

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 98-240

CONFIRMING APPLICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-49 AND  
THE BASIN PLAN AS REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUNDWATER  
AND SOIL CLEANUPS  
AT MC CLELLAN AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the State entered into a Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Air Force to work cooperatively to cleanup contaminated groundwater and soils at McClellan Air Force Base (McClellan AFB); and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code, Division 7, Section 13001 states "It is the intent of the legislature that the state board and each regional board shall be the principle state agencies with primary responsibility for the coordination and control of water quality...."; and

WHEREAS, McClellan AFB is subject to the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, McClellan AFB is required to comply with State Applicable, Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) according to § 121(d) of CERCLA; and

WHEREAS, McClellan AFB submitted a Draft Final, Version 2, Basewide VOC Feasibility Study (VOC FS) evaluating alternatives to remediate soils and groundwater containing volatile organic contaminants;

WHEREAS, staff has informed McClellan AFB that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 92-49, *Policies and Procedures for Investigation and Cleanup and Abatement of Discharges under Water Code Section 13304* and the *Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan), Fourth Edition, for the Sacramento River Basin and San Joaquin River Basin, 1998*, are ARARs for the derivation of groundwater and soil cleanup levels; and

WHEREAS, on 4 December 1992 the Board adopted Resolution No. 92-236 regarding Mather Air Force Base stating that cleanup at CERCLA sites shall comply with State Water Board Resolution No. 92-49; and

WHEREAS, McClellan AFB has failed to recognize that Resolution No. 92-49 and appropriate portions of the Basin Plan are State ARARs for the derivation of groundwater and soil cleanup levels;

WHEREAS, McClellan AFB has met several times with the State and EPA regarding the alternatives in the VOC FS and has stated that the preferred alternative for remediation of groundwater and soils containing VOCs is Alternative 2B; and

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WHEREAS, staff has determined that Alternative 2B does not comply with the ARARs found in Resolution No. 92-49 and the Basin Plan: Therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT: The Board finds that the cleanup of contaminated groundwater and contaminated soils degrading/polluting or threatening to degrade/pollute groundwater or surface water on CERCLA sites shall comply with the following applicable State ARARs:

- a. California Water Code, Division 7, Section 13000 *et seq.*; and
- b. Water Quality Control Plan, Fourth Edition, for the Sacramento River Basin and San Joaquin River Basin, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board; and
- c. State Water Board Resolution No. 92-49, Policies and Procedures for Investigation and Cleanup and Abatement of Discharges under Water Code Section 13304; and
- d. State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 68-16, Policy for Maintaining High Quality Waters in California; and
- e. State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 88-63, Sources of Drinking Water; and
- f. Title 27, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 2, Subdivision. 1 (Section 20080 *et seq.*); and
- g. Title 23, CCR, Division 3, Chapter 15, (Section 2510 *et seq.*).

I, GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 11 December 1998.

  
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GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer

AMENDED 12/11/98