

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 88-141  
AGAINST  
CALLAN OIL, INCORPORATED  
Blythe - Riverside County

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

1. Callan Oil, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), P. O. Box 820, Blythe, California 92226, is the owner of the property located at 745 West Hobson Way, Blythe, California 92225.
2. By letter dated June 13, 1987 Exxon Company, U.S.A. informed the Regional Board of the results of a soil gas survey contained in the report entitled "Soil Gas Sampling, Location 7-3090", prepared by Harding Lawson Associates, consultants for Exxon, and dated May 15, 1987. Said results indicate "...another hydrocarbon plume has been identified on the east side of Lovekin Avenue and appears to be associated with the Mobil Service Station."
3. By letter dated August 28, 1987 the discharger was requested to submit a technical report containing the results of a preliminary subsurface investigation of soil and ground water contamination. The report was to be submitted by October 30, 1987.
4. A letter dated September 25, 1987 was received from the discharger's insurer, Federated Insurance, indicating that they would initiate their own investigation on behalf of the discharger.
5. A letter dated October 29, 1987 was received from Federated Insurance which requests a time extension for submittal of the technical report. The letter also states that Mobil Oil Corporation owned the station through September 1985, that the tanks tested tight in September 1985, and that inventory records indicate no losses since September 1985.
6. By letter dated March 8, 1988 the Regional Board referenced tank tests in September 1985 which indicate leaking turbine risers on the unleaded and regular fuel tanks. A time extension to April 15, 1988 was granted for submittal of the technical report.
7. Federated Insurance informed the Regional Board by letter dated March 30, 1988 of Geoscience Consultant's proposed soil gas survey. A time extension for submittal of the report was requested to May 15, 1988.

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8. By letter dated April 18, 1988 the Regional Board granted an extension of time for submittal of the report to May 31, 1988.
9. By letter dated May 16, 1988 Federated transmitted the report entitled, "Results of Limited Soil Vapor Survey and Hydrogeologic Analysis at Kem's Mobil, Blythe, California", dated May 5, 1988 and prepared by Geoscience Consultants, Ltd., to the Regional Board. Said report included a recommendation for the installation of three monitoring wells.
10. An Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release Report indicating the presence of soil and ground water at Kem's Mobil was received by the Regional Board on June 23, 1988.
11. The Regional Board staff determined that the gasoline contamination presents a threat to the quality of the ground water.
12. By letter dated June 23, 1988, the Regional Board requested a technical report containing the results of a complete subsurface investigation of the contamination in the soil and ground water. The report was to be submitted by August 31, 1988.
13. By letter dated August 4, 1988 Federated informed the Regional Board of their intent to proceed with the installation of the proposed monitoring wells.
14. The report entitled, "Monitoring Well Installation and Phase II Investigation at Kem's Mobil, Blythe, California", prepared by Geoscience Consultants, Ltd., and dated August 18, 1988, was received by the Regional Board on August 29, 1988. The letter of transmittal, dated August 25, 1988, from Federated indicates their intention to proceed with further investigation as recommended in the report. The report contains results of laboratory analysis of soil and ground water samples which exceed State Action Levels and EPA Drinking Water Standards.
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 gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.
19. This enforcement action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 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 shall comply with the following:

1. Clean up or abate the effects of the discharge of gasoline in the soil and ground water at Kem's Mobil, Blythe, California.
2. Submit to the Regional Board by December 15, 1988 a technical report containing the results of the complete subsurface investigation, as requested in the Regional Board letter dated June 23, 1988.
3. Within two weeks of submittal of the technical report, submit a cleanup proposal including the recovery of free product in the ground water, and extraction of the contaminated ground water.

ORDERED BY:

Mary G. Morris  
for Executive Officer

10/13/88  
Date