

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION  
81 Higuera Street, Suite 200  
San Luis Obispo, California 93401-5427**

**CLEANUP OR ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 00-28**

**Concerning**

**Chevron Products Company  
1300 Beach Boulevard  
La Habra, CA 90632-2833**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Board) finds:

1. Chevron Products Company (hereafter Chevron), operated Chevron Service Station #9-0919 located at 2194 Main Street, Cambria (hereafter Property) where it discharged or caused or permitted petroleum products to be discharged to soil and ground water. Chevron operated the Property in 1993 when an unauthorized release of petroleum products was discovered to be discharged to the subsurface environment. Chevron's discharge to soil and ground water included the fuel additive methyl-tertiary-butyl-ether (MTBE).
2. A groundwater assessment report prepared by SECOR International, Inc. dated February 17, 2000 indicates that the maximum concentration of MTBE discharged to ground water is 25,000 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). The Water Quality Control Plan, Central Coast Region (Basin Plan) provides that "Wastes discharged to ground waters shall be free of toxic substances in excess of accepted drinking water standards; taste, odor, or color producing substances...." (Basin Plan p. V-10.) Concentrations of MTBE in excess of 5  $\mu\text{g/L}$  in drinking water supplies cause offensive tastes and odors making the water unsuitable for drinking. The Department of Health Services has established a secondary maximum contaminant level of 5  $\mu\text{g/l}$  and a health-based advisory level (Drinking Water Action Level) of 13  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .
3. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Basin Plan, present and potential beneficial uses of ground water beneath the site and vicinity areas include domestic and municipal supply, agricultural water supply, and industrial use.
4. Chevron's discharge to ground water is within 700 feet of Cambria Community Service District Wells (CCSD) Nos. 1 and 3 which provide approximately 1/2 of the Community of Cambria's drinking water supply. If ground water is pumped from these threatened CCSD wells, petroleum hydrocarbon contaminants, including MTBE will likely be drawn into these wells and contaminate the Community of Cambria's water supply.


5. Chevron is responsible for contaminants discharged on-site and for the contaminant clean-up. This order is intended to direct the above named parties to provide an alternate source of water for the Community of Cambria during Chevron's investigation and cleanup of the site.
6. This enforcement action is being taken for the protection of the environment and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Sections 15307 and 15308, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 13304 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Chevron its successors, agents, or assigns, shall provide an alternate water supply for the Community of Cambria as follows:

1. Immediately take all actions necessary to identify and secure an alternative water supply for the Community of Cambria by September 1, 2000 in the quantity required by this Order.
2. By September 1, 2000, provide the Community of Cambria with a potable water supply equal in quantity to water pumped from CCSD Well Nos. 1 and 3. Chevron shall provide the Community of Cambria this alternative water supply during Chevron's investigation and cleanup of petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in the subsurface environment.
3. Beginning on May 1, 2000 and the first day of each month thereafter unless compliance with this order is complete, submit to the Regional Board a progress report documenting all efforts Chevron is taking to provide the required alternative water supply and a final report to document that the required alternative water supply is in place.

All technical and monitoring reports (including progress and final reports) required in conjunction with this order are required pursuant to Section 13267 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and shall include a statement by the Discharger certifying under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the report is true, complete, and accurate. Hydrogeological reports and plans shall be prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, and signed and stamped by a Registered Geologist and or an appropriately Registered Engineer.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITY UNDER SECTIONS 13268 AND 13350 OF THE PORTER-COLOGNE WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT AND REFERRAL TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

  
for Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer

4-17-00  
Date:

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