

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 81-46

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
MOTOR VU DRIVE-IN THEATRE
South of Imperial - Imperial County

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

1. Robert Gran (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger) Motor Vu Drive-In Theatre, P.O. Box 1933, El Centro, CA 92243, submitted updated information on the discharge of wastes on February 13, 1981.
2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 1700 gallons-per-day of domestic sewage from the restrooms and snack bar of a Drive-In theatre into septic tanks. The sewage then flows into earthen oxidation basin for disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basin is located in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T15S, R14E, SBB&M.
3. The discharge from this facility has been subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Board Order No. 73-45, which was rescinded on January 28, 1981, under information of connection to the City of Imperial's sewer system.
4. The nearest sewer line is approximately 600 feet west of the site near the intersection of Aten Road and Highway 86. The discharger now states that connection to the City of Imperial sewer system will be within a year.
5. Regional Board staff inspection on February 26, 1981, revealed that the infiltration and evaporation basin is of insufficient capacity, such that sewage is flowing out of the basin towards the open-lid septic tank that supplies the basin. Also, rain runoff is directed to the basin, and, although the basin is fenced, the fence gate is permanently open.
6. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for Imperial Hydrologic Unit.

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7. The groundwaters in the local area are saline and are not beneficially used.
8. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
9. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
10. These wastewater disposal facilities constitute an ongoing project in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and Title 23, California Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter 17, Section 2715, because the governmental approvals on or after April 5, 1973, do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over such activity than the governmental approvals received prior to that date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the discharger shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Specifications

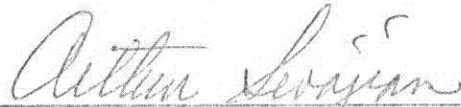
1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the disposal facilities inoperable.
3. A minimum freeboard depth of at least two (2) feet shall be maintained at all times in the basin(s).
4. Sewage sludge shall not be discharged to any natural or artificial channel.
5. There shall be no surface flow of sewage away from the designated disposal area or into any drainage channel.
6. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that unauthorized persons and animal pets are effectively excluded from the disposal area.
7. No wastewater other than domestic sewage shall be into the sewage treatment and disposal facilities.
8. Oxidation basins shall not be located within 30 feet of agricultural tile drains nor within 100 feet of any drainage channel.

9. Treatment and disposal by ponding shall be conducted in such a manner that there shall be no stranded or exposed sewage solids.
10. Facilities shall be available to handle wastewater in the event of commercial power failure.
11. Treatment and disposal of wastewater shall be conducted by technical procedures which will maintain an aerobic environment.

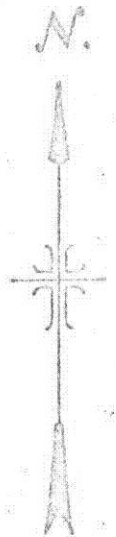
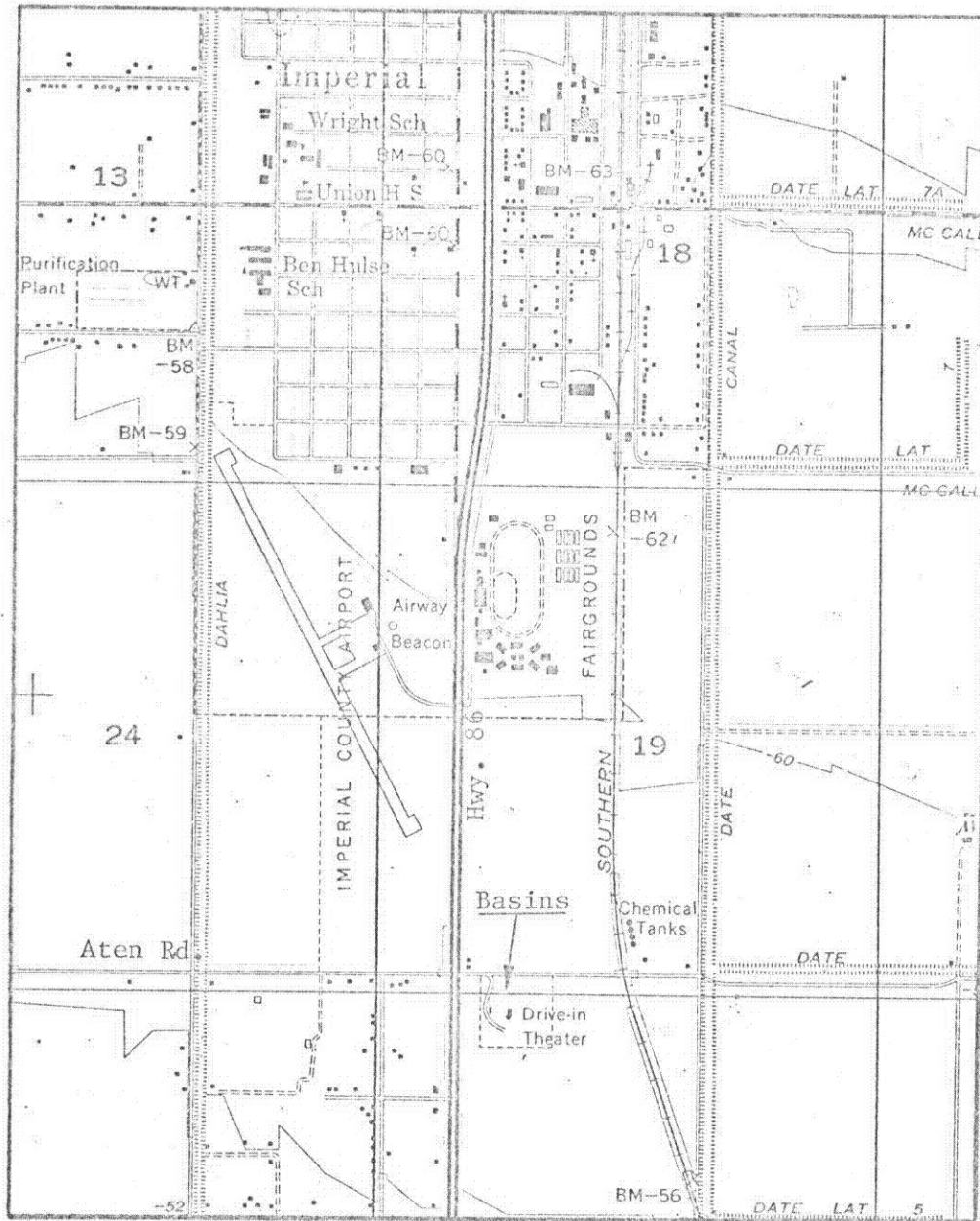
B. Provisions

1. In view of existing violations of the above Specifications A.1. through A.6., as stated in Finding No. 5 above, the discharger shall correct same by not later than April 6, 1981; said corrections are to include at least the following items:
 - a. Closure of the gate.
 - b. Closure of the septic tank lid.
 - c. Berm the entire perimeter of the pond to provide adequate protection against runoff, inundation, or destruction from a storm whose expected frequency is at least once in 20 years. These facilities shall be certified adequate by a California Registered Civil Engineer, and this certificate, which includes the Engineer's design data, shall be received in this office by April 10, 1981.
2. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
3. Upon request from this Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the treatment and discharge of waste.
4. In the event of any change in operation, or in control of ownership of land and/or waste disposal facilities owned or controlled by the discharger, the discharger shall:
 - a. Notify this Board of such change; and
 - b. Notify the succeeding owner or operator by letter of the existence of this Order, a copy of which shall be filed with this Board.

I, Arthur Swajian, 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 March 25, 1981.


Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
 Region 7



Scale
 1" = 2,000'

SITE MAP
 MOTOR VU DRIVE-IN THEATRE
 South of Imperial - Imperial County
 SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T15S, R14E, SBB&M
 USGS El Centro 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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