

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 89-007

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
SUN WORLD INC.  
VEGETABLE WASHING AND PACKAGING PLANT  
Thermal - Riverside County

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

1. Sun World Inc., (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), 5544 California Avenue, Suite 280, Bakersfield, CA 93309, submitted a report of waste discharge on September 27, 1988.
2. The discharger owns and operates a carrot and corn washing and packaging plant at 87-400 Avenue 56, Thermal, CA 92274. Operating season of the plant is from mid October of each year through mid June of the next year. During the operating season, the plant generates wastewater which, prior to the 1988-89 operating season, was discharged to the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel under Board Order No. 79-67 (NPDES Permit No. CA 0104531) and Cease and Desist Order No. 87-60.
3. In order to comply with Cease and Desist Order No. 87-60, the discharger proposes to discharge said wastewater to at least four evaporation-percolation fields located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, T6S, R8E, SBB&M, as shown on the attached site map. Specifically, the discharger proposes to discharge a maximum of 50,000 gallons-per-day of wastewater to the fields. The wastewater will be first discharged to a collection pit at the plant (located on the west side of the Coachella Valley Storm Water Channel) and then pumped and transported via a pipeline to the proposed fields on the east side of the Coachella Storm Water Channel. The discharger reports that no chemicals are added to the process water. The process water, which is of potable quality, is supplied from an on site well.
4. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984.
5. The Basin Plan delineates the location of said discharge to be in the Indio Hydrologic Subarea of the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit. Beneficial uses of the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit are:
  - a. Municipal supply
  - b. Industrial supply
  - c. Agricultural supply

*Superseded  
by Bd. Ord. # 92-003  
1/22/92*

6. The discharger reports that there are no water supply wells within 1,000 feet of the proposed fields.
7. The proposed discharge is exempt from the provisions of Subchapter 15, Chapter 3, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations in accordance with Section 2511 of same Subchapter 15.
8. In accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., the Board adopted a Negative Declaration for the proposed fields on January 25, 1989.
9. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to adopt waste discharge requirements for the proposed discharge.
10. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposed discharge.

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

A. Discharge Specifications

1. The treatment or disposal of waste shall not cause pollution or nuisance as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate protective works shall be provided to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the discharge facilities inoperable
3. All wastewater disposal shall be confined to the fields except that wastewater may be used on-site dust control.
4. Settled material removed from the collection pit and/or the fields shall be disposed of in a manner that will not result in pollution or nuisance as defined by the California Water Code.
5. Decomposing organic matter shall not be allowed to accumulate in the fields.

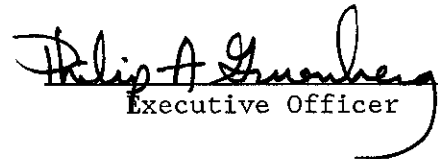
B. Provisions

1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
2. This Order includes the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 89-007", and future revisions thereto, as required by the Executive Officer.

3. In the event of any change in operation or ownership of land and /or plant facilities owned and 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order No. 79-67 (NPDES Permit No. CA 0104531) and Cease and Desist Order No. 87-60 are hereby rescinded.

I, Phil Gruenberg, 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 January 25, 1989.

  
Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 89-007  
FOR  
SUN WORLD INC.  
VEGETABLE WASHING AND PACKAGING PLANT  
Thermal - Riverside County

Location of Discharge: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, T6S, R8E, SBB&M

MONITORING

The discharger shall submit a status report at the end of each operating season on the following:

1. Whether or not the plant was in operation during that season.
2. An estimate of the average daily discharge of wastewater to the evaporation-percolation fields, in gallons-per-day, for the season.
3. List of proposed changes (if any) for the next operating season, regarding the discharge of wastewater.

REPORTING

The status report for each operating season shall be signed by duly authorized person and submitted to the Regional Board by not later than July 15 of each year.

Forward monitoring reports to:

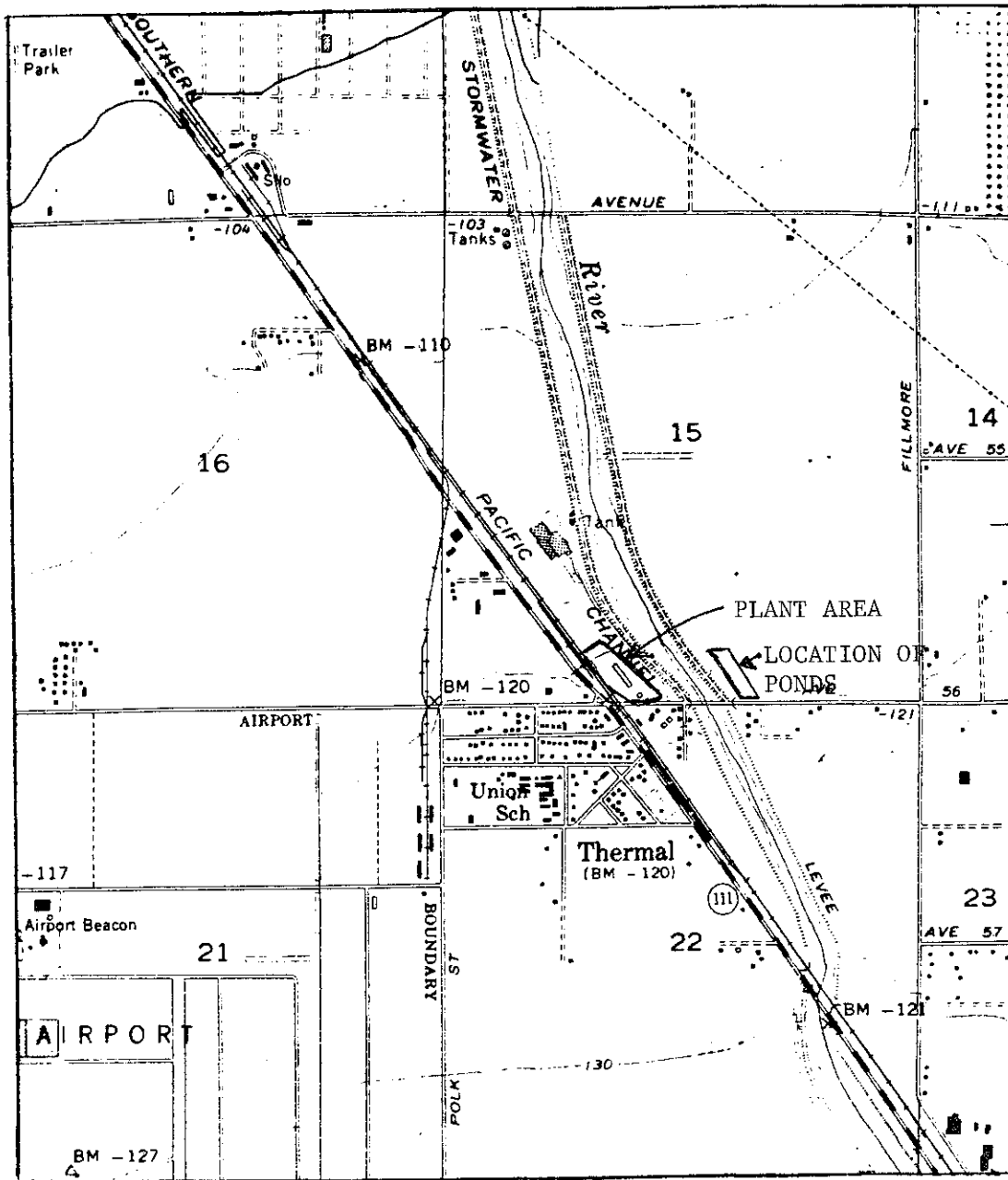
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

ORDERED BY:

  
Executive Officer

January 25, 1989

Date



SITE MAP  
SUNWORLD INC. - THERMAL FACILITY  
Location of Wastewater Ponds:  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, T6S, R8S, SBB&M  
USGS Indio, California, 7.5 Minute Topographic Map

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