

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

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-65**

**AGAINST**

**CHEVRON U.S.A. INCORPORATED**

**Calexico - Imperial County**

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

1. Chevron U.S.A. Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 2833, La Habra, California 90631, is the owner of the Chevron Service Station No. 9-2693 located at 400 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, California 92231.
2. The Regional Board received an Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release Report and laboratory analyses on January 8, 1987, indicating that a high level of contamination by hydrocarbons is present in the soil and the ground water at the Chevron Service Station No. 9-2693.
3. By letter dated January 22, 1987, the discharger was requested to submit a technical report containing a complete subsurface investigation of the contamination.
4. On April 13, 1987, the Regional Board received a preliminary report prepared by Harding Lawson Associates (technical consultants for the discharger) regarding the gasoline contamination. The technical report indicates that the ground water is contaminated with gasoline with a significant amount floating on the water surface.
5. Section 13304 of the California Water Code states, in part, that:

"Any person . . . . who has caused or permitted . . . any waste to be discharged or desposited 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 of 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."
6. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
7. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of the ground water in the Imperial Hydrologic Subunit as:
  - a. Municipal
  - b. Industrial

8. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15308 and 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 or abate the effects of the discharge of gasoline in the ground water and soil at Chevron Service Station No. 9-2693 in Calexico, California.
2. By June 30, 1987, submit to the Regional Board a complete subsurface investigation, which includes a determination of the lateral and vertical extent of the contamination, as requested in the Regional Board letter to the discharger dated January 22, 1987.
3. Within two weeks of submittal of the technical report, submit a cleanup proposal for recovery of the free product in the ground water and extraction of the contaminated ground water.
4. Submit a report of waste discharge with the appropriate filing fee for the discharge of any water from the cleanup operation to the surface or ground water.

ORDERED BY: Arthur Levajian  
Executive Officer

May 27, 1987  
Date