

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

BOARD ORDER NO. R7-2012-0004

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
IMPERIAL VALLEY CHEESE OF CALIFORNIA (OWNER/OPERATOR)  
CHEESE PLANT AND IRRIGATION FIELDS  
El Centro – Imperial County**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region finds that:

1. On February 4, 2010, Imperial Valley Cheese of California (hereinafter referred to as IVCC or Discharger), 1870 Jeffery Road, El Centro, California 92243, submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to update Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) prescribed by Board Order R7-2006-0032. The request for update was based on a change of operation. Past operations have included IVCC and K.F. Dairy jointly discharging wastewaters generated at the two facilities to land owned by IVCC. As of July 23, 2009, wastewater discharges to IVCC land no longer contain dairy wastewater. K.F. Dairy has diverted its wastewater discharge to other lands under General Order R7-2008-0800, NPDES No. CAG017001. IVCC also submitted a Nutrient and Salt Management Plan (NSMP) on May 16, 2011, in support of the application.
2. The IVCC cheese production facility is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 051-020-032-000. The fields irrigated with the facility's wastewater are located on Assessor's Parcel Number 051-020-026-000. The facility location is shown in Attachment A incorporated herein and made a part of this Order by reference. IVCC is organized as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) with 77% owned by Gossner Foods of Utah and 23% owned by Heidi L. Kuhn.

**Cheese Production Facility and Wastewater Discharge**

3. Discharges from IVCC are currently composed of wash water and cheese whey from its cheese production facility. The facility's waste streams are transported via pipeline to the east under Evan Hewes Highway, then north to the mixing and irrigation distribution center. The wastewater is blended with irrigation water supplied by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and used to irrigate fields located adjacent to its cheese manufacturing facility.
4. The ownership of fields either receiving, or available to receive blended wastewater for irrigation shown in Attachment B incorporated herein and made a part of this Order by reference, are as follows:

<u>Field No.</u>	<u>Total Acreage</u>	<u>Farmable Acreage</u>	<u>Crops Grown (Mar-Oct/Nov-Feb)</u>	<u>Owner/Operator</u>
126	65.0	63.2	Klein Grass/None	IVCC
127	75.0	73.4	Bermuda Grass/Rye	IVCC

<u>Field No.</u>	<u>Total Acreage</u>	<u>Farmable Acreage</u>	<u>Crops Grown (Mar-Oct/Nov-Feb)</u>	<u>Owner/Operator</u>
128	75.0	70.4	Bermuda Grass/Rye	IVCC
129	75.0	72.7	Bermuda Grass/Rye	IVCC
Total	290.0	279.7		

These fields are located north of the cheese manufacturing facility, on the north side of Evan Hewes Highway. Board Order R7-2006-0032 permitted the discharge of wastewater from the facility to four additional fields identified as fields 191, 192, 193 and 194 owned by George Lerno Ranches. IVCC has stated that the additional disposal capacity has not been required, and hence, the fields owned by George Lerno Ranches were not included as disposal areas in this Board Order.

- The ROWD states that wastewater from IVCC averages about 99,000 gallons-per-day (gpd) made up of about 57,000 gpd of whey and 42,000 gpd of washwater. The untreated wastewaters are combined in a 100,000-gallon tank before being pumped to adjacent fields where it is blended with clean irrigation water. Total application of water to the cropland ranges between a low of 200,000 and a high of 1,703,000 gpd, with the ratio of wastewater to IID canal water ranging between 1 to 7 and 1 to 32. The resulting blended wastewaters are applied to selected crops in the fields described above.
- The results of a water quality analysis provided in the ROWD characterizes the wash water, whey and IID canal water as follows:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>units</u>	<u>Wash Water</u>	<u>Whey</u>	<u>IID Canal Water</u>
Total Salt Concentration (Ca, Mg, Na, Cl)	mg/L	1,354	1,683	358
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L	8,580	25,900	<5
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	4,600	33,100	820
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	3,620	1,850	<10
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	287	1,160	<0.4

7. IVCC's Self-Monitoring Reports (SMRs) for the period from August 2009 through October 2011 characterize the effluent applied to cropland as follows:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>units</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
Daily Flow	gpd	102,443	143,679	51,110
pH	pH Units	7.6	8.0	7.0
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L	68.2	376	6.0
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	39	168	10
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	818	1,180	545
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	4.4	16.6	1.0
Fecal Coliform	MPN/100m L	>=1,600	>=1,600	500
Total Phosphorous	mg/L	1.2	4.9	0.1

8. For the purposes of this Order, irrigation wastewaters are referred to as the resulting blend of IID water with either whey wastewater and/or wash wastewater.
9. The NSMP addresses use of irrigation wastewaters from IVCC at the agronomic rates based on the nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) value of the wastes. The Nutrient Balance calculated in the NSMP indicates that nutrient requirements based on crop yield exceed the nutrient loading in the wastewater from the facility. The NSMP will be reviewed a minimum of once every five years. The NSMP will be updated to reflect changing conditions in discharge wastewater quality and receiving fields and crops. Board Order R7-2006-0032 requires soil and crop monitoring for total nitrogen and phosphorous prior to each planting season. The results of soil and crop monitoring are to be used in conjunction with nutrient data for the facility effluent in reviewing and updating the NSMP.
10. Typical farming practices in the Imperial Valley generate tailwater and tilewater. Tailwater is irrigation water that does not percolate into the soil, and exits the lower end of the field into the drain. Tailwater tends to erode fields and thus acquire silt and sediments as it crosses and exits a field. Tilewater is water that has percolated through the soil, but is not absorbed by crops. Tilewater flushes salts and other pollutants from the soil. This highly saline water accumulates in tile lines beneath the fields, wherein it is transported to drains by gravity flow or a sump system. Both tilewater and tailwater are discharged into agricultural drains operated and maintained by the IID.

11. Tilewater from Field Nos. 126, 127, 128, and 129 is discharged into the Dixie Drain No. 5B and Dixie Drain No. 5 agricultural drains. The drains are tributary to the New River, which discharges into the Salton Sea. The drains, New River, and Salton Sea are waters of the United States. Discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States are regulated through the NPDES programs established by the Clean Water Act.
12. Under the terms of the NSMP, the Discharger reports that there would be no direct discharge of tailwater generated by the application of irrigation wastewaters. However, the Discharger reports that it needs to discharge tilewater to remain viable as a farming operation. To the extent that tilewater discharges from the fields identified above contain pollutants attributable to washwater or cheese whey from IVCC, the Discharger may be required to apply for an NPDES permit for its discharges of pollutants, implement source controls as prescribed in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), and comply with additional permit limitations and provisions.
13. In the event of a prolonged rain event, the discharger has established a waste discharge contingency plan to store wastewater on a temporary basis. Adjacent to the four IVCC irrigation fields are concrete lined irrigation ditches. The ditches can be isolated using gates, thereby creating storage basins. The lined ditches have an estimated storage capacity of 372,000 gallons providing approximately two and one-half days of storage capacity at the maximum wastewater discharge rate of 144,000 gpd.
14. This Board Order establishes updated WDRs for waste discharges to reflect changes in operational procedures.

#### **Hydrogeologic Conditions**

15. There are no domestic wells within 1,000 feet of the irrigated fields described in the Findings of this Order.
16. Within the Imperial Valley area of the Imperial Hydrologic Unit, most of the ground water is too saline for municipal use. The "Sources of Drinking Water Policy" adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on May 19, 1988, states that "All surface and ground waters are considered to be suitable, or potentially suitable, for municipal or domestic water supply with the exception of: surface or ground waters where the TDS exceed 3,000 mg/L, and it is not reasonably expected by the Regional Water Board to supply a public water system." Data from monitoring wells at neighboring K.F. Dairy has been collected since 1991 and show total dissolved solids (TDS) results are consistently greater than 4,000 mg/L.
17. Annual average precipitation in the Imperial Valley is about 2.5 inches.
18. Land use in the general vicinity is mostly agricultural farm land. Soils in the irrigated fields are composed of very fine sandy loam, silty clay loam, and silty clay.

#### **Basin Plan, Beneficial Uses, and Regulatory Considerations**

19. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California (Basin Plan), as amended to date, designates the beneficial uses of ground and surface waters in this Region. The beneficial uses of ground waters in the Imperial Hydrologic Unit are:
  - a. Municipal supply (MUN)

- b. Industrial supply (IND)

20. The beneficial uses of Imperial Valley Drains are:

- a. Freshwater Replenishment
- b. Water Contact Recreation (RECI)
- c. Noncontact Water Recreation (RECII)
- d. Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM)
- e. Wildlife Habitat (WILD)
- f. Preservation of Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species (RARE).

#### **Groundwater Degradation**

21. State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 68-16 (hereinafter Resolution 68-16 or the "Antidegradation" Policy) requires the Board, in regulating the discharge of waste, to maintain the existing quality of water of the State, where such water quality is better than the quality established in the Board's policies on the date such policies become effective, until it has been demonstrated that any change in water quality will be consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State, will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses of such water, and will not result in water quality less than that described in the Board's policies (e.g., water quality that exceeds water quality objectives).

22. Some degradation of groundwater beneath the agricultural areas may occur, but it is expected that such degradation will comply with Resolution 68-16's Anti-degradation policy so long as:

- a. The Discharger confines the degradation from the proposed discharge to a specified area;
- b. The Discharger minimizes the degradation by fully implementing, regularly maintaining, and optimally operating its wastewater treatment unit processes at its cheese factory; and optimally implementing its NSMP to manage the proposed discharge;
- c. The degradation is limited to waste constituents (e.g., nutrients and salts) typically encountered in wastewater and applied at agronomic rates, as specified in the limitations of this Order; and
- d. The degradation does not result in water quality less than that prescribed in the Basin Plan.

23. On December 18, 1997, the Imperial County Planning Department, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), certified a mitigated Negative Declaration for the facility. The State Clearinghouse number for the project is 1997091056. The proposed Project that is the subject of this Order concerns a change in operation by deleting the discharge from K.F. Dairy. Thus, all potential significant impacts

to the environment were fully evaluated in the 1997 CEQA review because that review encompassed the discharge from K.F. Dairy, which is now being terminated. As a result, the Regional Water Board's conclusion, based on its CEQA review as a Responsible Agency of the County's mitigated Negative Declaration, remains valid and no new environmental review is required: Compliance with these Waste Discharge Requirements should prevent and mitigate any adverse water quality impacts and nuisance conditions associated with the discharge.

24. The Discharger is not required to obtain coverage under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general industrial storm water permit provided the facility has not experienced a reportable spill since November 19, 1987. It is the responsibility of the Discharger to comply with United States Environmental Protection Agency federal storm water regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 122, 123 and 124) should the facility not qualify for exemption.
25. The Board has notified the Discharger and all known interested agencies and persons of its intent to adopt waste discharge requirements for this discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public meeting and an opportunity to submit comments.
26. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, the Discharger shall comply with the following:

**A. Effluent Limitations**

1. Wastewater effluent discharged from this facility shall not be applied to fields in excess of the irrigation rates established in the NSMP approved by the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer.
2. The effluent discharge values for pH shall not be below 6.0 or above 9.0.

**B. Discharge Prohibitions**

1. Discharge of waste classified as 'hazardous', as defined in Title 23, CCR, Section 2521(a), or 'designated', as defined in California Water Code Section 13173, is prohibited.
2. The direct discharge of any wastewater from the facility to any surface waters or surface drainage courses is prohibited.
3. Discharge of pollutants from the dairy or cheese plant into surface waters via tailwater or tilewater is prohibited.
4. Discharge of treated wastewater at a location other than the designated disposal areas is prohibited. This prohibition does not limit the flexibility in discharging different percentages of wastewaters.

5. The Discharger shall not dispose of wastewaters in excess of the nutrient agronomic application rates established by the NSMP.
6. The Discharger shall at no time direct wastewater to fields, which are not actively growing crops.
7. The Discharger shall not cause degradation of any water supply in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 68-16.

### **C. Discharge Specification**

1. The treatment or disposal of wastes from the facility shall not cause pollution or nuisance as defined in Sections 13050(l) and 13050(m) of Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. All storage and disposal areas shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return frequency.
3. Discharge of wastewater shall not result in surface runoff from irrigated lands, and shall be managed to minimize percolation to the groundwater. Liquids must be applied at rates compatible with the infiltration characteristics on the soils, determined by the most recent soil samples.
4. On-site wastes, including windblown spray from irrigation wastewater application, shall be strictly confined to the lands specifically designated for the disposal operation, and on-site irrigation practices shall be managed so there is no runoff of effluent from irrigated areas.
5. Objectionable odors originating at the facility shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the wastewater storage and disposal areas.

### **D. Provisions**

1. The Discharger shall comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. R7-2012-0004, and future revisions thereto, incorporated herein and made a part of this Order by reference, as specified by the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer.
2. Given the monitoring frequency prescribed by MRP No. R7-2012-0004, if only one sample is available for a given reporting period, compliance with monthly average, or weekly average Discharge Specifications, will be determined from that sample.
3. The Discharger shall implement a NSMP acceptable to the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer, which employs all practicable/reasonable Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize the salt content of wastewater being discharged from the facility.
4. Prior to any modifications in this facility, which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater treated or discharged, or any material change in the location of discharge, the Discharger shall report all pertinent information in writing to the Regional Water Board and obtain revised requirements before any modifications are implemented.

5. Prior to any change in ownership or management of this operation, the Discharger shall transmit a copy of this Board Order to the succeeding owner/operator, and forward a copy of the transmittal letter to the Regional Water Board.
6. The Discharger shall ensure that all site-operating personnel are familiar with the content of this Board Order, and shall maintain a copy of this Board Order at the site.
7. This Board Order does not authorize violation of any federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
8. The Discharger shall comply with all of the conditions of this Board Order. Noncompliance is a violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Cal. Water Code, § 13000 et seq.), and grounds for enforcement action.
9. The Discharger shall, at all times, properly operate and maintain all systems and components of collection and control which are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Board Order. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate process controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. All systems both in service and reserved, shall be inspected and maintained on a regular basis. Records shall be kept of the inspection results and maintenance performed and made available to the Regional Water Board upon demand.
10. The Discharger shall allow the Regional Water Board, or an authorized representative, upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law and in accordance with California Water Code Section 13267(c), to:
  - a. Enter upon the premises regulated by this Board Order, or the place where records must be kept under the conditions of this Board Order;
  - b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that shall be kept under the conditions of this Board Order;
  - c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Board Order; and
  - d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Board Order or as otherwise authorized by the California Water Code, any substances or parameters at this location.
13. The Discharger shall comply with the following:
  - a. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
  - b. The Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, copies of all reports required by this Board Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Board Order, for a period of at least 5 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application.

- c. Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - i. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements.
  - ii. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements.
  - iii. The date(s) analyses were performed.
  - iv. The individual(s) who performed the analyses.
  - v. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
  - vi. The results of such analyses.
- d. The Discharger shall maintain on-site records of the following:
  - i. Analysis of combined waters to determine nitrogen, phosphorus, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, pH, Total Dissolved Solids, Suspended Solids, and Flow;
  - ii. Analysis of soil in all fields where land application activities are conducted to determine phosphorus content;
  - iii. Operation and Maintenance activities;
  - iv. Documentation of all corrective actions taken
  - v. Documentation of all overflows from all wastewater storage structures including:
    - 1) Date and time of overflow;
    - 2) Estimated volume of overflow
14. The Discharger is the responsible party for the WDR and the MRP for the facility. The Discharger shall comply with all conditions of these WDR. Violations may result in enforcement action, including Regional Water Board orders or court orders that require corrective action or impose civil monetary liability, or modification or revocation of these WDR by the Regional Water Board.
15. The Discharger shall provide adequate notice to the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer of the following:
  - a. Any new introduction of pollutants into any of the treatment facilities described in the Findings of this Board Order from an indirect Discharger which would be subject to Section 301 or 306 of the Clean Water Act, if it were directly discharging the pollutants.
  - b. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into any of the treatment facilities described in the Findings of this Board Order by an existing or new source.

- c. Any planned physical alterations or additions to the facilities described in this Board Order, or changes planned in the Discharger's sludge use or disposal practice, where such alterations, additions, or changes may justify the application of Board Order conditions that are different from or absent in the existing Board Order, including notification of additional disposal sites not reported during the Board Order application process, or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.
16. The Discharger shall report all instances of noncompliance. Reports of noncompliance shall be submitted with the Discharger's next scheduled SMR or earlier if requested by the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer.
17. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the discharge facilities inoperable.
18. This Board Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
19. This Board Order may be modified, rescinded and reissued, for cause. The filing of a request by the Discharger for a Board Order modification, rescission and reissuance, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any Board Order condition. Causes for modification include the promulgation of new regulations, modification of land application plans, or modification in sludge use or disposal practices, or adoption of new regulations by the State Water Board or the Regional Water Board, including revisions to the Basin Plan, or Federal government.

I, Robert Perdue, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on January 19, 2012.

Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT PERDUE  
Executive Officer

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Date

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R7-2012-0004  
FOR  
IMPERIAL VALLEY CHEESE OF CALIFORNIA, OWNER/ OPERATOR  
CHEESE PLANT AND IRRIGATION FIELDS

El Centro - Imperial County

Location of Discharge: NW ¼ of Section 19, T2N, R9E, SBB&M (Irrigation Fields)

MONITORING

1. The collection, preservation and holding times of all samples shall be in accordance with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approved procedures. Unless otherwise approved by the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer, all analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory certified by the State Department of Public Health. All analyses shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants" (40 CFR Part 136), promulgated by the USEPA.
2. Samples shall be collected at the location specified in the Permit. If no location is specified, sampling shall be conducted at the most representative sampling point available.
3. If the facility is not in operation, or there is no discharge during a required reporting period, the Discharger shall forward a letter to the Regional Water Board indicating that there has been no activity during the required reporting period.

EFFLUENT MONITORING

Waters used for irrigation shall be monitored at a point after wastewaters from IVCC and clean irrigation water have been combined and representative samples of the blended wastewaters used for irrigation can be obtained. The combined wastewaters shall be monitored for the following constituents:

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Volume of wastewater	gpd <sup>1</sup>	Flow meter reading	Monthly <sup>2</sup>	Monthly
Volume of combined waters used for irrigation	gpd	Flow meter reading	Monthly	Monthly
pH	pH units	Grab	Weekly	Monthly

<sup>1</sup> Gallons per day

<sup>2</sup> Reported for each month with average daily flow calculated.

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
20°C BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
TSS	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
TDS	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Total Phosphate	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Fecal Coliform	MPN /100 ml <sup>3</sup>	Grab	Monthly	Monthly

The Discharger shall provide the location of all fields being irrigated, and the types of crops being grown at individual fields. An irrigation schedule must be completed and documented, with the documentation maintained on-site.

#### TILEWATER MONITORING

Discharges to surface waters from tile-water drains from each field accepting wastewaters from Imperial Valley Cheese during the reporting period, shall be monitored for the following constituents:

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Volume of wastewater	gpd	Meter Reading <sup>4</sup>	Monthly	Monthly
pH	pH units	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
20°C BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
TSS	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
TDS	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Total Phosphate	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Fecal Coliform	MPN / 100 ml	Grab	Monthly	Monthly

#### SOIL AND CROP MONITORING

Prior to each planting season, at least one soil sample will be taken from each field receiving wastewaters to determine nitrogen and phosphorus content as follows:

<sup>3</sup> MPN = Most Probable Number

<sup>4</sup> Tile water flow may be calculated from pump run times of electrical usage

1. Each sample shall be taken from 15 or more places in the field in a zigzag pattern away from roads and manure piles;
2. Samples shall be taken with a soil auger, tube or spade 6-8 inches deep;
3. Plants shall be sampled at each cutting to determine actual nutrient uptake;
4. Test results from soil and crop monitoring must be maintained on-site for a period of five years.

### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The Discharger shall report the following:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Inspect and document any operation/maintenance problems by inspecting each unit process. In addition, calibration of any flow meters and equipment shall be performed in a timely manner and documented.	Annually
Report the results of soil and crop monitoring, along with an explanation of any adjustments made to field loadings as a result of this monitoring, shall be documented and reported to the Regional Water Board.	Annually
Report a summary of annual field operations, including fields utilized, crops grown, effluent loading per field and crop yield, shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board.	Annually

### REPORTING

1. The Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the specified information is readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner as to clearly illustrate whether the facility is operating in compliance with waste discharge requirements.
2. Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurement(s);
  - b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurement(s);
  - c. The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - d. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - e. The analytical techniques or method used; and
  - f. The results of such analyses.

3. The results of any analysis taken, more frequently than required at the locations specified in this MRP shall be reported to the Regional Water Board.
4. SMRs shall be certified under penalty of perjury to be true and correct, and shall contain the required information at the frequency designated in this MRP.
5. Each Report shall contain the following statement:

"I declare under the penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment for knowing violations".

6. A duly authorized representative of the Discharger may sign the documents if:
  - a. The authorization is made in writing by the person described above;
  - b. The authorization specified an individual or person having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated disposal system; and
  - c. The written authorization is submitted to the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer.
7. The Discharger shall report orally, any noncompliance that may endanger human health or the environment. The noncompliance shall be reported immediately to the Regional Water Board Executive Officer, and the Office of Emergency Services as soon as:
  - a. The Discharger has knowledge of the discharge,
  - b. Notification is possible, and
  - c. Notification will not substantially impede cleanup or other emergency measures.

During non-business hours, the Discharger shall leave a message on the Regional Water Board office voice recorder. A written report shall be provided within five (5) business days the Discharger is aware of the incident. The written report shall include a description of the noncompliance, the cause, period of noncompliance, anticipated time to achieve full compliance, and steps taken or planned, to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. The Discharger shall report all intentional or unintentional spills occurring within the facility or collection system to the Regional Water Board office in accordance with the above time limits.

8. The Discharger shall attach a cover letter to the SMR. The information contained in the cover letter shall clearly identify violations of the WDR, discuss corrective actions taken or planned and the proposed time schedule of corrective actions. Identified violations should include a description of the requirement that was violated and a description of the violation.

9. Monthly monitoring reports and semi-annual data shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board by the first day of second calendar month following month of sampling. Annual monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
10. Submit monitoring reports to:

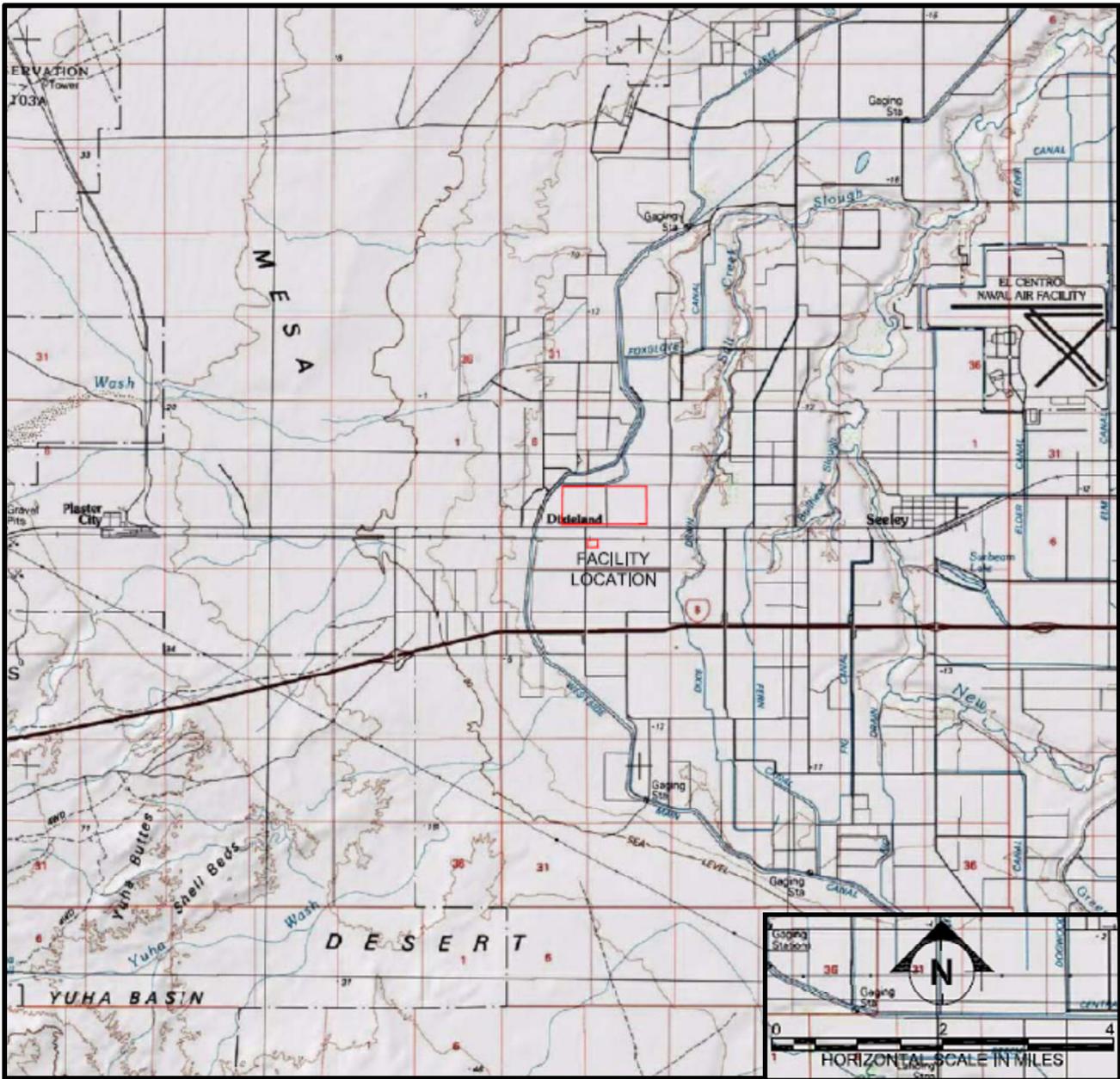
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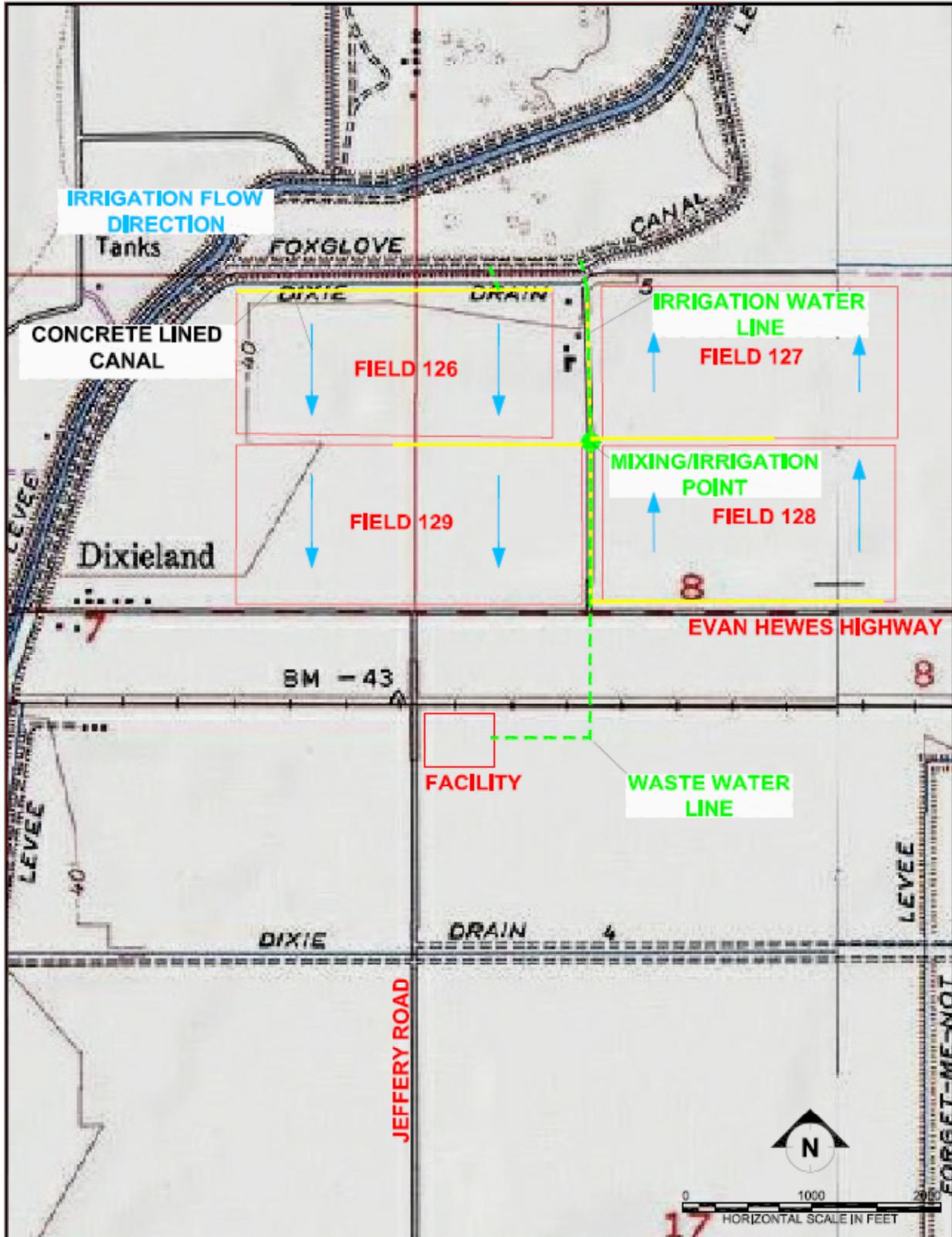
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Location: SW ¼ of Section 8, T16S, R12E, SBB&M

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Irrigation Field Nos. 126, 127, 128 & 129:  
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NW ¼ of Section 8, T16S, R12E, SBB&M  
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