

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

ORDER NO. 95-104

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
ROBERT MASSE, OWNER/OPERATOR  
FIRST NATIONAL LAUNDROMAT  
WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FACILITIES  
Joshua Tree - San Bernardino County**

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

1. Robert Masse, owner/operator (hereinafter referred to as the discharger) 40597 Glenwood Lane, Palm Desert, California, 92261, submitted an updated Report of Waste Discharge, dated August 1, 1995.
2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 12,000 gallons-per-day of laundromat washwater into a large lint trap that flows into a septic tank and three seepage pits. The discharger reports that there are no cleaning solvents or other chemicals added to the washwater. Domestic sewage from a restroom is discharged into a separate septic tank/seepage pit disposal system. The site is located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 35, T1N, R6E, SBB&M, and has a street address of 61629 Twentynine Palms Highway in Joshua Tree.
3. The discharger is reserving areas of sufficient size for possible future 100 percent replacement of the seepage pits. See Attachment A incorporated herein and made part of this Board Order.
4. This discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 87-002.
5. This Board Order updates the waste discharge requirements to comply with current laws and regulations as set forth in the California Water Code and the California Code of Regulations.
6. There are no domestic wells within 200 feet of the discharge facilities described in Findings No. 2 and 3, above. The nearest well is about 500 feet north of the facility, depth-to-ground water is approximately 450 feet, and the total dissolved solids (TDS) content is about 145 mg/L. The facility is situated on a gently sloping alluvial floodplain with very permeable sandy soil, and is about one mile south of the Pinto Mountain Fault. Annual Precipitation averages less than eight inches in the local area.
7. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California (Basin Plan) was adopted on November 17, 1993 and designates the beneficial uses of ground and surface waters in this Region.
8. The beneficial uses of ground waters in the Joshua Tree Hydrologic Unit are:
  - a. Municipal supply (MUN)
  - b. Industrial supply (IND)

9. The Board has notified the discharger and all known interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for said discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public meeting and an opportunity to submit comments.
10. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.
11. In accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, the issuance of these waste discharge requirements, which govern the operation of an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et. seq.).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Board Order No. 87-002 is rescinded, and in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, the discharger shall comply with the following:

**A. Discharge Prohibitions**

1. The direct discharge of wastes to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited.
2. Bypass or overflow of untreated or partially treated waste is prohibited.
3. The discharge or deposit of hazardous or designated wastes (as defined in Chapter 15, Title 23, California Code of Regulations) at this facility is prohibited.
4. The discharge of wastewater containing any carcinogen or reproductive toxins listed by the Governor pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13, also known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65), where such chemical passes or probably will pass into any source of drinking water, is prohibited.

**B. Discharge Specifications**

1. The treatment or disposal of wastes at this facility shall not cause pollution or nuisance as defined in Sections 13050(l) and 13050(m) of Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than laundromat and domestic wastewater shall be discharged into the wastewater and the sewage disposal systems described in Finding No. 2, above.
3. Wastewater discharged subsurface shall be retained underground with no surfacing.
4. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the discharge facilities inoperable.
5. Septic tank cleanings shall be discharged only by a duly authorized service. All laundromat wastes and septage shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
6. The discharge shall not cause degradation of ground water nor adversely affect any of the beneficial uses.
7. The discharge of laundromat wastewater shall not exceed 12,000 gallons-per-day.

8. There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the discharge facilities.
9. Wastewater shall be discharged only into the disposal systems described in Finding No. 2, above.
10. Wastewater which has a total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration greater than 550 mg/L shall be discharged only to an appropriate waste management facility as approved by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
11. All regulated disposal systems shall be readily accessible for sampling and inspection.
12. Odors of sewage origin shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the individual facility.
13. No part of the subsurface disposal systems shall be closer than 150 feet to any water well or closer than 100 feet to any stream, channel, or other watercourse.
14. No part of the disposal systems shall extend to a depth where waste may deleteriously affect an aquifer that is useable for domestic, agricultural or industrial purposes. In no case may the disposal systems extend to within 10 feet of the zone of historic or anticipated high ground water level unless otherwise approved by the Regional Board's Executive Officer. Furthermore, the disposal system shall not lay immediately above bedrock.

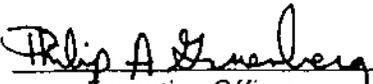
#### C. Provisions

1. Sufficient land area shall be reserved for possible future 100 percent replacement of the seepage pits, until such time as this facility is connected to a municipal sewerage system. Replacement pits shall be installed in accordance with Section 64630, Chapter 16, Title 22, the Water Works Standards of the California Water Code.
2. Prior to any change in ownership or management of this operation, the discharger shall transmit a copy of this Board Order to the succeeding owner/operator, and forward a copy of the transmittal letter to the Regional Board.
3. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater treated or discharged, or any material change in the location of discharge, the discharger shall report all pertinent information in writing to the Regional Board and obtain revised requirements before any modifications are implemented.
4. The discharger shall comply with "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 95-104", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
5. This Board Order does not authorize violation of any federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
6. The discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances), which are installed or used by the discharger to achieve compliance with conditions of this Board Order.
7. All regulated disposal systems shall be readily accessible for sampling and inspection.

8. The discharger shall allow the Regional Board, or an authorized representative, upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
  - a. Enter upon the premises regulated by this Board Order, or the place where records must be kept under the conditions of this Board Order;
  - b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that shall be kept under the conditions of this Board Order;
  - c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Board Order; and
  - d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purpose of assuring compliance with this Board Order or as otherwise authorized by the California Water Code, any substances or parameters at this location.
9. The discharger is the responsible party for the waste discharge requirements and the monitoring and reporting program for the facility. The discharger shall comply with all conditions of these waste discharge requirements. Violations may result in enforcement actions, including Regional Board Orders or court orders, requiring corrective action or imposing civil monetary liability, or in modification or revocation of these waste discharge requirements by the Regional Board.
10. The discharger shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical monitoring program reports, and such reports shall be submitted in accordance with the specifications prepared by the Regional Board's Executive Officer. Such specifications are subject to periodic revisions as may be warranted.
11. Unless otherwise approved by the Regional Board's Executive Officer, all analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Department of Health Services. All analyses shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants", promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
12. The discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information including all calibration and maintenance records, copies of all reports required by this Board Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Board Order. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of three years from the date of the sample, measurement, or report. This period may be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge or when requested by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
13. The discharger shall remove and relocate any wastes which are discharged at this site in violation of these requirements.
14. All maintenance performed shall be reported with the monitoring reports as required.

15. Any off-site disposal of septage shall be only to a legal point of disposal, with the approval of the legal disposal site operator. For purposes of these requirements, a legal disposal site is one for which requirements have been established by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and which is in full compliance therewith. Any septage handling shall be in such a manner as to prevent its reaching surface waters or watercourses.

I, Philip A. 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 November 29, 1995.

  
Executive Officer

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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 95-104

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Location of Discharge: NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 35, T1N, R6E, SBB&M

MONITORING

The discharger shall sample one of the seepage pits and submit in quarterly reports information on the following:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L <sup>1</sup>	Grab	Quarterly
Flow	Average Gallons/Day	Water Meter Reading	Quarterly
MBAS (Methylene Blue Active Substances)	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly

The collection, preservation and holding times of all samples shall be in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved procedures. All analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory certified by the State Department of Health Services to perform the required analyses.

REPORTING

1. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

2. The discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the specified information is readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner as to clearly illustrate whether the facility is operating in compliance with the waste discharge requirements.

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<sup>1</sup>mg/L - milligrams per Liter

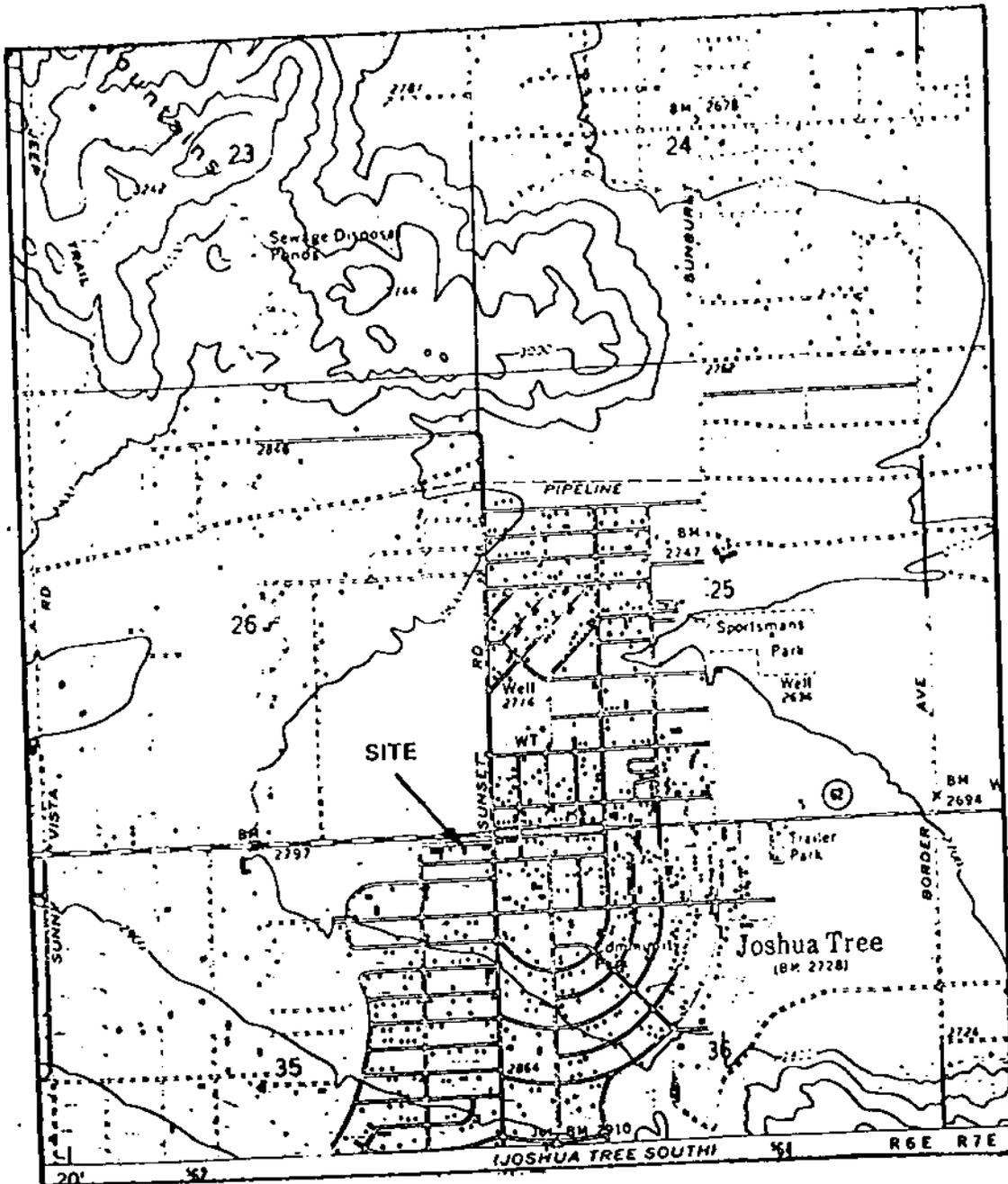
3. Report immediately any failure in the waste disposal system to the Regional Board's Executive Officer and the Director of the County Environmental Health Department by telephone with follow-up by letter.
4. Note any changes in the disposal systems for the quarter.
5. Each report shall contain the following statement:

"I declare under the penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Ordered By: Philip A. Gruenberg  
Executive Officer

November 29, 1995

Date

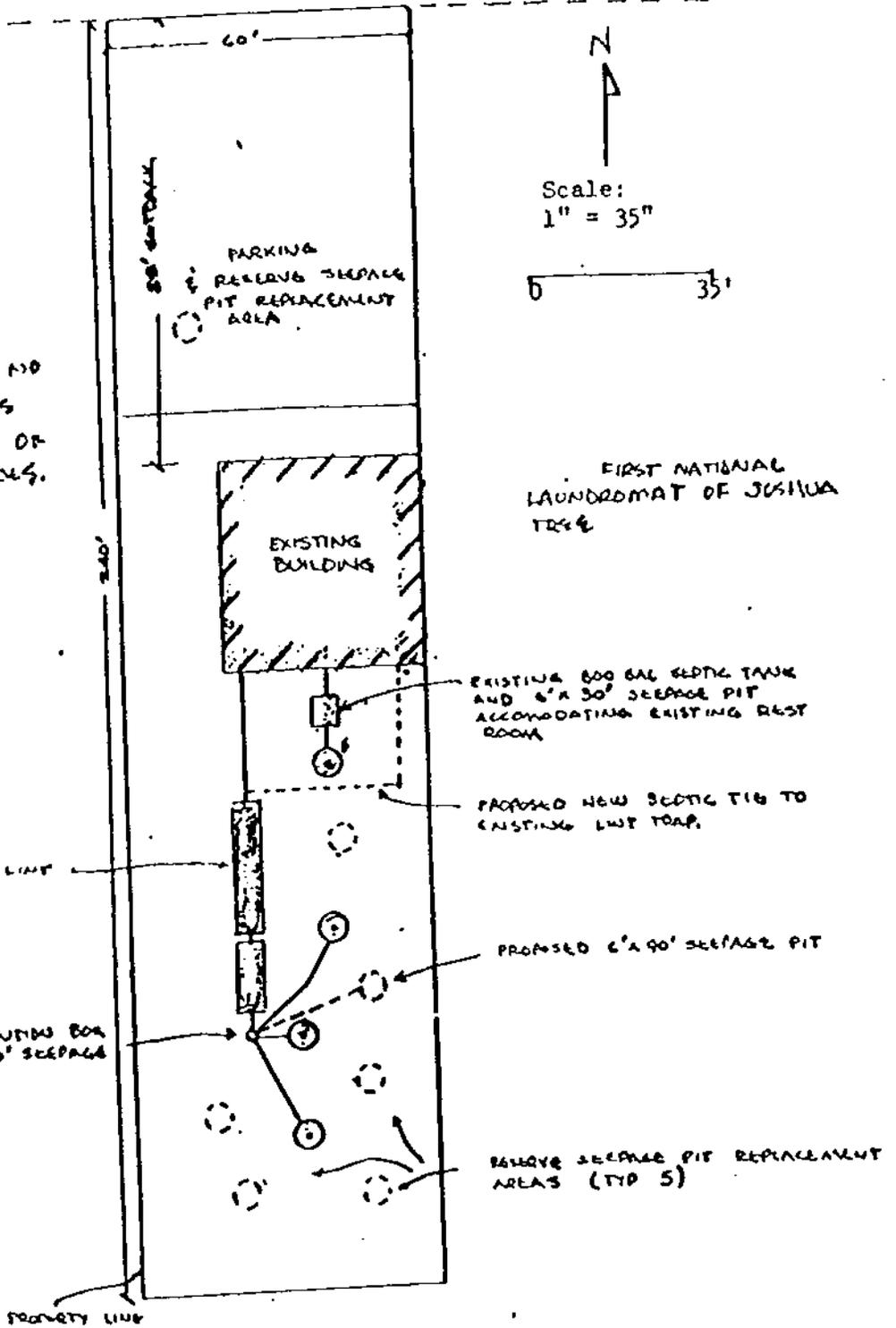


SITE MAP

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NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 35, T1N, R6E, SBB&M  
USGS Joshua Tree North 7.5 min. Topographic Map

STATE ROUTE 62

NOTE: THERE ARE NO EXISTING WELLS WITHIN 200' OF PROPERTY LINES.



ATTACHMENT A

ROBERT MASSE, OWNER/OPERATOR  
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