

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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SUBJECT: Enforcement Report

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DISCUSSION

Violations Listing

Staff uses the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) to track Water Board data, including violations and enforcement actions. Attachment 1 is a CIWQS list of violations by dischargers between September 1, 2011, and October 31, 2011. CIWQS has a sewer system overflow (SSO) module that provides tracking and reporting of such spills.

Summary of Enforcement Activities

The following information summarizes significant enforcement actions taken by the Water Board during the period between November 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011.

Notices of Violation

City of Guadalupe Wastewater Treatment Plant, Santa Barbara County

Timber Harvest Plan 1-07-119 SCR Camp Lindblad

Monarch Grove Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County

Administrative Civil Liability Complaints

On December 19, 2011, the Assistant Executive Officer issued Complaint No. R3-2011-0218 to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for alleged violations at the California Men's Colony near San Luis Obispo. The complaint alleges 35 violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties for a total liability of \$105,000. If CDCR does not waive its right to hearing by January 23, 2012, enforcement staff will recommend an administrative civil liability order to the Board at the March meeting.

Greka Enforcement Update

In May 2010, the Water Board and Greka Oil & Gas, Inc. agreed to settle Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R3-2008-0063, in which enforcement staff alleged that Greka improperly stored or disposed of oil-contaminated soil in unauthorized piles on various properties in Santa Barbara County. Greka agreed to pay civil liability of \$1.2 million, \$200,000 of which Greka directed to a supplement environmental project and \$800,000 of which is suspended. \$400,000 of the suspended amount is contingent on Greka's reusing 34,500 cubic yards of soil from its existing soil piles on or before May 31, 2012.

Greka is making some progress toward the requirement to reuse 34,500 cubic yards. On September 30, 2011, Greka submitted its annual report required under the reuse general order. In the report, Greka documented that it reused the following amounts:

Quantity of Material Reused (cubic yards)	Source of Material	Reuse Project Name	Date Completed
444	Bell Ponds 2 Pile	Bell Lease Road Maintenance	5/27/2011
85	Battles Pile 1	Blochman Waste Pile Management Facility	9/30/2011
30	Battles Pile 2	Blochman Waste Pile Management Facility	9/30/2011
628	Blochman Pile 16	Bell 201H Road	9/30/2011
1,187	Total Material Reused		

On September 9, 2011, Water Board staff inspected Greka's Blochman waste pile management facility and the Bell road reuse project. Staff found Greka's reuse projects to be in compliance with the general order. However, at the rate of reuse demonstrated so far, it seems unlikely that Greka will reach the settlement agreement requirement by May 31, 2012. If Greka does not meet the requirement, the suspended \$400,000 is due and payable.

The second \$400,000 suspended amount is contingent on Greka's reusing all of the waste soils (an additional 34,500 cubic yards) by December 31, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for Board information; the Board may provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Violation List
2. List of Abbreviations