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Mrs. Smita Sanghvi  
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BASELINE ROAD, CLAREMONT (FILE NO. 94-056)**

Our letter of August 14, 1997, transmitted tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and a tentative Cease and Desist Order for your waste discharge.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Board at a public meeting held on August 25, 1997, reviewed the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and the tentative Cease and Desist Order, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Orders Nos. 97-114 and 97-115 (copies attached) relative to this discharge.

The adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 97-114 would provide for an operating period of two years. At the end of that time, you must cease discharges from the system by (1) connecting to the sewer system; (2) commencing operation of a waste treatment system that complies with all Basin Plan requirement; or (3) cease operating the septic tank seepage pits system. The adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 97-115 would enforce compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-114.

You are required to implement Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 7821 on the effective date of Order No. 97-114. Your first monitoring report under these Requirements is due to this Regional Board by January 30, 1998. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, Attn: Data and Information Management Unit.

Please reference all monitoring reports to our Compliance File No. CI-7821. We would appreciate if you would not combine other reports, such as progress or technical reports, with your monitoring reports.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Ahmad Lamaa at (213) 266-7560.

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Attachments

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES  
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ORDER NO. 97-114  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
SMITA AND TARUN SANGHVI  
(CLAREMONT BOARD AND CARE)  
(File No. 94-056)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), finds:

1. Smita and Tarun Sanghvi (sole proprietorship, hereinafter Discharger) has filed a report of waste discharge to discharge 2,300 gallons per day of domestic wastewater from Claremont Board and Care, an elder care facility, to a septic tank seepage pits system.
2. The Discharger will operate the Claremont Board and Care, located at 715 Base Line Road (unincorporated Los Angeles County area), Claremont, California (Figure No. 1). The facility is under construction and will consist of twenty units for elderly people 60 years and older with a centralized kitchen and common dining and living areas, for 30 people including staff.
3. The facility is located in a parcel of the unincorporated Los Angeles County area, adjacent to the City of Claremont, which is a predominantly single family residential area. This area is currently unsewered and relies on septic tank systems for disposal of domestic waste. The City of Claremont sanitary sewer line is located approximately 450 feet away from the proposed facility property line. The Discharger has installed a dry sewer line leading up to the property line on Baseline Road. In the past, the Discharger attempted to gain access to the City of Claremont sanitary sewer system; however, being located outside of the City of Claremont boundary limit, the Discharger was denied the access to the sanitary sewer system. The City of Claremont maintains that the area has to be annexed first to be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system.
4. On March 31, 1993, the Los Angeles County Planning Commission approved the expansion of the existing care facility to a 20 unit facility. An appeal opposing the project was filed by residents in the area; however, on December 2, 1993, the County Board of Supervisors voted to deny the appeal and approved the project.
5. The Discharger proposes a septic tank seepage pits system for a limited period of two years from adoption of this Order. During this time, the Discharger will again attempt to gain access to the City of Claremont sanitary sewer system. If access to the City of Claremont sanitary sewer system still cannot be obtained, the Discharger proposes to install a wastewater treatment plant, or some other acceptable method of disposal, and eliminate reliance on the septic tank seepage pits system.

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6. The facility is located in Section 33, Township 1N, Range 8W, San Bernardino Base & Meridian. (The facility's approximate latitude is 34°10'30"; its longitude 117°46'17").
7. The project is located within Claremont Heights Area of the Upper Santa Ana Valley Basin.
8. The Board adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles River Basin on June 13, 1994. The Water Quality Control Plan contains beneficial uses and water quality objectives for groundwater within the Upper Santa Ana Valley Basin. The requirements contained in this Order, as they are met, will be in conformance with the goals and objectives of the Water Quality Control Plan.
9. The beneficial uses of groundwater in the Claremont Heights Area are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial supply, and industrial process supply.
10. On October 1, 1992, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning prepared a mitigated negative declaration for this project. No significant impacts on water quality were identified in the declaration.

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to issue Waste Discharge Requirements for this waste discharge, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Smita and Tarun Sanghvi shall comply with the following:

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

1. Wastes discharged shall be limited to domestic wastes only. No industrial or commercial wastewaters shall be discharged at this location.
2. The discharge of raw or inadequately treated sewage at any time is prohibited.
3. Radioactivity of the wastes discharged shall not exceed the limits specified in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 15, Article 5, Sections 64441 and 64443, or subsequent revisions.
4. Any wastes that do not meet the foregoing requirements shall be held in impervious containers, transferred elsewhere, and the final discharge shall be at a legal point of disposal.

**B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. There shall be no discharge of wastes to surface water or watercourses at any time.
2. The effluent discharged shall not contain heavy metals, arsenic, or cyanide in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the current California Drinking Water Standards.
3. In no case may the septic tank and seepage pits extend to within 10 feet of the zone of historic or anticipated high groundwater. The Discharger must submit certification that the septic tanks and seepage pits disposal system meet this requirement.
4. No part of the septic tank and seepage pits shall be closer than 150 feet to any water well, or closer than 100 feet to any stream, channel or other watercourse.
5. Adequate facilities shall be provided to divert storm waters away from the septic tanks and seepage pits disposal system, and from areas where any potential pollutants are stored.
6. The septic tank and seepage pits disposal system shall be protected from damage by storm flows, or runoff.
7. Wastes discharged shall at no time contain, any substance in concentrations toxic to human, animal, plant, or aquatic life.
8. The septic tank and seepage pits disposal system shall be maintained in such a manner that at no time will sewage be permitted to surface or overflow at any location.
9. Odors of sewage origin shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the property owned or controlled by the Discharger.
10. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of waste shall create a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance, or problems due to breeding of mosquitos, midges, flies, or other pests.
11. Wastes shall not be disposed of in geologically unstable areas or so as to cause earth movement.
12. Wastes discharged shall not impart tastes, odors, color, foaming or other objectionable characteristics to receiving groundwater.

13. There shall be no onsite disposal of sludge. Any offsite disposal of sewage or sludge shall be made only to a legal point of disposal, and in accordance with provisions of Division 7.5 of the California Water Code. For the purpose of these requirements, a legal point of disposal is defined as one for which Waste Discharge Requirements have been established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and which is in full compliance therewith.

C. PROVISIONS

1. A copy of these Waste Discharge Requirements shall be maintained at the facility so as to be available at all times to operating personnel.
2. The Discharger shall submit a yearly technical progress report to this Regional Board to report on the progress of alternative methods to cease the use of the septic tank seepage pits system within two years from the effective date of this Order, and to find other means to dispose of the domestic wastes, in details, with a specific time schedule thereto. This progress report is due on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, starting in 1998.
3. The Discharger shall file with the Regional Board technical reports on self-monitoring work performed according to the detailed specifications contained in the Monitoring and Reporting Program, as directed by the Executive Officer. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the location and/or times specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reported to the Regional Board.
4. The Discharger shall notify this Board within 24 hours of any adverse conditions as a result of the discharge of wastewater from this facility; written confirmation shall follow within 7 days. This information shall be confirmed in the next monitoring report. In addition, the report shall also include the reasons for the violations or adverse conditions, the steps being taken to correct the problem (including dates thereof), and the steps being taken to prevent a recurrence.
5. The Discharger shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services for construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, and abandonment of subsurface sewage disposal systems.
6. This Order does not alleviate the responsibility of the Discharger to obtain other necessary local, state, and federal permits to construct facilities necessary for compliance with this Order; nor does this Order prevent imposition of additional standards, requirements, or conditions by any other regulatory agency.
7. Prior to any necessary repair to the septic tank and/or seepage pits disposal system, an engineer's analysis is required as to the completeness and determination of the effectiveness of the proposed repair work.

8. The Discharger shall file a written report with this Board within 90 days after the average dry-weather waste-flow for any month equals or exceeds 90 percent of the design capacity of the septic tanks and seepage pits disposal system. The report shall detail provisions to cope with the flows in excess of that figure.
9. Any discharge of wastewater at any point(s) other than specifically described in this Order is prohibited, and constitutes a violation of the Order.
10. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
  - (b) Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose all relevant facts;
  - (c) A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.
11. The Discharger shall furnish, within a reasonable time, any information the Regional Board may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order. The Discharger shall also furnish to the Regional Board, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this Order.
12. This Order includes "Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge Requirements". If there is any conflict between provisions stated herein and the "Standard Provisions", those provisions stated herein will prevail.
13. This Order expires on August 25, 1999.

I, Dennis A. Dickerson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on August 25, 1997

  
DENNIS A. DICKERSON  
Executive Officer

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