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1. LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM

Notices of Violation/Noncompliance: One (1) Notice of Violation was issued to a Discharger for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements and the California Water Code.

- David Dale, General Manager, Salton Community Services District, subject to General Order 2006-0003-DWQ, issued August 10, 2022 regarding a Sanitary Sewer Overflow. Imperial County [*Adrianna Godinez*]

Approvals and Notifications: Five (5) Approval/Notifications were issued to dischargers:

- Spreckels Sugar Company, Inc, subject to Board Order R7-2015-0023, was issued a letter dated August 4, 2022, requesting further information regarding a recently submitted Report of Waste Discharge package that was submitted in response to a Regional Water Board request. The additional information was due by September 5, 2022. Imperial County [*Adrianna Godinez*]
- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Valley Station Wastewater Treatment Facility, subject to Board Order R7-1021-0013, was issued a Letter of Concurrence of August 11, 2022, regarding the *Valley Station Total Dissolved Solids Study Work Plan* that was required by the Facility's Board Order. A Technical Memorandum summarizing the three-year study will be due in November 2025. Riverside County [*Reggie Tan*]
- Salton Community Services District Lansing Avenue and Thomas R. Cannell Wastewater Treatment Facilities, subject to Board Order R7-2012-0035 and R7-2018-0013, was issued a letter on August 19, 2022 approving a request for additional time to submit an updated Report of Waste Discharge in order to hire a licensed professional to assist with the report preparation. The reports are now due December 22, 2022. Imperial County. [*Adrianna Godinez*]
- City of Blythe, Blythe Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, subject to Board Order R7-2016-0013-01, was issued a letter on August 25, 2022 approving the location of a new groundwater monitoring well (downgradient) at the southwest corner of the brine basins. Riverside County [*Adrianna Godinez*]
- National Community Renaissance Yucca Valley Senior Housing Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, subject to Board Order R7-2013-0058, was issued a letter requesting an updated Report of Waste Discharge for the facility on August 29, 2022. San Bernardino County [*Adrianna Godinez*]

2. WATER QUALITY/NON-POINT SOURCE PROGRAM (WQ/NPS)

Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee

Staff attended a Technical Advisory Committee meeting of the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) virtually on August 11, 2022. The MWA provided a series of presentations discussing the MWA drought program development, the status of their Strategic Plan, a discussion on drought water restriction implementation, legislative and grant updates, and project updates for ad hoc land use/ well permitting, the short-term drought response pilot program, and recharge facility concepts and progress. The next committee meeting will be held on October 06, 2022. [*Lauren Briggs, ES*]

Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) Community Engagement Committee Meeting

California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) held a virtual meeting on August 23, 2022 to discuss upcoming SSMP engagement opportunities and outreach efforts and solicit the Community Engagement Committee's input on those plans, focusing on the SSMP Long Range Plan Community workshop, which was subsequently held virtually on September 1. CNRA contracted an environmental strategy consultant Better World Group (BWG) to help gather community input on the types of amenities they would like to see created as part of SSMP projects. BWG presented an interactive activity they had planned to present at the September 1 workshop as an initial step in this effort. Regional Water Board staff and committee member Maria Davydova-Flores provided comments during the committee meeting and in a subsequent one on one meeting with BWG to point to the need for improvements in key water infrastructure in the communities surrounding the Salton Sea. [*Maria Davydova-Flores, ES; Hajer Dawoody, EG*]

3. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) AND SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM (SCP)

Regional Water Board staff continues to work with staff from the Department of Defense (DOD) to expedite ongoing activities at cleanup sites located at military facilities within the Colorado River Basin Region. The UST and SCP staff issued correspondence reviewing technical reports, requesting site access, providing direction for site assessment, and approving remedial action plans for sites currently in the assessment and cleanup process. The following table lists the correspondence regarding DoD, UST and SCP projects issued in August 2022

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
August 1, 2022	Draft Work Plan Landfill Cover Maintenance and Repair, Installation Restoration Site 14	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms	Jessica Bagby, Engineering

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
		California, GeoTracker ID No T10000004915	Geologist
August 1, 2022	Final Five-Year Review Report, Installation Restoration Sites 1 and 2	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker Global ID No: DOD100312800 and DOD100317400	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
August 2, 2022	Draft Work Plan Landfill Cover Maintenance and Repair, Installation Restoration Site 14	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms California, GeoTracker ID No. T10000004915	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
August 8, 2022	Draft Record of Decision, Installation Restoration Site 14	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms California, GeoTracker ID No. T10000004915	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
August 15, 2022	Annual Estimation for Cost Recovery Program	Meaders Cleaners Site, 711 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, Riverside County, California (SCP: Meaders Cleaners – SLT7P006)	Alexander Valentine, Engineering Geologist
August 18, 2022	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of a Technical Report	Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs), SoCo Bulk Plant, 815 K Street, Brawley, Imperial County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012312	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

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August 18, 2022	Approval of Workplan Addendum for Additional Soil, Soil Vapor and Groundwater Investigation	Former Tremendez Automotive, 82980 Highway 111, Indio, Riverside County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500699, Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF) B0202	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
August 19, 2022	Final Fall 2021 Semiannual Long-Term Monitoring, Landfill Inspection, and Maintenance Report for Installation Restoration Sites 1 and 2	Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California; GeoTracker Global ID Nos. DOD100312800 and DOD100317400	Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist
August 19, 2022	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of Well Abandonment and Waste Removal Report	One Stop Shoppe, 84-051 Indio Boulevard, Indio, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global ID No. T0606500686	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer
August 22, 2022	Request for Corrective Action Plan (CAP)	Munguia Lot, 1002 East H Street, Brawley, Imperial County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T0602564848	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
August 23, 2022	Final Revised Work Plan, Water Code Section 13267 Order for the Determination of the Presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances at Imperial County Airport	Imperial County Airport (Airport ID IPL), Imperial County; GeoTracker ID No. 10000012781, Order No. WQ-2019-0005-DWQ	Alexander Valentine, Engineering Geologist
August 23, 2022	Response to Conceptual Site Model and Pilot Test Work Plan and Request for Work Plan to Delineate	Calipatria Queen Market, 7788, 101 East Main Street, Calipatria, Imperial County; GeoTracker	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
	Site Contamination, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10 Corrective Action	Global ID No. T10000011602	
August 25, 2022	Response to Light Nonaqueous Phase Liquid Stability Assessment Report and Closure Request, Requirement Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, Corrective Action Requirements	Former Chevron Station No. 9-2693, 400 Imperial Avenue, Calexico, (CRWQCB I.D. # 7T2 231 002, Global ID No. T0602500034)	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
August 25, 2022	Revised Response to Light Nonaqueous Phase Liquid Stability Assessment Report and Closure Request, Requirement Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, Corrective Action Requirements	Unocal Service Station No. 3201, 324 South Imperial Avenue, Calexico (CRWQCB I.D. # 7T2 231 021, Global ID No. T0602520155)	Thomas Browne, Water Resource Control Engineer
August 29, 2022	Nomination for the Emergency Abandoned and Recalcitrant (EAR) Account Fiscal Year 2022-2023	2106 Winterhaven Drive, Winterhaven, CA, Imperial County; Global ID No. T10000013251 (APN 603-220-038-0000)	Theresa Illare, Environmental Scientist
August 31, 2022	Comments on the Commingled Plume 6 Underground Storage Tank Administrative Review Report	Blythe Environmental Remediation Project – Commingled Plume (CP) 6; 101, 110, 149, 200, 201, 249 E. Hobsonway and 107 W. Hobsonway, Blyth, Riverside Conty – Claim No. CP0019, Global ID No. T0606500739	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

Date	Subject	Site	Staff
August 31, 2022	Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of a Technical Report, Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10 Corrective Action	McDonalds Restaurant – Rebuild Project (Ste ID No. 40796), 105 West Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County; GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000012309	Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer

4. NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM (NPDES)

401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredge or Fill Discharge): The following table shows the certifications that the Colorado River Basin Water Board issued in August 2022. The certifications listed were in addition to the waste discharge requirements adopted by the Regional Water Board. *[Logan Raub, Environmental Scientist, Fatima Alrahem, WRCE]*

Issuance Date	Applicant	Project	WDID#
8/17/2022	County of Riverside Transportation Department	Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program Project	7A333245001

Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status

No.	Facility	Violation Description	Assessed Penalty	Settlement Offer Date	Waiver Received Date	Public Notice Issuance Date	Comment Due Date	EO Execution Date	Number of MMPs
1	Calexico WWTP	Bacteria Indicator & Oil/Grease violations	\$6,000 *\$87,000	2/13/19 *11/06/19	3/12/19 *12/05/19	3/13/19	4/11/19 *12/05/19 In settlement discussion *Stipulated Order was not adopted at 9/13/22 Brd Mtg		2 *29
2	Seeley CWD	Bacteria indicator & Free Cyanide	\$27,000 *\$39,000	8/11/2021 *9/2/21	9/8/21 *9/23/21		*Discharger agreed to settlement discussion		9 *13
3	Niland SD	Fecal Coliform, BOD, Chlorine Residual	\$45,000	7/29/2022					15
	TOTAL:		\$78,000 *\$126,000						26 *42

*Revised

Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (August 2022)

No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
5	20

[Maribel Schiavone, SEA]