

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2006

Prepared on April 12, 2006

ITEM NUMBER : 20

SUBJECT: Rescission of NPDES Permit No. CA0008069, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 01-016, for Growers Ice Company, Monterey County

KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Growers Ice Company, Ice Manufacturing, Cold Storage, and Shipping Facility.
Location: 1060 Growers Street, Salinas, Monterey County.
Discharge Type: Ice manufacturing, produce precooling, and cold storage process wastewater.
Discharge Volume: Average flow of 50,000 gallons per day.
Treatment: None. Discharge routed to Salinas Industrial Waste and Storm Water facility.
Recycling: None.
Existing Order: WDR Order No. 01-016, NPDES No. CA0008069.
This Action: Rescind WDR Order No. 01-016, NPDES No. CA0008069.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. 01-016, NPDES No. CA0008069, on March 23, 2001. WDR Order No. 01-016 regulates the discharge of cooling process wastewater from Growers Ice Company (Discharger) to surface "storm" drains on the site, which drain to the Salinas Reclamation Canal. The overall operation of the facility is seasonal from April to November. However, some ice making operations continue during the off-season from December to March.

As of June 19, 2002, the facility has directed all process waters to the Salinas Industrial Waste Facility. A Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Growers Ice Company on September 16, 2005, presented the modification to wastewater disposal and requested enrollment in the General NPDES for Discharges with Low Threat to Water Quality Order No. 01-119, NPDES No. CAG 993001. The NOI describes current wastewater discharges to the Salinas Reclamation Canal to be low volumes (35 gallons per minute) of industrial

wastewater occurring only during moderate to significant storm events that transpire the majority of the time during the facility's off-season and only for a short period of time (2-4 hours).

Storm water from the Growers Ice Company is currently regulated under the General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (WQ Order No. 97-03-DWQ). It is unnecessary for the facility to have two permits regulating industrial storm water run-off. Coverage under the General Industrial Storm Water Permit is sufficient to monitor and prevent unlawful discharges to the Salinas Reclamation Canal. It is appropriate to regulate the Growers Ice Company via WQ Order No. 97-03-DWQ only.

COMMENT AND RESPONSES

Staff notified interested parties of the proposed rescission on March 13, 2006.

No comments received.

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind WDR Order No. 01-016, NPDES No. CA0008069.

ATTACHMENTS

1. WDR Order No. 01-016, NPDES No. CA0008069
2. Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 01-016