CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 78-71

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOHN NORTON FARMS North of Palo Verde - Riverside County

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

- 1. J.R. Norton Company (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 1000, Blythe, California 92225, submitted updated information on April 10, 1978, regarding the discharge of wastes.
- 2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 2,500 gallonsper-day of domestic sewage from a development having 6 houses and 3 mobile homes. The wastewater flows by gravity into an oxidation basin located in the NE¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of Section 25, T8S, R21E, SBB&M. The basin is situated about 50 feet from the Palo Verde Drain, and about 1 1/2 miles north of the Palo Verde Lagoon.
- 3. The discharge of this development has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 71-1.
- 4. The Water Quality Control Plan for the East Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Colorado Hydrologic Unit.
- 5. The beneficial uses of the groundwaters of the Colorado Hydrologic Unit are:
 - a. Municipal supply
 - b. Industrial supply
 - c. Agricultural supply
- 6. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.

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- 7. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
- 8. This development 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:

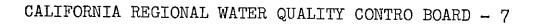
- A. Discharge Specifications
 - 1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
 - No wastewater other than domestic sewage shall be discharged into the sewage disposal system described in Finding No. 2 (above).
 - 3. A minimum depth of freeboard of at least two feet shall be maintained in the earthen basins.
 - 4. Treated or untreated sludge, or similar solid waste materials, shall be disposed of in such manner that these materials shall not enter any irrigation drain or any channel which drains thereto.
 - 5. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that unauthorized persons and animal pets are effectively excluded from contact with the discharge.
 - 6. 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.
 - 7. There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the discharge facilities.

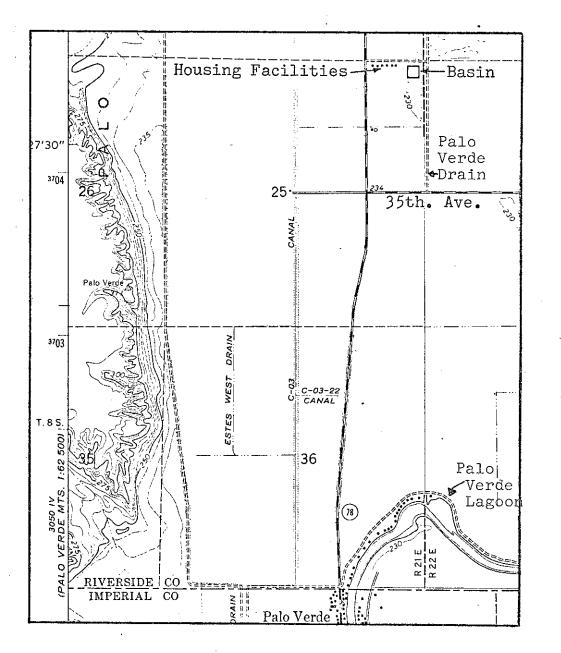
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- 8. There shall be no discharge, bypass, or flow of treated or untreated sewage to any irrigation drain or any channel which drains thereto.
- 9. There shall be no discharge of wastewater within 200 feet of any domestic water supply well.
- 10. Infiltration and holding facilities shall be maintained and operated so as to maximize infiltration and minimize the increase in salinity of the wastewater discharge.
- B. Provisions
 - 1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which could result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in 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 treatment and discharge of wastes.
 - 3. In the event of any change in operation, 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 Order No. 71-1.

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.

Executive





SITE MAP

JOHN NORTON FARMS North of Palo Verde - Riverside County NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄ of Section 25, T8S, R2LE, SBB&M USGS Palo Verde 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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