

INFORMATION SHEET

PROPOSED SPECIAL ORDER NO.
CHEVRON USA, INC.
SECTION 29 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS
LOST HILLS OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY
MODIFYING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2005-0134

Chevron USA, Inc. (Chevron) owns and operates a 26-acre wastewater disposal facility consisting of eight unlined surface impoundments on Section 29 in the Lost Hills Oil Field, Kern County. Non-hazardous oilfield production wastewater from Chevron's production wells and water treatment plant filter backwash water have been discharged to the surface impoundments since the 1950's for disposal by evaporation and percolation.

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0134 (WDRs) prescribes requirements and contains a time schedule requiring Chevron to cease the discharge of wastewater by 30 June 2008, to close the surface impoundments and submit a Closure Certification Report. Chevron correspondence confirmed the discharge of wastewater to the ponds ceased on 23 February 2008. Chevron provided notification that backfilling of the surface impoundments was initiated on 2 September 2008. Chevron is proceeding with closure and is in compliance with the WDRs.

Provision C.11 of the WDRs requires submittal of a Closure Certification Report by 31 December 2008. Chevron submitted a written request and justification, citing among other things unforeseen field conditions, to extend the submittal date for the submittal of the Closure Certification Report an additional 90 days. The proposed Special Order modifies the existing WDRs by extending the submittal compliance date for the Closure Certification Report to 31 March 2009.