

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 88-149

AGAINST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

BLYTHE SERVICE CENTER

Blythe - Riverside County

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

1. Southern California Edison Company (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 800, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, California, 91770, is the owner of the Service Center located at 505 West 14th Street, Blythe, California 92225.
2. On August 20, 1988 the Regional Board received a copy of a letter addressed to the County of Riverside, Department of Health, Hazardous Materials Branch, which transmitted laboratory analyses of ground water samples obtained from a monitoring well installed in the excavation at the time of tank removal. These results indicate the presence of elevated levels of benzene in the ground water and soils.
3. By letter dated October 19, 1987 the discharger was requested to submit a technical report containing the results of a subsurface investigation of the soil and ground water contamination. The report was to be submitted by December 15, 1987.
4. On December 14, 1987 the discharger submitted the technical report entitled, "Report of Underground Storage Tank Closure and Ground Water Monitoring", prepared by the S.C.E. Environmental Engineering Group.
5. By letter dated March 1, 1988, the Regional Board approved the work plan and time schedule submitted by the discharger in their December, 1987 report. The report containing the results of the continued investigation was to be submitted by March 31, 1987.
6. On April 25, 1988 the discharger submitted the report entitled, "Groundwater Investigation for Tank Closure," prepared by S.C.E. Geotechnical Group. The transmittal letter dated April 21, 1988 established an estimated submittal date of May 31, 1988 for the technical report containing the results of the next phase of the investigation.
7. The discharger requested an extension of time to June 30, 1988 for submittal of the technical report.

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8. The discharger notified the Regional Board of their plans to submit the report by July 22, 1988, (due to scheduling delays), in a letter dated July 7, 1988.
9. On July 25, 1988 the Regional Board received the report entitled, "Additional Groundwater Investigation for Tank Closure", prepared by the S.C.E. Geotechnical Group.
10. By letter dated August 23, 1988 the Regional Board accepted the additional work proposed in the discharger's July, 1988 report, and established September 16, 1988 as the date by which the technical report containing the results of this work, as well as a remedial action plan (RAP) must be submitted.
11. On September 6, 1988 the Regional Board received a letter from the discharger which requested a time extension for submittal of the report and the RAP to October 16, 1988.
12. By letter dated September 12, 1988 the Regional Board staff granted an extension of time to October 17, 1988.
13. On October 20, 1988 the Regional Board received the report entitled, "Groundwater Investigation and Remedial Action Plan", prepared by the S.C.E. Environmental Engineering Group, from the discharger.
14. The discharger has caused or permitted the discharge of waste into the waters of the state and created a condition of pollution.
15. 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."
16. 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
17. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial uses of the ground water.

18. 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. Cleanup or abate the effects of the discharge of gasoline at the Blythe Service Center, Blythe, California.
2. During the cleanup operation, submit monthly monitoring reports as specified in the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 88-149", 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 level in the ground water for approval by the Regional Boards's Executive Officer.

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Swajian
Executive Officer

Dec. 19, 1988

Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 88-149 (Revision No. 1)

FOR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

BLYTHE SERVICE CENTER

Blythe - Riverside County

MONITORING

Ground water shall be monitored for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene(s) bi-weekly for the first month, thence monthly for two months. After the first quarter, monitoring shall be conducted quarterly for a total of one year.

REPORTING

The above monitoring data shall be submitted monthly for the first quarter by the 15th day of the succeeding month, and quarterly thereafter by October 15th, January 15th, and April 15th.

Submit monitoring reports to:

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

ORDERED BY:

Philip A. Gumbert
Executive Officer

2-7-90

Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 88-149
FOR
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
BLYTHE SERVICE CENTER

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 volume of gasoline 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

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Levajin
Executive Officer

Dec. 20, 1988
Date

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