

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2008-0024

RESCINDING VARIOUS WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, finds that the Board adopted the following Orders and Resolutions, which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

Order No. 73-122, adopted on 15 December 1972, prescribes requirements for the discharge of drilling mud from natural gas well drilling to an unlined sump. The Order names C. T. and Michael Joseph jointly as Discharger. The site ceased operating in the early to mid-1980s due to the death of Michael Joseph in 1980, the failing health of his father Clarence T. Joseph, and ongoing violations of the WDRs. The site has a complicated ownership and regulatory history; however in 2001, Larry Lewis purchased the site at a Sutter County tax sale. Since that time, the site has been cleaned up, and sump has been filled in and covered with clean soil. Staff verified these activities during a 28 November 2007 site inspection. Two shallow, non-operable monitoring wells remain at the site. Staff has directed Mr. Lewis to abandon these wells. Order No. 73 122 is being rescinded because the site is no longer a threat to water quality. (WLB)

Order No. 85-201, adopted 26 July 1985 for Visalia Citrus Packing Group, prescribes requirements for the discharge of citrus packinghouse wastewater at its citrus packinghouse in Terra Bella in Tulare County. On 23 April 2007, the Discharger reported that it has ceased the discharge and sold the packinghouse facility to Elee, LLC, which plans a different use for the packinghouse facility that will not include generation of food processing wastewater. Rescission of Order No. 85-201 is appropriate. (JLK)

Order No. 92-056, adopted on 27 March 1992 for Beckman Instruments, Inc. (now known as Beckman Coulter), prescribes requirements for the discharge from a groundwater extraction, treatment, and disposal system (system). The system was installed and operated to restore groundwater quality in a Superfund site in the vicinity of Beckman-Coulter plant in Porterville, Tulare County. In September 2005, a Notice of Decision formally changed the groundwater remedy from active extraction and treatment to monitored natural attenuation. On 9 September 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the Discharger's request to abandon and demolish the system. In a 5 December 2007 letter to the Regional Water Board, the Discharger reported that it had completed groundwater remediation work at the site, ceased the discharge of treated groundwater, decommissioned the system, and requested rescission of the WDRs. Rescission of Order No. 92 056 is appropriate. (JLK)

WDRs Order No. R5-2004-0160, adopted 15 October 2004, prescribed requirements for Contigroup Companies and French Camp Grain Elevator to inject zero-valent iron into the subsurface for insitu treatment of carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, 1,2-dichloropropane, and 1,2,3-trichloropropane. Three years of quarterly monitoring subsequent to the injection has identified that the reaction zone is limited to the area of the injection, and that downgradient constituents remain at or below baseline concentrations. The effects of the iron treatment on the distribution of contaminants continues to be evaluated through the implementation of a pilot study program involving recirculation of groundwater through the iron in conjunction with

Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2007-0826 adopted 5 December 2007. Therefore, WDRs R5-2004-0160 are no longer needed and should be rescinded (AST).

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. No. 95-001 (NPDES No. CA0083640) adopted 27 January 1995, authorized discharges of storm water from Caltrans Districts 3, 4, 6, & 10 in portions Of Contra Costa, Kern, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted a statewide Municipal Storm Water Permit for storm water discharges from all Caltrans facilities, properties and activities. The Statewide Caltrans Storm Water Permit, Order No. 99-06-DWQ, contained language stating that all individual Regional Board Storm Water Permits pertaining to Caltrans should be rescinded, and that they were no longer in effect and enforceable. Due to an oversight, Order No. 95-001 did not get rescinded at that time.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above waste discharge requirements Orders and Resolutions are rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 25 January 2008.

PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer