

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

IN THE MATTER OF:

California Steel Industries, Inc.)	Complaint No. R8-2002-0050
14000 San Bernardino Avenue)	for
Fontana, California 92335)	Mandatory Penalties

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT:

1. California Steel Industries, Inc. (CSI), is alleged to have violated provisions of law for which the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Board), must impose mandatory penalties pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 13385.
2. A hearing concerning this complaint will be held before the Board within 60 days of the date of issuance of this complaint, unless CSI waives its right to a hearing. If the hearing in this matter is not waived, the hearing will be held during the Board's regular meeting on October 25, 2002 in the City of Corona, 815 W. Sixth Street, Corona, CA. CSI or its representatives will have an opportunity to appear and be heard and to contest the allegations in this complaint and the imposition of mandatory penalties by the Board. An agenda and announcement for the meeting will be mailed to you not less than 10 days prior to the hearing date.
3. This complaint is based on the following facts:
 - a.) On June 25, 1999, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-39 (NPDES No. CA0105449), for CSI. These requirements regulate storm water runoff and process water discharges from CSI's facility to San Sevaine Channel and to Mulberry Ditch.
 - b.) CSI submitted self-monitoring reports (February 27, 2001, and December 31, 2001) which indicate that CSI exceeded discharge limits for total suspended solids, pH, and oil & grease on separate occasions. These violations are summarized in attachment "A" which is page 3 of this complaint.
4. Water Code Section 13385 (i) requires the Board to assess a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each effluent limitation violation, not counting the first three non-serious violations in each six-month period.
5. As shown in attachment "A", CSI incurred a total of 11 violations between February 27, 2001 and December 31, 2001. Of those 11 violations, 9 violations are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty in accordance with Water Code Section 13385(i). In accordance with Water Code Section 13385 (i), the mandatory minimum penalty for these violations is \$27,000.

6. In accordance with Water Code Section 13385(c), the Regional Board may impose administrative civil liability for the effluent limitations cited in Attachment "A". The maximum administrative civil liability that may be imposed for these violations is \$110,000.
7. The Executive Officer proposes that mandatory minimum penalties of \$27,000 be imposed on CSI by the Board for the violations cited above.
8. You may waive your right to a hearing. If you waive your right to a hearing, please sign the attached waiver and return it together with the attached invoice and a check in the amount of \$27,000.

If you have any questions regarding this complaint, please contact the undersigned at (909) 782-3284, Gary Stewart, Surveillance and Enforcement Section Chief at (909) 782-4379, or the Board's staff counsel, Jorge A. Leon, at (916) 341-5180.

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/s/
Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

ATTACHMENT "A"

Sampling Date	Discharge Points (DP) Mulbery Ditch-001 West Vault-002	PH VIOLATIONS > 8.5 units Monthly GRAB SAMPLES	Oil & Grease VIOLATIONS > 15 mg/L Monthly GRAB SAMPLES	TSS VIOLATIONS > 75 mg/L Monthly GRAB SAMPLES	NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY PENALTIES
01/10/01	DP-002			1*	1
02/27/01	DP-001			1	0
	DP-002	1	1*	1*	2
04/21/01	DP-002		1*	1*	2
11/12/01	DP-001		1*	1*	2
11/24/01	DP-001			1*	1
	DP-002			1*	1
TOTAL		1	3	7	9

* Serious violations

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WAIVER OF HEARING

California Steel Industries, Inc., agrees to waive its right to a hearing before the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board with regard to the violations alleged in Complaint No. R8-2002-0050. California Steel Industries, Inc., has enclosed a check made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$27,000 in settlement of Complaint No. R8-2002-0050. California Steel Industries, Inc., understands that it is giving up its right to be heard and to argue against allegations made by the Executive Officer in Complaint No. R8-2002-0050 and against the imposition of, and amount of, the mandatory penalties.

Date

for California Steel Industries, Inc.