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November 29, 2004

Mr. John Medrano, Territory Manager ExxonMobil Oil Corporation 3700 West 190th Street, #TPT-2 Torrance, CA 90509 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7002 2410 0005 0647 7614

Dear Mr. Medrano:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION, MOBIL SERVICE STATION 18-EYP, 1030 S. HACIENDA BOULEVARD, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-8613)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0111, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0111 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8613. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations. The groundwater discharge flows into San Jose Creek, downstream of the 71 Freeway, thence to the San Gabriel River. Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B.8.d. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit.</u> When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8613 and NPDES No. CAG994004", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document. In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

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We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2003-0111 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously or download a copy of the Order from our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/general_permits.html.

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If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan Bishop Executive Officer

Enclosures

General NPDES Permit No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8613

CC:

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FACT SHEET WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION (MOBIL SERVICE STATION 18-EYP)

NPDES NO. CAG994004 CI-8613

FACILITY ADDRESS

FACILITY MAILING ADDRESS

1030 S. Hacienda Boulevard Hacienda Heights, California 3700 W. 190th Street, #TPT-2 Torrance, CA 90509

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

ExxonMobil Oil Corporation proposes to discharge treated groundwater from the Mobil Service Station 18-EYP located at 1030 S. Hacienda Boulevard, Hacienda Heights, California. Groundwater beneath the site is impacted with petroleum-fuel compounds. Prior to discharge, the groundwater will be pumped into a holding tank, passed through particulate filters, and treated by a bioreactor and granular activated carbon canisters installed in series.

VOLUME AND DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGE:

Up to 86,400 gallons per day of treated groundwater will be discharged. The treated groundwater will be discharged to a nearby storm drain located along Hacienda Boulevard. This storm drains flows into San Jose Creek (Latitude: 34° 00' 42", Longitude: 117° 57' 45"), a water of the United States. The project location map and the process flow diagram are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

APPLICABLE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Based on the information provided in the NPDES Application Supplemental Requirements, the following constituents listed in the Table below have been determined to show reasonable potential to exist in the discharge. The discharge of treated groundwater drains into San Jose Creek, downstream of the 71 Freeway, thence to the San Gabriel River that is designated as MUN (Potential) beneficial use. Therefore, the discharge limitations under the "Other Waters" column apply to the discharge. Based on the effluent hardness value submitted, an appropriate discharge limitation for hardness-dependent metals has been selected according to Section E.1.b. of the Order. The limitations specified in Attachment B.8.d. of the Order are applicable to this discharge.

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This table lists the specific constituents and effluent limitations applicable to the discharge.

Constituents	Units	Discharge Limitations		
		Daily Maximum	Monthly Average	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	750		
Sulfate	mg/L	300		
Chloride	mg/L	180		
Boron	mg/L	1		
Nitrogen ¹	mg/L	8		
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	150	50	
Turbidity	NTU	150	50	
BOD ₅ 20°C	mg/L	30	20	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	15	10	
Settleable Solids	ml/L	0.3	0.1	
Sulfides	mg/L	1.0		
Phenols	mg/L	1.0		
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	0.1		
Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	mg/L	0.5		
Volatile Organic Compounds				
Benzene	μg/L	1		
Toluene	μg/L	150		
Ethylbenzene	μg/L	700		
Xylenes	μg/L	1750		
Ethylene Dibromide	μg/L	0.05		
Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE)	μg/L	5.0		
Napthalene	μg/L	21		
Miscellaneous		and the second second		
Tertiary Butyl Alcohol (TBA)	μg/L	12		
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	μg/L	100		
Metals				
Arsenic	μg/L	50		
Copper	μg/L	20.8	10.4	
Lead	μg/L	8.7	4.4	

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Nitrate-nitrogen plus nitrite nitrogen.

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FREQUENCY OF DISCHARGE:

The discharge of treated groundwater will be intermittent and will continue until the site cleanup has been completed.

REUSE OF WATER:

Offsite disposal of treated waste is not feasible due to high cost of disposal. Discharge to the sewer is not feasible because of inaccessibility and the high cost of sewer connection. The property and the immediate vicinity have no landscaped areas that require irrigation. Since there are no feasible reuse options, the groundwater will be discharged to the storm drain.

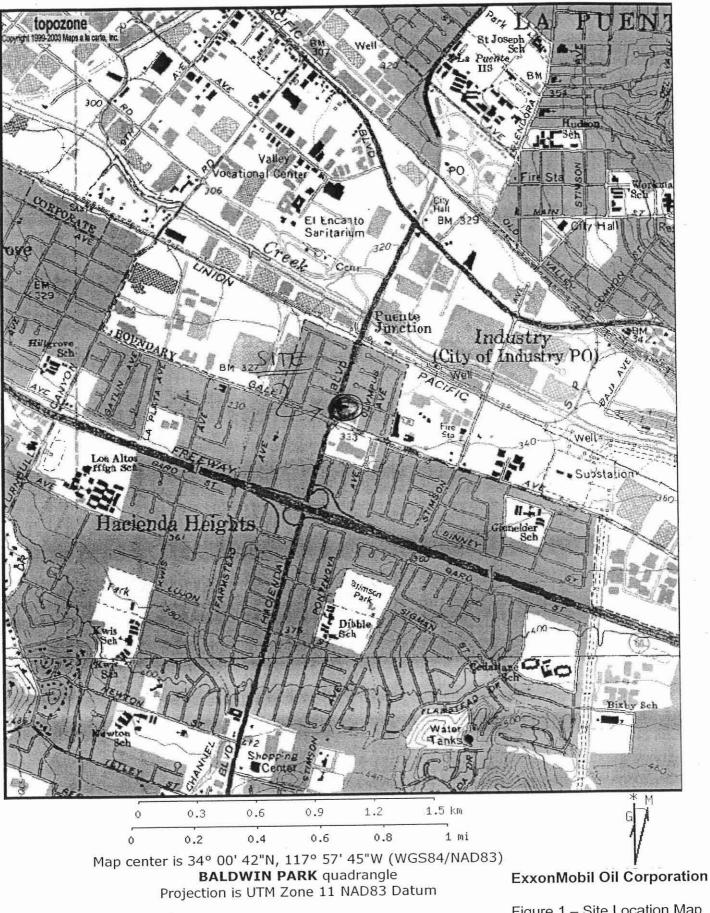
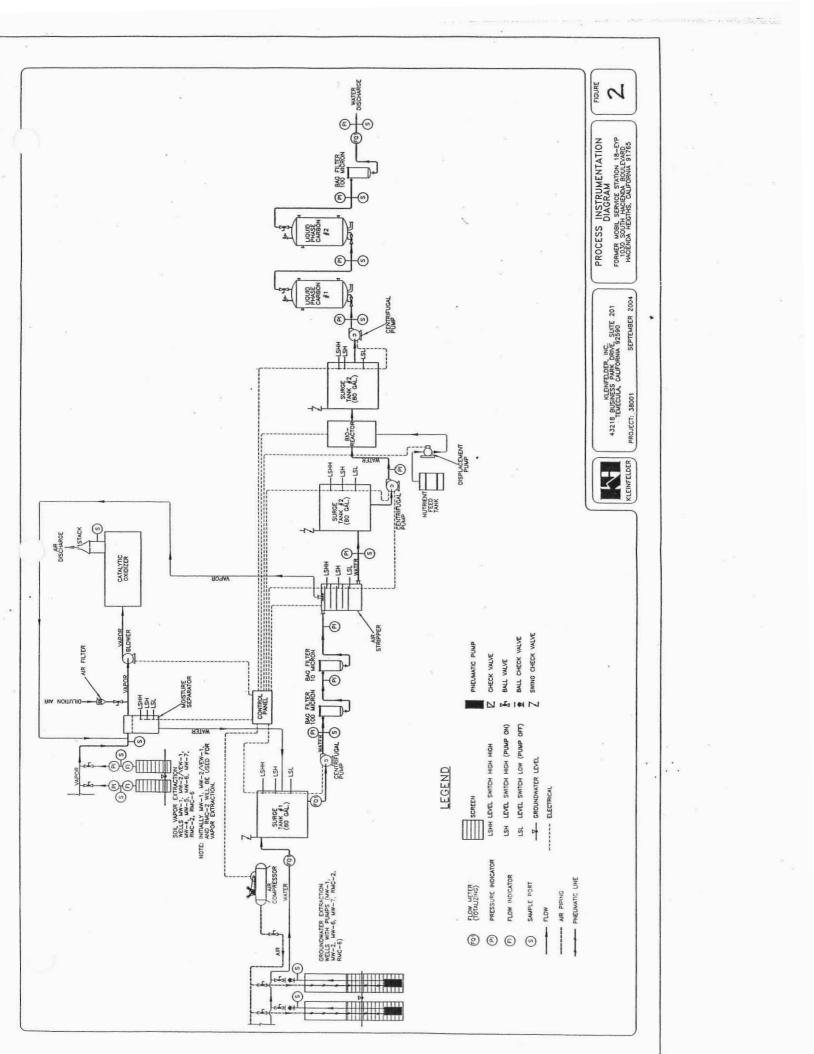


Figure 1 – Site Location Map



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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI-8613 FOR EXXONMOBIL CORPORATION (MOBIL SERVICE STATION 18-EYP)

(NPDES NO. CAG994004)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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A. The discharger shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of this permit. The discharger shall submit monitoring reports to the Regional Board by the dates in the following schedule:

Reporting Period	Report Due
January - March	May 15
April - June	August 15
July - September	November 15
October - December	February 15

- B. The first monitoring report under this Program is due by February 15, 2005. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state.
- C. All monitoring reports shall include the discharge limitations in the Order, tabulated analytical data, the chain of custody form, and the laboratory report (including but not limited to date and time of sampling, date of analyses, method of analysis and detection limits).
- D. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-compliance" which discusses the compliance record and corrective action taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall clearly list all non-compliance with waste discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
- E. Before commencing a new discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be collected and analyzed for toxicity and for all the constituents listed in the Fact Sheet and the test results must meet all applicable limitations of Order No. R4-2003-0111.

II. SAMPLE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS (AS APPROPRIATE)

- A. Daily samples shall be collected each day.
- B. Weekly samples shall be collected on a representative day of each week.
- C. Monthly samples shall be collected on a representative day of each month.

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- D. Quarterly samples shall be collected in February, May, August, and November.
- E. Semi-annual samples shall be collected in May and November.
- F. Annual samples shall be collected in November.

III. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Sampling station(s) shall be established at the discharge point and shall be located where representative samples of the effluent can be obtained. Provisions shall be made to enable visual inspections before discharge. In the event of presence of oil sheen, debris, and/or other objectionable materials or odors, discharge shall not commence until compliance with the requirements is demonstrated. All visual observations shall be included in the monitoring report.
- B. If monitoring result indicate an exceedance of a limit contained in Order R4-2003-0111, the discharge shall be terminated and shall only be resumed after remedial measures have been implemented and full compliance with the requirements has been ascertained.
- C. In addition, as applicable, following an effluent limit exceedance, the discharger shall implement the following accelerated monitoring program:
 - 1. Monthly monitoring shall be increased to weekly monitoring,
 - 2. Quarterly monitoring shall be increased to monthly monitoring,
 - 3. Semi-annually monitoring shall be increased to quarterly, and
 - 4. Annual monitoring shall be increased to semi-annually.

If three consecutive accelerated monitoring events demonstrate full compliance with effluent limits, the discharger may return to the regular monitoring frequency, with the approval of the Executive Officer of the Regional Board.

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1. 1.		Type of	Minimum Frequency
Constituent	Units	Sample	of Analysis
Flow	gal/day	totalizer	monthly ¹
рН	pH units	grab	quarterly
Temperature	°F	grab	quarterly
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Sulfate	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Chloride	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Boron	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Nitrogen ²	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Settleable Solids	ml/L	grab	quarterly
Sulfides	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Phenols	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Benzene	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Toluene	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Ethylbenzene	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Xylenes	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Ethylene dibromide	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Naphthalene	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA)	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Total petroleum hydrocarbons	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Arsenic	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Copper	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Lead	μg/L	grab	monthly ³
Di-isopropyl ether (DIPE)	μg/L	grab	annually
Tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME)	μg/L	grab	annually
Acute Toxicity	% survival	grab	annually

D. The following shall constitute the discharge monitoring program:

² Nitrate-nitrogen plus nitrite-nitrogen

¹ Record the monthly total flow and report the calculated daily average flow and monthly total flow in the quarterly and annual reports, as appropriate.

³ Samples shall be collected weekly for the first one month of operation and monthly thereafter, if no exceedance is observed.

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IV. EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING

- A. The discharger shall conduct acute toxicity testing tests on 100% effluent grab samples by methods specified in 40 CFR Part 136 which cites USEPA's Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater and Marine Organisms, October 2002, (EPA/821-R-02-012) or a more recent edition. Submission of bioassay results should include the information noted on pages 109-113 of the EPA/821-R-02-012 document.
- B. The fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas*, shall be used as the test species for fresh water discharges and the topsmelt, *Atherinops affinis*, shall be used as the test species for brackish discharges. The method for topsmelt is found in USEPA's *Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms*, Third Edition, October 2002, (EPA/821-R-02-014).
- C. If the results of the toxicity test yields a survival of less than 90%, then the frequency of analyses shall increase to monthly until at least three test results have been obtained and full compliance with effluent limitations has been demonstrated, after which the frequency of analyses shall revert to annually. Results of toxicity tests shall be included in the first monitoring report following sampling.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REPORTING

- A. The discharger shall inform this Regional Board 24 hours before the start of the discharge.
- B. All chemical, bacteriological, and toxicity analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) or approved by the Executive Officer. A copy of the laboratory certification shall be provided with the first monitoring report and each time a new and/or renewal is obtained from ELAP.
- C. Samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits as specified in 40 CFR Part 136.3. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy shall be submitted with the report.
- D. As required in part H.5. of Order No. R4-2003-0111, the monitoring report shall specify the USEPA analytical method used, the Method Detection Limit and the Minimum Level for each pollutant.

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VI. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION (AS APPLICABLE)

- A. Compliance with single constituent effluent limitation If the concentration of the pollutant in the monitoring sample is greater than the effluent limitation and greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.5. of Order R4-2003-0111), then the Discharger is out of compliance.
- B. Compliance with monthly average limitations In determining compliance with monthly average limitations, the following provisions shall apply to all constituents:
 - a. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, does not exceed the monthly average limit for that constituent, the Discharger has demonstrated compliance with the monthly average limit for that month.
 - b. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, exceeds the monthly average limit for any constituent, the Discharger shall collect four additional samples at approximately equal intervals during the month. All five analytical results shall be reported in the monitoring report for that month, or 45 days after results for the additional samples were received, whichever is later.

When all sample results are greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.5. of Order R4-2003-0111), the numerical average of the analytical results of these five samples will be used for compliance determination.

When one or more sample results are reported as "Not-Detected (ND)" or "Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ)" (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.5. of Order R4-2003-0111), the median value of these four samples shall be used for compliance determination. If one or both of the middle values is ND or DNQ, the median shall be the lower of the two middle values.

- c. In the event of non-compliance with a monthly average effluent limitation, the sampling frequency for that constituent shall be increased to weekly and shall continue at this level until compliance with the monthly average effluent limitation has been demonstrated.
- d. If only one sample was obtained for the month or more than a monthly period and the result exceed the monthly average, then the Discharger is in violation of the monthly average limit.

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- C. Compliance with effluent limitations expressed as a sum of several constituents If the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations is greater than the effluent limitation, then the Discharger is out of compliance. In calculating the sum of the concentrations of a group of pollutants, consider constituents reported as ND or DNQ to have concentrations equal to zero, provided that the applicable ML is used.
- D. Compliance with effluent limitations expressed as a median in determining compliance with a median limitation, the analytical results in a set of data will be arranged in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order); and
 - a. If the number of measurements (n) is odd, then the median will be calculated as = $X_{(n+1)/2}$, or
 - b. If the number of measurements (n) is even, then the median will be calculated as = $[X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1}]$, i.e. the midpoint between the n/2 and n/2+1 data points.
- E. In calculating mass emission rates from the monthly average concentrations, use one half of the method detection limit for "Not Detected" (ND) and the estimated concentration for "Detected, but Not Quantified" (DNQ) for the calculation of the monthly average concentration. To be consistent with section VI.C., if all pollutants belonging to the same group are reported as ND or DNQ, the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations should be considered as zero for the calculation of the monthly average concentration.

VII. NOTIFICATION

- A. The discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing prior to discharge of any chemical which may be toxic to aquatic life. Such notification shall include:
 - 1. Name and general composition of the chemical,
 - 2. Frequency of use,
 - 3. Quantities to be used,
 - 4. Proposed discharge concentrations and,
 - 5. EPA registration number, if applicable.

No discharge of such chemical shall be made prior to obtaining the Executive Officer's approval.

B. The discharger shall notify the Regional Board via telephone and/or fax within 24 hours of noticing an exceedance above the effluent limits in Order No. R4-2003-0111. The discharger shall provide to the Regional Board within 14 days of observing the exceedance a detailed statement of the

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actions undertaken or proposed that will bring the discharge into full compliance with the requirements and submit a timetable for correction.

VIII. MONITORING FREQUENCIES

Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted by the Executive Officer to a less frequent basis if the discharger makes a request and the request is justified by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted. However, monitoring frequency may also increase based on site-specific conditions.

Chief Depoty E.O. Jonathan Bishop Executive Officer

Ordered by:

Date:

November 29, 2004

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