California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region

IN THE MATTER OF:

California Steel Industries, Inc. 14000 San Bernardino Avenue Fontana, California 92335	)))	Complaint No. R8-2003-0009 for Mandatory Penalties

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT:

1. California Steel Industries, Inc. (CSI), is alleged to have violated provisions of law for which the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Board), must impose mandatory penalties pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 13385.

2. A hearing concerning this complaint will be held before the Board within 90 days of the date of issuance of this complaint, unless CSI waives its right to a hearing. If the hearing in this matter is not waived, the hearing will be held during the Board's regular meeting on February 21, 2003 in the City of Loma Linda. CSI or its representatives will have an opportunity to appear and be heard and to contest the allegations in this complaint and the imposition of mandatory penalties by the Board.

3. This complaint is based on the following facts:

   a.) On June 25, 1999, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-39 (NPDES No. CA0105449), for CSI. These requirements regulate storm water runoff and process water discharges from CSI's facility to San Sevaine Channel and to Mulberry Ditch.

   b.) CSI submitted self-monitoring reports which indicate that CSI exceeded discharge limits for total suspended solids, pH, and oil & grease. These violations are summarized in Attachment "A" (page 3) of this complaint.

4. Water Code Section 13385 (i) requires the Board to assess a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for each effluent limitation violation, not counting the first three non-serious violations in each six-month period.

5. As shown in attachment "A", CSI incurred a total of 11 violations between January 10, 2001 and December 31, 2001. Of those 11 violations, 7 violations are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty in accordance with Water Code Section 13385(i). In accordance with Water Code Section 13385 (i), the mandatory minimum penalty for these violations is $21,000.

6. In accordance with Water Code Section 13385(c), the Board may impose administrative civil liability for the effluent limitations cited in Attachment "A". The maximum administrative civil liability that may be imposed for these violations is $110,000.

7. The Executive Officer proposes that mandatory minimum penalties of $21,000 be imposed on CSI by the Board for the violations cited above.

8. CSI has indicated that it wishes to waive its right to a hearing in this matter. CSI has agreed to participate in a supplemental environmental project (SEP) that will benefit the Upper Santa Ana Watershed. The proposed SEP is to contribute $18,000 of the assessed liability towards cleanup of the perchlorate contamination in the groundwater in the Colton-Rialto area. The balance of the assessment, $ 3,000, shall be paid to the State Water Resources Control Board. An invoice for this amount is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this complaint, please contact the undersigned at (909) 782-3284, Gary Stewart, Surveillance and Enforcement Section Chief at (909) 782-4379, or the Board's staff counsel, Jorge A. Leon, at (916) 341-5180.

1-24-03
Date

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

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ATTACHMENT "A"

Sampling Date	Discharge Points (DP) Mulberry Ditch-001 San Sevaine-002	PH VIOLATIONS > 8.5 units Monthly GRAB SAMPLES	Oil & Grease VIOLATIONS > 15 mg/L Monthly GRAB SAMPLES	TSS VIOLATIONS > 75 mg/L Monthly GRAB SAMPLES	NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY PENALTIES
01/10/01	DP-002			1	0
02/27/01	DP-001			1*	1
	DP-002	1	1*	1*	2
04/21/01	DP-002		1	1	2
11/12/01	DP-001		1	1*	1
11/24/01	DP-001			1	0
	DP-002			1*	1
TOTAL		1	3	7	7

* Serious violations

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WAIVER OF HEARING

California Steel Industries, Inc., agrees to waive its right to a hearing before the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board with regard to the violations alleged in Complaint No. R8-2003-0009. California Steel Industries, Inc., has enclosed a check made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of $3,000 for part of the amount of the proposed liability in Paragraph 8 of Complaint No. R8-2003-0009. California Steel Industries, Inc., understands that it is giving up its right to be heard and to argue against allegations made by the Executive Officer in Complaint No. R8-2003-0009 and against the imposition of, and amount of, the mandatory penalties.

California Steel Industries, Inc. also agrees to participate in a supplemental environmental project (SEP). The balance of the assessment ($18,000) will be contributed toward abating the perchlorate groundwater contamination in the Colton-Rialto area and payment is being forwarded to the Regional Board office.

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Date for California Steel Industries, Inc.

Please return this waiver form, the bottom portion of the invoice and the payment ($3,000) to the State Water Resources Control Board at the address on the invoice. The checks for the SEP should be forwarded in a separate envelope to the Regional Board office.

State Water Resources Control Board

Winston H. Hickox
Secretary for Environmental Protection

The energy challenge facing California is real.
Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.
For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov

Gray Davis
Governor

To:
CALIFORNIA STEEL INDUSTRIES
P.O. BOX 5080
FONTANA, CA 92335

Invoice No: 32231
Invoice Date: 01/03/2003
Enforcement Action ID: 64026
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INVOICE

ACLCOMP

Description	Amount	Due Date
37734 LIABILITY AMOUNT	$3,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	**$3,000.00**	

California Environmental Protection Agency

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Retain above portion for your records

Please return bottom portion with your payment

CALIFORNIA STEEL INDUSTRIES
P.O. BOX 5080
FONTANA, CA 92335

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37734 LIABDUE	$3,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	**$3,000.00**	

Make your check payable to:
State Water Resources Control Board

Mail payment to:
SWRCB ACCOUNTING
ATTN: ENFORCEMENT
P. O. Box 100
SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-0100

Amount Enclosed: $_____

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INVOICE NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK: **32231**

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