

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-110
AGAINST
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Indio, Riverside County

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

1. Desert Sands Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), 82-879 Highway 111, Indio, California, 92201, discharges wastewater at its bus maintenance yard into a small earthen surface impoundment. The wastewater is generated during the steam cleaning of the bus engines.
2. The Regional Board staff were notified by the City of Indio Fire Department in a letter dated April 16, 1986 of the surface impoundment and the wastewater discharge.
3. On April 16, 1986 the discharger discontinued the use of a kerosene based solvent as a cleaner and replaced it with a biodegradable soap.
4. On April 14, 1987 this office requested the submittal of a technical report to determine if soil at the site is affected by petroleum hydrocarbons.
5. On August 31, 1987 this office received a technical report containing the results of a subsurface investigation at the site. The report shows that petroleum hydrocarbons are present in the surface impoundment and indicates that contamination of soil at the site is confined to the upper five feet. The depth to ground water at the site is about 25 feet.
6. Section 13304.(a) 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 clean up such waste or abate the effects thereof or, in the case of threatened pollution or nuisance, take other necessary remedial action. . . ."
7. The discharge of said wastewater to said surface impoundment threatens to create a condition of pollution in the ground water.
8. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of the ground waters in the Whitewater Hydrologic Unit as follows:
 - a. Municipal
 - b. Industrial
 - c. Agricultural

*Cancelled
3/28/89*

9. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, Desert Sands Unified School District shall:

1. Cleanup and abate the effects of the discharge of oil and grease from the steam cleaning operations at 82-879 Highway 111, Indio, CA 92201.
2. Submit to the Regional Board office by January 1, 1988, a technical report prepared by a qualified professional containing the results of a complete subsurface investigation of the contamination. The report must contain, as a minimum, the following:
 - a. A delineation and evaluation of the lateral and vertical extent of unconsolidated sediments and ground water (if any) affected by hazardous substances.
 - b. The geotechnical characterization of the soil and unconsolidated materials underlying and adjacent to the site.
 - c. A plan and time schedule to clean up and abate the effects of the discharge of oil and grease from the steam cleaning operation.

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Swajian

Executive Officer

October 28, 1987

Date