

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 88-144
AGAINST
FORD NEW HOLLAND, INCORPORATED
Blythe - Riverside County

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

1. Ford New Holland, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), 500 Diller, New Holland, Pennsylvania, 17557, is the owner of Ford New Holland, located at 14700 South Broadway, Blythe, California, 92225.
2. An Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release Report was received in this office on January 21, 1988 indicating that a diesel fuel leak was detected upon removal of an underground storage tank at Ford New Holland. A copy of laboratory analyses accompanied the report which indicate elevated levels of petroleum hydrocarbons present in saturated soil samples obtained from the tank excavation.
3. By letter dated February 1, 1988, the County of Riverside, Department of Health, Hazardous Materials Branch requested the discharger to conduct a remedial investigation of the soil and the potential for ground water contamination, and submit the results in a technical report within thirty days.
4. The Regional Board staff determined that the diesel contamination presents a threat to the quality of the ground water.
5. By letter dated February 5, 1988 the discharger was requested to submit a technical report containing the results of the subsurface investigation of the contamination in the soil and the ground water. The report was to be submitted by April 15, 1988.
6. On February 25, 1988 the Regional Board received a letter from the discharger transmitting a proposal for a site investigation and remedial action prepared by Terra Geotechnical, technical consultants.
7. A letter dated April 23, 1988 was received from the discharger requesting a time extension for submittal of the technical report and reporting the replacement of Terra Geotechnical with McLaren Environmental Engineering.

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8. By letter dated May 10, 1988 the discharger was granted a time extension to June 30, 1988 for submittal of the report.
9. On June 29, 1988 the Regional Board received a report from the discharger entitled, "Ford New Holland, Site Assessment, Blythe, California", prepared by McLaren Environmental Engineering.
10. By letter dated August 11, 1988 the discharger was requested to continue the subsurface investigation in order to fully delineate the contaminant plume, and to submit a revised cleanup plan and complete technical report by August 31, 1988.
11. A letter dated August 18, 1988 was received from the discharger which requested a time extension to September 16, 1988 for submittal of the technical report and cleanup proposal.
12. By letter dated August 29, 1988 the discharger was granted a time extension to September 16, 1988 for submittal of the technical report and cleanup proposal.
13. On September 16, 1988 the Regional Board received the report entitled, "Ford New Holland, Remedial Action Plan, Blythe, California", prepared by McLaren Environmental Engineering.
14. On October 6, 1988 Regional Board staff granted verbal approval of the Remedial Action Plan to McLaren Environmental Engineering.
15. The discharger has caused or permitted the discharge of waste into the waters of the State and created a condition of pollution.
16. Section 13304 of the California Water Code states, in part, that:

"Any person... who has caused or permitted... any waste to be discharged or deposited where it is, or probably will be, discharged into the waters of the state and creates, or threatens to create, a condition of pollution or nuisance, shall upon order of the regional board cleanup such waste or abate the effects thereof or, in the case of threatened pollution or nuisance, take other necessary remedial action."

17. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region identifies the beneficial uses of the ground water in the Colorado Hydrologic Unit as:
 - a. Municipal
 - b. Industrial
 - c. Agricultural
18. Contamination of the ground water with diesel would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
19. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15308 and 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, the discharger comply with the following:

1. Cleanup the effects of the discharge of diesel in the soil and ground water at Ford New Holland, Blythe, California, in accordance with the remedial action plan approved by this office.
2. During the cleanup operation, submit monthly monitoring reports as specified in the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 88-144", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
3. Submit to the Regional Board, at such time as sufficient technical data is collected from the cleanup and testing operation, a proposed cleanup and testing operation, a proposed cleanup level in the ground water for approval by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
4. Water discharged from the cleanup operation to the City of Blythe sewer facility shall not contain total petroleum hydrocarbons in excess of 25 mg/l.

ORDERED BY:

Mary F. Morris
for Executive Officer

10/24/88
Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 88-144
FOR
FORD NEW HOLLAND, INCORPORATED

Location of Discharge: Blythe - Riverside County

MONITORING

1. Water discharged to the municipal sanitary sewer system shall be monitored weekly for total petroleum hydrocarbons for the first three months, thence monitored monthly.
2. The daily volume of diesel and ground water shall be measured during extraction.

REPORTING

1. The above monitoring data shall be submitted monthly to the Regional Board, by the 15th day of the succeeding month.
2. The monitoring data shall be mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board.
Colorado River Basin Region
73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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