that: "Any person.. who has caused or permitted... any waste to be discharged or deposited where it is, or probably will be discharged into the waters of the State and, creates, or threatens to create, a condition of pollution or nuisance shall upon order by the regional board cleanup such waste or abate the effects thereof or, in the case of threatened pollution or nuisance, take other necessary remedial action."
- 8. The discharger has caused, or permitted, the discharge of waste into the waters of the State, and created a condition of pollution.

- 9. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region indentifies the beneficial uses of the ground waters in the Imperial Hydrologic Subunit as:
 - a. Municipal
 - b. Industrial
- 10. Contamination of ground water with gasoline will significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
- 11. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, the discharger shall comply with the following:

- 1. Cleanup and abate the effects of the discharge of gasoline from the underground storage tank at 444 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, California.
- 2. By November 30, 1987, submit to the Regional Board the results of the complete subsurface investigation as requested in the Regional Board letter to the discharger, dated January 22, 1987.
- 3. By December 15, 1987 submit to the Regional Board a cleanup proposal for recovery of the free product in the ground water and extraction of the contaminated ground water.

ORDERED BY: <u>Allim Javayan</u>
Executive Officer

Oct. 14 1987

Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 87-108

FOR
THRIFTY OIL COMPANY
Calexico - Imperial County

MONITORING

- 1. Water discharged to the sanitary sewer system shall be monitored weekly for total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline for the first month, thence monitored monthly.
- 2. The volume of gasoline and ground water shall be measured during extraction.
- Extracted ground water shall be monitored for benzene, toluene, xylene(s), and ethylbenzene by EPA Method 602 prior to any treatment, weekly for the first month, and monthly thereafter.

REPORTING

- 1. The above monitoring data shall be submitted monthly to the Regional Board, by the 15th day of the succeeding month.
- 2. The monitoring data shall be mailed to:

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

ORDERED BY:

Date