

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 78-100

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
ELEPHANT CAR WASH  
Cathedral City - Riverside County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. Richard H. Fromme (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), 71-490 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, submitted updated information on September 8, 1978, on the discharge of wastes.
2. The discharger is discharging an average of 5,000 gallons-per-day of washwater from a car wash. The wastewater is discharged into a sand trap from which some is reclaimed for reuse and the residual is disposed of in seepage pits located in the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, T4S, R5E, SBB&M. Domestic sewage is discharged into a septic tank/seepage pit disposal system.
3. The discharger has reserved areas of sufficient size for 100% replacement of the seepage pits. These areas are designated on Attachment "A" incorporated herein and made a part of this Order.
4. The discharge of this car wash has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 72-51.
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit.
6. The beneficial uses of the groundwaters of the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit are:
  - a. Municipal supply
  - b. Industrial supply
  - c. Agricultural supply.

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7. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
8. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
9. This car wash constitutes an ongoing project in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State Guidelines because the governmental approvals on or after April 5, 1973, do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over such activity than the governmental approvals received prior to that date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the discharger shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Specifications

1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than domestic sewage and car wash wastewater shall be discharged at this location.
3. Wastewater discharged subsurface shall be retained underground with no surfacing.
4. There shall be no discharge of wastewater within 200 feet of any domestic water well.
5. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the discharge facilities inoperable.
6. Septic tank cleanings shall be discharged only by a duly authorized service.

B. Provisions

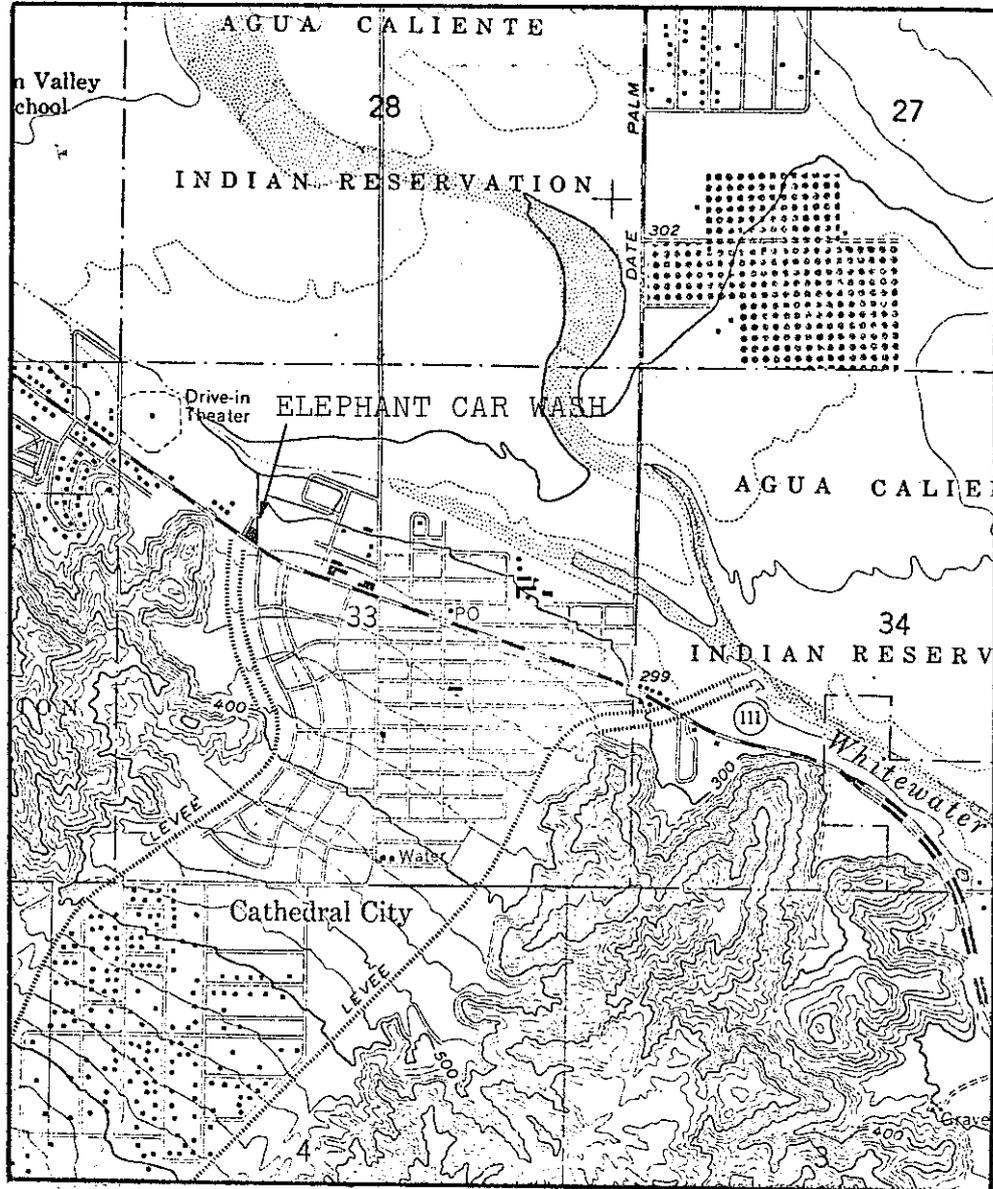
1. The areas reserved for 100% replacement of the seepage pits, as shown on Attachment "A", shall at all times be retained servient to this car wash, for the purpose of providing additional subsurface disposal capacity, until such time as this facility is connected to a municipal sewerage system.

2. Upon request from this Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the treatment and discharge of waste.
3. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
4. Prior to any change of ownership of this car wash, the discharger shall:
  - a. Specify as a condition of transfer that said disposal areas must remain servient to this facility, for the purpose of providing subsurface disposal capacity, until such time as this car wash is connected to a municipal sewerage system.
  - b. Notify the succeeding owner, in writing, of the existence of this Order, and forward a copy of said correspondence to the Regional Board.
5. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 72-51.

I, Arthur Swajian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on November 15, 1978.

  
Executive Officer

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SITE MAP

ELEPHANT CAR WASH

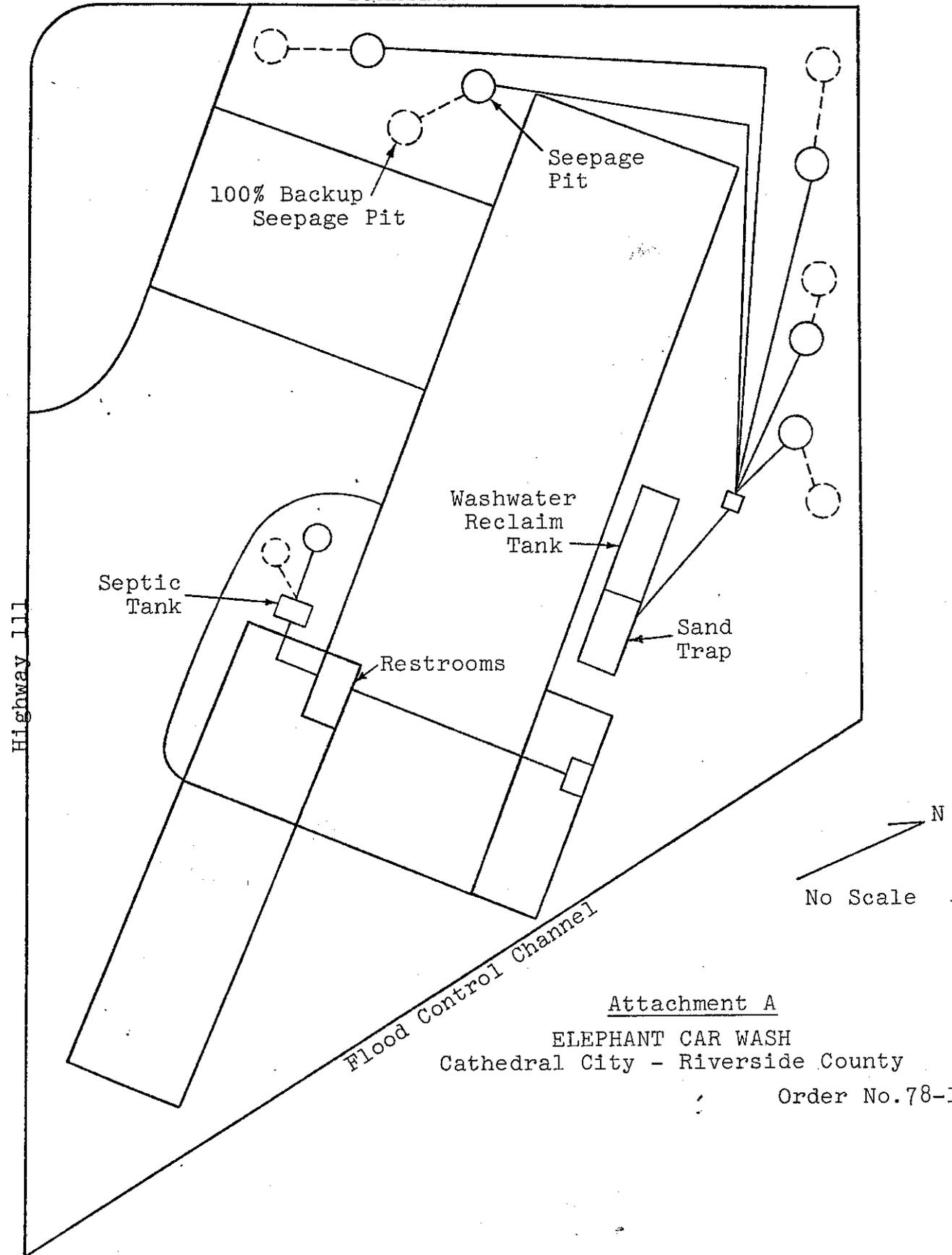
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S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, T4S, R5E, SBB&M

USGS Cathedral City 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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Bankside Drive



Attachment A

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