

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**ORDER NO. R4-2025-XXXX  
TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

**FOR  
SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT  
H. KRAMER & COMPANY and  
HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY AND ITS SUCCESSOR COMPANIES  
File No. 94-031**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board), finds:

1. H. Kramer & Company (Kramer) owns an approximately eleven-acre facility located at 1 Chapman Way, El Segundo, California.
2. Harshaw Chemical Company (Harshaw) owned the facility and between 1941 and 1951 engaged in smelting antimony at the site. Harshaw discharged wastes containing arsenic and other byproducts of antimony smelting to a large surface impoundment on the eastern one-half of the facility.
3. Harshaw sold the property to the Kramer in 1951.
4. Kramer operated a brass foundry at the facility until 1985. As part of the foundry operations, Kramer produced a slag waste containing elevated levels of residual lead and copper. The waste slag was discharged into the existing surface impoundment on the eastern one-half of the facility resulting in an approximately two-acre slag pile with a total volume of approximately 35,000 cubic yards.
5. On December 28, 1992, the Los Angeles Water Board issued Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 92-094 (CAO), which required Kramer and Harshaw to implement site investigations and remedial activities at the site. The CAO, and amendments thereto, remains in full force and effect.
6. A baseline health risk assessment was completed in 1992 for existing conditions at the site. As a result, it was determined that dermal and inhalation exposure to the slag pile exceeded acceptable levels.
7. Kramer and Harshaw proposed capping the slag pile to prevent further contamination to underlying soil that could impact groundwater and public health.
8. An asphalt concrete cap was installed on the northeast parcel of the Site in 1995 to eliminate the direct contact pathways and to minimize infiltration of surface water into the subsurface soil.

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9. On April 10, 1995, the Los Angeles Water Board determined that no further action was required for soil and slag remediation at the site because remediation had been successfully completed in accordance with the approved cap design and Los Angeles Water Board's requirements.
10. The Los Angeles Water Board conducts regulatory oversight of post-closure maintenance of the cap and groundwater monitoring at the site through the Site Cleanup Program Reimbursement Process for Regulatory Oversight pursuant to Section 13304 of the California Water Code.
11. There is an existing cost sharing agreement between Kramer and Chevron Environmental Management Company for present and future environmental liability management at the Site.
12. The northeast parcel of the Site is leased to a business providing storage for privately owned automobiles, boats, and recreational vehicles.
13. Since the WMU has been capped, and the Los Angeles Water Board Board Site Cleanup Unit has issued a no further action on soil remediation at the site, the Los Angeles Water Board will consider terminating the WDRs because Los Angeles Water Board Order No. 94-031 no longer accurately reflects current site conditions. However, post closure maintenance and groundwater monitoring will continue to be managed by the Los Angeles Water Board Site Cleanup Unit.
14. Termination of the WDRs is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) (common sense exemption) because there is no possibility that a termination of waste discharge requirements may have a significant effect on the environment.
15. The Los Angeles Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to terminate WDRs for this discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
16. The Los Angeles Water Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and to the tentative termination of waste discharge requirements.
17. Pursuant to CWC section 13320, any aggrieved party may seek review of this Order by filing a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The petition must be received by the State Water Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812, within 30 days of the date this Order is adopted.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Order No. 94-031 be terminated, except for enforcement purposes:

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The Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit a copy of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

I, Susana Arredondo, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on June 26, 2025.

Susana Arredondo  
Executive Officer

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