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Central Valley Region



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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 CALIFORNIA FRUIT PROCESSORS, LLC, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Regional Board staff has reviewed your 22 January 2002 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and recent additional information submitted to apply for coverage under Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, the *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of wastewater produced.

Discharge Description

California Fruit Processors, LLC, owns and operates the facility at 2851 N. Bozzano Road in Stockton, San Joaquin County. The Discharger receives, stores, stems and pits cherries. Cherries are not canned at the facility, but are shipped to food processors for additional processing and canning. While at the facility, the cherries are stored in a sulfur dioxide brine solution. An average of 3,500 tons of cherries are processed and 750,000 gallons of brine solution are produced on an annual basis. The processed cherries, along with brine, are shipped via truck or train to processors around the country. The process washwater system is a closed loop system, in which waste washwater is captured in floor drains and stored in tanks until being recycled as process washwater. The waste washwater is only removed from the system when it is used to make brine. Washwater is not disposed on or off site, except when it is shipped as brine with the cherries.

Sanitary wastewater is disposed of in a septic tank/leachfield system that is regulated by the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department. Residual solids (stems and pits) from the processing operation are collected and stored in dumpsters that are removed every 3 to 4 days by Delta Container for disposal at the Stockton Landfill. The stems and pits are dry when placed in the dumpsters, so there is no leachate from the dumpsters. Stormwater from the developed production area is regulated under State Board Order No. 97-03-DWQ, the General Permit for Industrial Stormwater Discharge.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the method of process wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim O'Brien at (916) 464-4616.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS
Executive Officer

encl: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc: San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department, Stockton