CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESCISSION ORDER NO. 95-109

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW AND
BIOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL
SLUDGE APPLICATION TO LAND
MOUNTAIN VIEW, SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter called the Board) finds that:

1. On April 15, 1987, the City of Mountain View and Biosystems International (BMI) applied for a permit to apply stabilized municipal sludge over the final cover of the City of Mountain View Solid Waste Site. Biosystem Management International (former operators) and the City of Mountain View (owner of the Mountain View Landfill) are hereinafter collectively referred to as the dischargers.

2. The dischargers demonstrated that the sludge would improve the fertility of the final cover material, facilitate establishment of landscaping, and minimize erosion of the final cover. The surface of the facility is now used as a golf course.

3. On June 17, 1987, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 87-065 and allowed the City of Mountain View and Biosystems Management International to apply stabilized sludge on final cover of the landfill.

4. In compliance with the Board Order, the dischargers placed approximately 30,000 cubic yards of sludge over a 162-acre area of the landfill from September 1986 to January 1987. The areas that received the sludge application are identified on Figure 1 which is incorporated herein and made part of this Order.

5. The stabilized sludges came from City of Burlingame, City and County of San Francisco, Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant (SF/SE) and the South Bayside System Authority (SBSA). Sludges from the aforementioned three sources were analyzed and found to be nonhazardous waste as defined in Title 22, California Administrative Code, Sections 6699 and 66700. The sludge application rate was selected to provide optimum nutrients to promote growth of grass or ground cover.

6. All administrative, operational and reporting efforts were performed by Biosystems Management International (BMI). According to the Department of Public Works' report of the City of Mountain View, BMI is out of business.

7. The sludge application project ceased operation in October, 1987, since all areas approved for sludge application received the maximum sludge allowed under the permit. The dischargers do not plan to resume the sludge application program at this time and/or in the future.

8. This action is exempted from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15308, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

9. The Board notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and to submit their written views and recommendation.

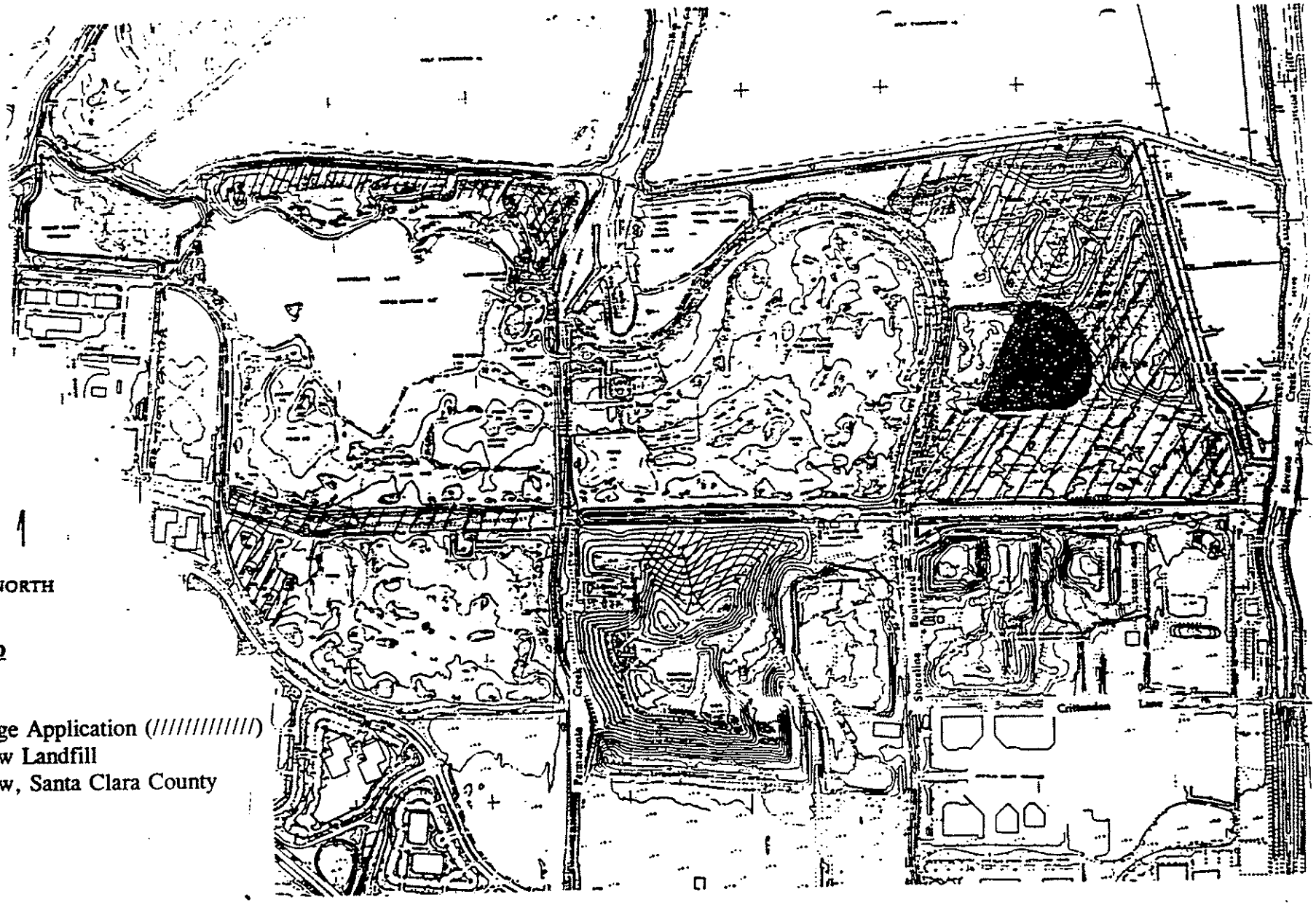
10. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharges.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, Order No. 87-065 be hereby rescinded.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on May 24, 1995.

Steven R. Ritchie
Executive Officer

Attachment:
A. Location map, areas received sludge



Location Map

Figure 1
Areas of Sludge Application (//////////////)
Mountain View Landfill
Mountain View, Santa Clara County