

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 83-20
AGAINST
MATICH CORPORATION

The Executive Officer, of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. Matich Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), P. O. Box 50000, San Bernardino, CA 92412, operates a concrete block manufacturing plant located northeast of Banning in Section 3, T3S, R1E, SBB&M, and Section 34, T2S, R1E, SBB&M.
2. On November 30, 1983, the Regional Board staff received a citizen complaint concerning the discharge of concrete pigment admixtures to the San Gorgonio River by Matich Corporation. The discharge reportedly had been occurring for many months and had periodically dyed the river flow various colors.
3. Regional Board staff inspection of the Matich facility on December 1, 1983 revealed that truck, tanks and miscellaneous equipment containing pigments and concrete mixtures are washed out along the banks of the San Gorgonio River. There is substantial buildup of layers of variously colored sediments on the bank of the San Gorgonio River and for several hundred yards downstream of the discharge point. Discoloration of the stream bed was observed for more than one mile downstream of the discharge point.
4. The San Gorgonio River is an ephemeral stream tributary to the Whitewater River. The Water Quality Control Plan identifies the beneficial uses of the San Gorgonio River as:
 - a. agricultural water supply
 - b. ground water recharge
 - c. water contact and noncontact recreation
 - d. wild life habitat
5. The discharge of pigments and concrete to the San Gorgonio River will adversely impact the above-listed beneficial uses.
6. Matich has failed to file an "Application for Permit to Discharge" and has not been issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, in violation of the Federal Clean Water Act and California Water Code.
7. This enforcement action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et. seq.) in accordance with Section 2714, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

*Rescinded
7/31/84*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 13304, Division 7, California Water Code, Match Corporation shall:

1. Take all necessary actions to immediately abate further discharge of concrete, pigment admixtures, or washwater to the San Gorgonio River, or any location tributary thereto.
2. Cleanup by January 6, 1984 all significant accumulations of pigments and concrete from the banks and stream bed of the San Gorgonio River. The method and areal extent of the cleanup and the location for disposal of cleanup wastes, shall be approved by the Executive Officer.
3. By January 14, 1984, the discharger shall submit to the Regional Board a technical report describing the wastes which had been discharged to the river and describing the cleanup operations.
4. By January 1, 1984, the discharger shall submit to the Regional Board either:
 - a) a technical report describing the methods utilized to eliminate the discharge of the subject wastes to the ground or to the river; or
 - b) a Report of Waste Discharge for the proposed discharge of the wastes onto land. The Regional Board will evaluate the proposed discharge to determine whether Waste Discharge Requirements will be issued, or whether the discharge will be prohibited.
5. This Order does not authorize Match Corporation to violate any federal, state, or local laws or regulations, or to trespass upon private property without permission of the property owner.

Failure to comply with this Order as directed may result in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action without further notice.

Dec. 6, 1983
Date

Arthur Swajian
Executive Officer