
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

22 February 2021

Jasjit S. Sihota
Amar JS Farms
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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS, WINERIES, AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION; AMAR JS FARMS; AMAR JS FARMS ALMOND OIL PROCESSING FACILITY; FRESNO COUNTY (ENROLLEE # R5-2020-0002-0045)

On 20 September 2020, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued Amar JS Farms (Discharger) a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for coverage under Resolution R5-2020-0002, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors within the Central Valley Region* (Small Food Processors Waiver). The NOA (Enrollee # R5-2020-0002-0045) was issued for the discharge of up to 5,000 gallons per year of wash water from the Discharger's almond oil processing facility (Facility) at 13113 South Fowler Avenue near Selma in Fresno County.

The NOA included a Notice to Comply with a deadline of 29 July 2021 to implement the requirements for the Nitrate Control Program. In addition, the Discharger was issued a Notice to Comply for the Salt Control Program on 5 January 2021. The Salt and Nitrate Control Programs were approved by the Central Valley Water Board in May 2018 and became effective on 17 January 2020. These programs were developed to address widespread salt and nitrate pollution in the Central Valley.

On 22 January 2021, Jasjit Sihota with Amar JS Farms submitted a letter requesting termination of coverage under Small Food Processors Waiver. According to the letter, the Discharger determined that it could accomplish its pre- and post-production equipment cleaning without the use of wash water. Therefore, coverage under the Small Food Processors Waiver is no longer required.

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With the elimination of the discharge, coverage under the Small Food Processors Waiver R5-2020-0002-0045 is terminated. In addition, the Notices to Comply for the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs for Amar JS Farms Almond Oil Processing Facility (CV-SALTS ID 3542) are no longer applicable and have been rescinded.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Katie Carpenter by phone at (559) 445-5551 or email katie.carpenter@waterboards.gov

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