

# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin



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The Executive Officer (EO) of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) hereby provides the following report on recent staff activities in the region:

### **LAND DISPOSAL – WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PROGRAM**

**Notices of Noncompliance:** 385 Notices of Noncompliance were issued to homeowners/residents in the Town of Yucca Valley, subject to the Yucca Valley Basin Plan Prohibition.

- Notice of Noncompliance issued on November 15, 2021 to 287 homeowners/residents in the Town of Yucca Valley, subject to Basin Plan Prohibition individual disposal systems, Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. *[Reggie Tan, WRCE]*
- Notice of Noncompliance (Final Notice) issued on November 19, 2021 to 98 homeowners/residents in the Town of Yucca Valley, subject to Basin Plan Prohibition individual disposal systems, Town of Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County. *[Reggie Tan, WRCE]*

**Notifications:** Five (5) Approvals/Notifications were issued to Dischargers for various projects regionwide:

- Mission Springs Water District was issued an Invitation to Enter into Settlement Negotiations Prior to Issuance of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint Regarding Alleged Violations on November 3, 2021, Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County. *[Adriana Godinez, WRCE]*
- Allied Imperial Class III Landfill was issued a notification letter of technical adequacy of the 5-year report as required by Board Order R7-2014-0013 on November 3, 2021, Imperial, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*
- Mesquite Regional Landfill Class III Waste Management Facility was issued a notification letter of technical adequacy of the 5-year report and updated Final Closure Plan as required by Board Order R7-2017-0021 on November 3, 2021, Imperial, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*
- Salton City Class III Landfill was issued a letter of approval for Final Design Report – Phase 2A Cell Construction as required by Board Order R7-2014-0013 on November 3, 2021, Imperial, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*
- Castle Mountain Mine was issued a letter of approval for Pre-Construction of Heap Leach Pad Phase 1B as required by Board Order R7-2014-0013 on November 16, 2021, Imperial, Imperial County. *[Zak Owens, EG]*

**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 November 2021.

| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Site</b>  | <b>Staff</b>                                      |
|-------------------|--|--|---|
| November 3, 2021  | Site Cleanup Program Oversight Cost Reimbursement Account; CH-53 Helo Mishap - Carrizo Impact Area.  | Ch-53 Helo Mishap - Carrizo Impact Area, 10 Miles Northwest of Interstate 8, Plaster City, California 92251<br>GeoTracker Global I.D. No. T10000013231                                   | Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist              |
| November 4, 2021  | Response to Request for Time Extension – Due Date for Report of Groundwater Monitoring Well MW-25 Installation                             | Former EZ Serve 100827, 899 East Main Street, Brawley, CA, Imperial County, Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board Case No. 7T2227002, Global I.D. Number T0602500005 | Cathy Sanford Engineering Geologist               |
| November 9, 2021  | Notification Mailing List Requirements Upon Completion of Post Remediation Confirmation Soil Boring Investigation Report & Closure Request | One Stop Shoppe, 84-051 Indio Boulevard, Indio, CA (CRWQCB I.D. 7T2 201 053, Global I.D. No. T0606500686)  | Kola Olatunbosun, Water Resource Control Engineer |
| November 10, 2021 | Response to Workplan for Soil Vapor Survey   | Twin Pines Ranch, 49500 Twin Pines Ranch Road, Banning CA (CRWQCB I.D. 7T2 220 023, Global I. D. No. T0606500736)  | Kola Olatunbosun, Water Resource Control Engineer |
| November 12, 2021 | Response to "Soil Vapor Extraction and Air   | Former USA Service Station #292, 1497  | Kola Olatunbosun, Water Resource                  |

| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Site</b>   | <b>Staff</b>                             |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
|                   | Sparging" Workplan Dated September 24, 2021   | Adams Avenue, El Centro, Imperial County, CA (CRWQCB I.D. 7T2 243 032 I.D. No. T0602583961)   | Control Engineer                         |
| November 12, 2021 | Final Work Plan for Shoreline and Inspection Area Survey and Surface Removal                                      | Former Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County, California, GeoTracker Global I.D. No: T10000007745   | Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist     |
| November 23, 2021 | Final Action Memorandum Non-Time-Critical Removal Action  | Munitions Response Program Site 2 (Former Small Arms Range), Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker Global I.D. T10000011417 | Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist     |
| November 23, 2021 | Final Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis  | Munitions Response Program Site 2 (Former Small Arms Range), Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker Global I.D. T10000011417 | Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist     |
| November 23, 2021 | Final Virtual Public Meeting and Public Comment Period Notification   | Munitions Response Program Site 2 (Former Small Arms Range), Naval Air Facility El Centro, El Centro, California, GeoTracker Global I.D. T10000011417 | Jessica Bagby, Engineering Geologist     |
| November 29, 2021 | Response To 2021 In Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO) Injection Completion Summary Report -- General Waste Discharge | Riverland RV Resort, Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Facility, 3401 Parker Dam Road, Earp, San Bernardino County;                                      | Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer |

| Date              | Subject  | Site   | Staff                                    |
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|                   | Requirements (WDR) For In-Situ Groundwater Remediation (Order R7-2019-0016)  | GeoTracker Global I.D. No. T10000002077, BLM No. CAACZA26035                                   |  |
| November 30, 2021 | Approval of Time Extension Request for Submittal of the Technical Report Documenting Well Abandonment and Waste Removal Activities | Former Circle K #1407, Blythe, Riverside County, GeoTracker Global I.D. No. T0606500742        | Phan Le, Water Resource Control Engineer |
| November 30, 2021 | Annual Estimation for Cost Recovery Program  | PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Site Cleanup, Needles, San Bernardino County, File SL607161506 | Scot Stormo, Engineering Geologist       |

**NPDES PROGRAM**

**401 Water Quality Certifications (Dredge or Fill Discharge):** No additional certification was issued in November 2021 other than the waste discharge requirements adopted by the Regional Water Board. *[Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE]*

**Table 1: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Status**

| Number | 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<br>*\$87,000   | 2/13/19<br>*11/06/19             | 3/12/19<br>*12/05/19              | 3/13/19                     | 4/11/19<br>*12/05/19<br>In settlement discussion  |                   | 2<br>*29       |
| 2      | Brawley WWTP   | Copper & Grease, Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate | \$21,000<br>*\$48,000  | 2/21/19<br>*9/20/19<br>*11/18/21 | 3/18/19<br>*10/04/19<br>*11/18/21 | 3/26/19<br>*11/23/21        | 4/24/19<br>*10/04/19<br>In settlement discussion<br>*11/18/21<br>Proposed Stipulated Order issued |                   | 7<br>*16       |
| 3      | Seeley CWD     | Bacteria indicator & Free Cyanide             | \$27,000<br>*\$39,000  | 8/11/2021<br>*9/2/21             | 9/8/21<br>*9/23/21                |                             | *Discharger agreed to settlement discussion   |                   | 9<br>*13       |
| 4      | Holtville WWTP | Copper & Ammonia                              | \$15,000               | 11/10/2021                       | 12/9/21                           |                             |   |                   | 5              |
|        | TOTAL:         |   | \$69,000<br>*\$174,000 |                                  |                                   |                             |   |                   | 23<br>*58      |

\*Revised

**Unaddressed Violations Subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties (December 2021)**

| No. of Facilities | No. of Violations |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5                 | 26                |

[Maribel Pizano, SEA and Kai Dunn, Senior WRCE, Ph.D., P.E.]