

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

SPECIAL ORDER NO. R5-2003-0156

AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
ORDER NO. 5-01-257  
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0081230  
FOR  
CITY OF REEDLEY  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
FRESNO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Regional Board) finds that:

1. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-01-257 (NPDES Permit No. CA0081230) was adopted by the Regional Board on 7 December 2001, authorizing the City of Reedley (hereafter Discharger) to discharge 1.75 million gallons per day (mgd) of municipal wastewater from its wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to the Kings River.
2. Provision J.12 of Order No. 5-01-257 requires the Discharger to submit, for Executive Officer approval, a written work plan in the form of a technical report that sets forth a schedule for a systematic and comprehensive technical evaluation of each major component of the WWTF's waste treatment and disposal systems. The technical report is to contain a preliminary evaluation of each component to determine best practicable treatment and control (BPTC) for each waste constituent and propose a time schedule for completing the comprehensive technical evaluation.
3. Provision J.13 of Order No. 5-01-257 requires the Discharger to submit, by the schedule approved by the Executive Officer pursuant to Provision J.12, but no later than 15 December 2004, the written comprehensive technical evaluation and written recommendations for WWTF modifications (e.g., component upgrade, retrofit, and disposal method).
4. Provision J.14 of Order No. 5-01-257 requires the Discharger to submit, by 15 December 2004, a technical report that proposes specific numeric groundwater limitations that reflect full implementation of BPTC, and specific supporting data, for Regional Board consideration.
5. Pursuant to Provision J.12 of Order No. 5-01-257, the Discharger, on 26 August 2002, submitted a *Work Plan for the Determination of BPTC (Non-Surface Water Discharge) August 2002* (hereafter Work Plan). Upon review, Regional Board staff requested revisions to the Work Plan by letter dated 1 May 2003. The Discharger submitted the revisions on 15 May 2003. The Regional Board Executive Officer subsequently approved the Work Plan on 1 July 2003.
6. Given the date of approval, and tasks involved in the Work Plan, the deadline of 15 December 2004 in Provisions J.13 and J.14 of Order No. 5-01-257 is no longer reasonable. The Work Plan schedule indicates that the Discharger requires 29 months to complete Provision J.13 and 28 months to complete Provision J.14. The Discharger requires additional time to contract the work and to allow the City to take advantage of laboratory cost savings by scheduling monitoring concurrently with the monitoring and reporting program monitoring and has requested extension of the timelines until 1 March 2006 and 1 February 2006 to complete Provisions J.13 and J.14, respectively.

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7. The Discharger and interested agencies and persons were notified of the Regional Board's intent to modify the dates in Provision J.13 and J.14 of Order No. 5-01-257 and provided an opportunity for a public hearing and to submit written views and recommendations.
8. In a public meeting on 17 October 2003, all comments pertaining to the modification of the subject dates were heard and considered.
9. The action to amend Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-01-257 is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Section 13389 of the California Water Code.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to sections 13263, 13267, and 13377 of the California Water Code, that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-01-257 is modified as follows:

**Provision J.13:** The "no later than" date of **15 December 2004** is extended to **1 March 2006**.

**Provision J.14:** The "by" **15 December 2004** date is extended to **1 February 2006**.

I, THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Special Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 17 October 2003.

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THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer

JAY:10/17/03