

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 87-20

ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NOS. 84-21
AND 85-23, ISSUED TO SHELL OIL COMPANY,
MARTINEZ MANUFACTURING COMPLEX,
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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

1. On May 16, 1984, the Board adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 84-21 for Shell Oil Company (hereinafter called the discharger). This Order cited documented recurring violations of permit limits (included in NPDES Permit Order No. 79-154) for Ammonia-Nitrogen, Oil & Grease, and Total Suspended Solids from December 1980 to May 1984. This Order also cited documented sporadic violations of Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Chemical Oxygen Demand, Phenolic Compounds, Settleable Solids, and Coliform limits over the same period.
2. Order No. 84-21 required the discharger to cease and desist from discharging wastes contrary to requirements prescribed in Order No. 79-154. Furthermore, the Order required the discharger to submit a report evaluating the reliability of the wastewater treatment system and recommending measures and an implementation time schedule for needed facilities to assure consistent compliance with effluent limits contained in Order No. 79-154.
3. On August 8, 1984 the discharger submitted the Wastewater Treatment System Evaluation Report. Board staff reviewed this report and concluded that additional information was necessary to fully address staff concerns.
4. On February 20, 1985, the Board reissued the discharger's NPDES Permit (Order No. 85-22). In addition, the Board adopted Order No. 85-23 which amended Order No. 84-21. Order No. 85-23 required the discharger to cease and desist from discharging wastes contrary to requirements prescribed in the newly reissued NPDES permit.
5. On October 1, 1986, after repeated requests from staff, the discharger submitted the supplemental wastewater treatment system information.
6. The discharger has complied with the provisions of the Cease and Desist Orders and has achieved consistent compliance with the effluent limits outlined in Finding 1 of this Order.

7. The action to rescind a Cease and Desist Order is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15121 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
8. On March 18, 1987, the Board, after due notice, held a public hearing in accordance with Sections 13301 and 13306 of the California Water Code to receive and consider evidence concerning the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

This Regional Board's Cease and Desist Order Nos. 84-21 and 85-23 are rescinded.

I, Roger B. James, 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, San Francisco Bay Region on March 18, 1987.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. B. James".

ROGER B. JAMES
Executive Officer