

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 83-50

SEELEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
IMPERIAL COUNTY

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

1. Seeley County Water District, hereinafter also referred to as the discharger, P.O. Box 161, Seeley, CA 92273 operates a wastewater treatment facility in the N 1/2 of Section 11, T16S, R12E, SBB&M.
2. The wastewater treatment plant consists of stabilization basins. The effluent from the plant is discharged into the New River.
3. On March 4, 1979, the Regional Board updated waste discharge requirements for the discharger in Order No. 79-24 (NPDES No. CA0104507) for the discharge into the New River.
4. The discharge requirements provide, in part, as follows:

A. Effluent Limitations

1. Representative samples of wastewater discharged to New River shall not contain constituents in excess of the following limits:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>30-Day Arithmetic Mean Discharge Rate</u>	<u>7-Day Arithmetic Mean Discharge Rate</u>
20°C BOD ₅	lbs/day	31	53
	mg/l	30	45
Suspended Solids	lbs/day	99	--
	mg/l	95	--
Settleable Matter	ml/l	0.3	0.5

2. The arithmetic mean of the values for effluent samples collected for 20°C BOD₅ in any 30-day period shall not be greater than 15 percent of the arithmetic mean of the values for influent samples collected during the same 30-day period (85 percent removal).

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5. On March 14, 1979 the Regional Board adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 79-37 for violation and threatened violation of requirements listed in Finding No. 4, above. This Order contained a time schedule for correction of the violations, with a date of April 1, 1981 for achieving full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
6. The discharger presently discharges a yearly average of 61 mg/1 20°C BOD₅, and 131 mg/1 Suspended Solids, which continue to violate the requirements listed in Finding No. 4, above, and the time schedule contained in Cease and Desist Order No. 79-37.
7. Seeley was preparing to construct infiltration basins to eliminate the NPDES discharge when, in November 1978, questions on soil stability caused a complete review of the project. The soil testing is being completed and design is under way. Completion of the new facilities is expected by March 1, 1984.
8. 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, Seeley County Water District shall:

1. Abate the discharge and threatened discharge of wastes contrary to the requirements listed in Finding No. 4, above, in accordance with the following time schedule:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Report of Completion Date</u>
Complete Pond Testing and Design	6-1-83	6-15-83
Completion of State Review	8-1-83	8-15-83
Receive Bids	11-1-83	11-15-83
Award Contracts	12-1-83	12-15-83
Complete Construction	3-1-84	3-15-84
Achieve Full Compliance	5-1-84	5-15-84

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

Mary L. Morris

Executive Officer

4/6/83

Date