

SOC RESOURCES, INC., VEDDER-USL LEASE, MOUNT POSO OIL FIELD, Kern County

SOC Resources, Inc. discharges nonhazardous oil field production wastewater to one unlined sump at the Vedder-USL Lease in the Mount Poso Oil Field; wastewater is then piped to SOC Resources, Inc.'s Jones Lease. To comply with Regional Board policy and State regulations, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) are being issued which contain a Monitoring and Reporting Program. The facility is located on the east side of the Tulare Lake Basin, approximately eighteen miles north of the City of Bakersfield. Land within the immediate area is used for oil production, cattle grazing, and agriculture. The discharge of oil field production wastewater to the sump is consistent with Basin Plan policy salinity limits. Aquifers underlying the facility are confined and not in hydraulic communication with the ground surface. The regional aquifer is 1800 feet below ground surface. The Order finds the discharge is exempt from the requirements of Title 27. (RKW)