

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 78-70

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
ANZA MEAT PACKING COMPANY  
South of El Centro -- Imperial County

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

1. Anza Meat Packing Company (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 586, El Centro, CA 92243, submitted updated information on April 24, 1978, regarding its discharge of waste.
2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 10,000 gallons-per-operating-day of meat packing plant washwater. The wastewater, which results from the cleanup of the plant floors and equipment, is collected in pits where the fats are skimmed off, and then is diverted into one of two oxidation basins. Overflow from these basins is used to irrigate a pasture, which is grazed by non-milking animals.
3. The discharger states that solid wastes are hauled to an approved solid waste disposal site.
4. The discharge of wastes from this facility has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Resolution No. 70-3.
5. A Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin (7A) was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Imperial Hydrologic Unit.
6. The beneficial uses of groundwaters at the location of the discharge are:
  - a. Deep groundwaters are saline and are being investigated for potential geothermal development.
  - b. Shallow groundwaters are influenced by agricultural operations, are saline, and enter irrigation drains and flow to Salton Sea.

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7. The Board has notified the discharger and interested persons and agencies of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
8. The Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
9. This wastewater disposal system constitutes an ongoing project in accordance with the 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. The discharge of wastewater to any irrigation drain is prohibited.
3. The grazing of milking animals on any pasture irrigated with this wastewater is prohibited.
4. Wastewater shall be contained within the designated discharge areas.
5. A minimum depth of freeboard of at least two feet shall be maintained in the earthen basins.
6. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that unauthorized persons and animal pets are effectively excluded from contact with the discharge.
7. 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.
8. Reclaimed wastewater used for irrigation of pasture grazed by non-milking animals shall be in accordance with Section 60309, Chapter 4, Title 22 of the California Administrative Code, which requires the wastewater to have a level of quality no less than that of primary effluent, with settleable solids not to exceed 0.5 ml/l per hour as determined by an approved laboratory method.

9. Sludge removed from basins shall be discharged at a site approved by the Regional Board to receive this waste.
10. The maximum daily flow shall not exceed 10,000 gallons-per-operating-day.

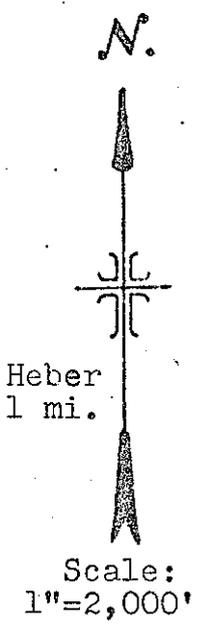
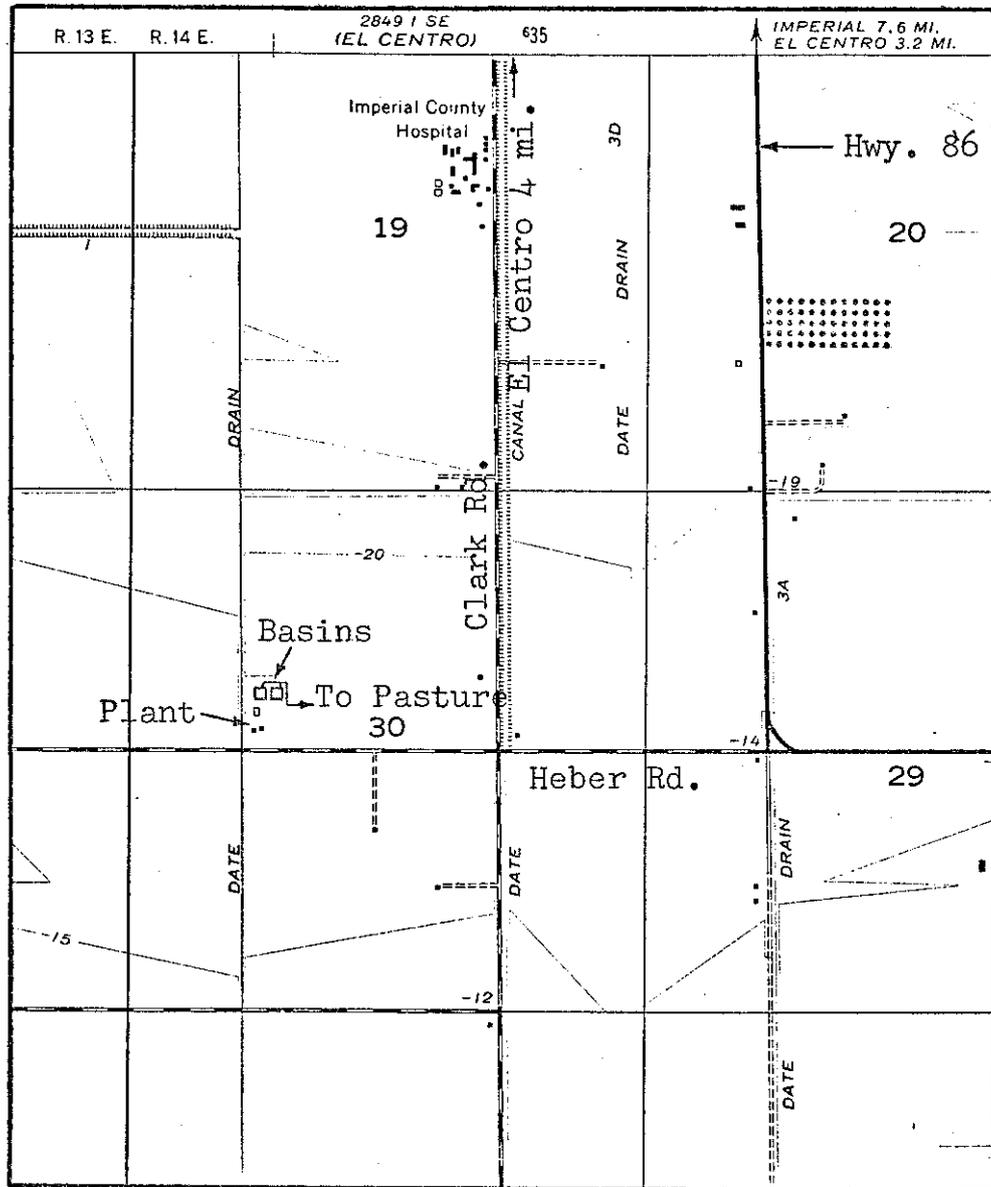
B. Provisions

1. Prior to any material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in the location of discharge, the discharger shall report thereon to the Board.
2. Upon request from this Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the discharge of wastes.
3. In the event of any change in operations, or in control or ownership of land and/or waste disposal facilities owned or controlled by the discharger, the discharger shall:
  - a. Notify this Board of such change; and
  - b. Notify the succeeding owner or operator by letter of the existence of this Order, a copy of which shall be filed with this Board.
4. This Order supersedes Board Resolution No. 70-3.

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 September 27, 1978.

  
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Executive Officer

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SITE MAP

ANZA MEAT PACKING COMPANY  
 South of El Centro - Imperial County  
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, T16S, R14E, SBB&M  
 USGS Heber 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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