

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 81-91
SANITARY SEPTIC SERVICE
East of Borrego Springs - San Diego County

The Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. Lawrence W. Swires (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 184, Borrego Springs, CA 92004, discharges domestic sewage onto the surface of a 40-acre natural desert field located in the SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 36, T10S, R6E, SBB&M.
2. The wastewater consists of domestic sewage from pumping out septic tanks, seepage pits, cesspools, service station holding tanks, restaurant grease pits and chemical toilets.
3. The discharger reported in the operation's Report of Waste Discharge, dated September 22, 1981, that the wastewater would be uniformly spread over the surface of the field, and any surface wastes would be disked into the soil within 24 hours after spreading.
4. The Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements for this sewage pumping service on November 12, 1980 in Order No. 80-97.
5. On March 20, 1981, May 20, 1981 and July 22, 1981 the Regional Board staff inspected the subject disposal site and noted the following Discharge Specifications contained in Order No. 80-97 were in non-compliance:
 - A.3. There shall be no discharge of sewage solids at the disposal site.
 - A.5. There shall be no surface exposure of wastes at the close of a day's operation.
 - A.6. There shall be no concentration of waste within limited areas of the reported disposal site.
 - A.7. There shall be no ponding of discharged waste effluent or surface flow of this wastewater away from the designated disposal area.
6. On August 25, 1981, the Regional Board staff received a complaint confirming that the requirements listed above are still being violated at this disposal site. The following observations were recorded.

*Recorded by letter
11/16/81*

- a. Wastewater is being discharged at concentrated locations, which is resulting in ponding.
 - b. Waste solids are remaining on the ground surface following evaporation and infiltration of wastewater.
 - c. There is no evidence that the wastes are being disked into the soil at the end of a day's operation.
7. This enforcement action is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et. seq.) in accordance with Section 2714, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, Sanitary Septic Service shall:

1. Abate immediately the discharge of sewage solids, and clean up all solids at the disposal site by October 9, 1981.
2. Take action to abate surface exposure of wastes by disking all discharged wastes into the soil at the close of a day's operation.
3. Abate concentration of waste and ponding of wastewater by uniformly spreading it over a wide area of flat graded surface within the disposal site.
4. By October 16, 1981, submit a report to the Regional Board explaining that all of the above necessary actions have been taken to comply with the specifications contained in Order No. 80-97.

Failure to comply with this Order as directed may result in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action without further notice.

Sept. 25, 1981
Date

Arthur Swajim
Executive Officer