

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

CLEANUP ORDER NO. 84-71

AGAINST

**ROCKET GASOLINE STATION - BRUCE DEMENNO, OWNER
Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino County**

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

1. Bruce DeMenno; 2000 North Alameda Street, Compton, California 90222, owns the Rocket Gasoline Station located at 30815 Hwy. 18, Lucerne Valley, CA (S $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 9, T4N, R1W, SBB&M).
2. The Regional Board received a report via the County of San Bernardino of a leak of gasoline from underground tanks and/or piping at the subject gasoline station, with contamination of a nearby well.
3. By letter dated March 13, 1984, the Board requested a report from the station owner on the alleged leak.
4. By letter dated March 17, 1984, Bruce DeMenno reported that no underground leak had occurred, but that a pipe at a pump island broke in February 1982, resulting in the surface discharge of a small quantity of gasoline.
5. On March 27, 1984, the Regional Board staff interviewed personnel of a well drilling company which had worked on the well in question. It was reported that the subject well had to be abandoned due to gasoline contamination.
6. On March 28, 1984, the Regional Board staff utilized an HNU Photoionizer Detector to detect organic vapors in the well casing. Initial meter readings were from 50 to 60 ppm benzene equivalent of organic vapor at the top of the well casing, with the concentration dropping to 20 ppm after approximately one minute. The HNU detected no organic vapors within the well casing of a nearby well.
7. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin identifies the beneficial uses of ground waters in the Lucerne Hydrologic Unit as:
 - a. Municipal supply
 - b. Industrial supply
 - c. Agricultural supply

8. Contamination of the ground water with gasoline would significantly impair the beneficial use of the ground water.
9. There exists substantive evidence that ground water contamination by gasoline from the Rocket Station may have occurred. Further geohydrologic work is necessary to determine whether or not significant contamination has actually occurred, the severity and areal extent of any contamination, and the best procedures for cleaning up any contamination.
10. This enforcement action is exempt from the 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, Bruce DeMenno shall:

1. By May 1, 1984, submit to the Regional Board a plan for evaluating possible ground water contamination at the facility for review and comment by the Executive Officer. Said plan shall be certified by a California Registered Civil Engineer or Geologist.
2. By July 1, 1984, submit to the Regional Board a report on the results of the ground water contamination study, including specific recommendations on the methods and time schedule for cleanup of any contamination which may have been found. Said report shall be certified by a California Registered Civil Engineer or Geologist.
3. By August 1, 1984, commence any necessary cleanup activities. Progress reports on the cleanup shall be submitted quarterly to the Board. Progress reports shall be due on September 15, January 15, April 15, and July 15, commencing on September 15, 1984, and continuing until the completion of cleanup.
4. Any necessary cleanup shall be completed by July 1, 1985.
5. Upon completion of any cleanup activity, a written certification of completion of the cleanup shall be submitted to the Board and signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer or Geologist.

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

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Executive Officer

April 9, 1984

Date