

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 90-046  
AGAINST  
WILLIAM LEE  
Boulevard, California

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

1. William Lee (hereinafter referred to as the discharger) is the owner of property located at 40601 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, California 92005.
2. A rental unit located on said property was occupied by a tenant from February 1990 to May 1990.
3. There are several ground water wells located on said property, one of which is a hand-dug well, 25 feet deep and 4 feet in diameter, adjacent to the rental unit.
4. On May 6, 1990, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department was informed by the discharger of an illegal methamphetamine laboratory located within the rental unit on said property. The Sheriff's Department in turn notified the County of San Diego, Department of Health Services, Hazardous Materials Management Division (HMMD), which conducted an initial investigation on May 10, 1990. Laboratory analysis of samples collected from the hand-dug well indicated the presence of trichlorotrifluoroethane (Freon 113) above State Action Levels of concentration.
5. On May 11, 1990, this Regional Board office received a complaint report regarding the contaminated well and responded with an initial investigation of the site on May 15, 1990.
6. At the time of the Regional Board staff investigation on May 15, 1990, staff from HMMD were present conducting additional tests. HMMD had ordered the discharger to have the well pumped. A vacuum truck contractor pumped 1500 gallons from the well and disposed of the water as an industrial waste to the San Diego Metropolitan Sewer System. Analyses of samples collected, after the well recovered, indicate traces of contaminants remaining.
7. Additional testing is required to determine the full extent of the contamination.
8. Regional Board staff has determined that the trichlorotrifluoroethane contamination presents a threat to the quality of the ground water.
9. The discharger owns property upon which the discharge of waste or wastewater into the waters of the State occurred and which created a condition of pollution.

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10. Contamination of the ground water with trichlorotrifluoroethane would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.

10. 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 of 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."

11. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of the ground water in the Anza-Borrego hydrologic unit as:

- a. Municipal (MUN)
- b. Industrial (IND)
- c. Agricultural (AGR)

12. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15308 and 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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 trichlorotrifluoroethane at 40601 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, California.
- 2. Within two weeks of receipt of this Order, submit to the Regional Board a proposal for delineating the contaminant plume and a proposal for corrective action.

ORDERED BY: Phil Gruenberg  
Executive Officer

5-30-90

Date