

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 92-35

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN  
FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION REVISING THE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE CLEANUP OF GROUND WATER POLLUTED WITH PETROLEUM  
PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE VOLATILE HALOGENATED HYDROCARBONS

WHEREAS:

1. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (North Coast Regional Water Board), adopted the current Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Basin (Basin Plan) on April 28, 1988.
2. Division 7 of the Water Code specifies that basin plans be periodically reviewed and, if appropriate, revised.
3. On January 22, 1992, following a public hearing, the North Coast Regional Water Board adopted Resolution No. 92-2 (Attachment) amending the section of the Basin Plan titled Interim Action Plan for Cleanup of Ground Waters Polluted with Petroleum Products to include volatile halogenated hydrocarbons.
4. The North Coast Regional Water Board prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.).
5. The North Coast Regional Water Board Resolution No. 92-2 was adopted in accordance with state laws and regulations.
6. Basin Plan amendments do not become effective until approved by the State Water Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Water Board:

1. Approves the Basin Plan amendment adopted by North Coast Regional Water Board Resolution No. 92-2 on January 22, 1992, with the understanding that discharges will comply with the statewide Inland Surface Waters Plan and the Bays and Estuaries Plan.

2. Directs staff to submit the Basin Plan amendment and this State Board Resolution to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on May 18, 1992.

  
Maureen Marché  
Administrative Assistant to the Board

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2

AMENDING THE

WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION

INTERIM ACTION PLAN FOR CLEANUP OF GROUNDWATERS

POLLUTED WITH PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

TO INCLUDE

CLEANUP OF GROUNDWATERS

POLLUTED WITH HALOGENATED VOLATILE HYDROCARBONS

- WHEREAS, The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Board) adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) on April 28, 1988 and the State Water Resources Control Board approved the Basin Plan on November 15, 1988; and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Board, in its Triennial Review of the Basin Plan, adopted Resolution No. 88-135 on September 28, 1988 which contained a priority list of planning issues. In this list, the Regional Board identified the need to revise the Basin Plan to provide for the cleanup of polluted groundwaters; and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 89-46 on April 26, 1989 which amended Point Source Measures in Section 4 of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) to include an Interim Action Plan for Cleanup of Groundwaters Polluted with Petroleum Products; and
- WHEREAS, The investigation and cleanup of polluted groundwaters resulting from discharges of waste has been and will continue to be a high priority task for this Regional Board; and
- WHEREAS, Technologies exist to remove pollutants from groundwaters that have been polluted by discharges of waste; and
- WHEREAS, A Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearing, a Public Report containing the text of a proposed amendment to the Interim Action Plan for Cleanup of Groundwaters Polluted with Petroleum Products to include the Cleanup of Groundwaters Polluted with Halogenated Volatile Hydrocarbons and environmental documentation functionally equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements were transmitted to interested individuals and public agencies for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Board held a public hearing on January 22, 1992 and carefully considered all testimony and comments received on this matter, and has determined that the adoption of the proposed Basin Plan amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interim Action Plan for Cleanup of Groundwaters Polluted with Petroleum Products be amended as follows (proposed new language is shown by underlining; proposed deleted language is shown by strikeover text):

INTERIM ACTION PLAN FOR CLEANUP OF GROUNDWATERS POLLUTED WITH PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND HALOGENATED VOLATILE HYDROCARBONS

Discharges of waste from treatment facilities designed to remove pollutants from groundwaters polluted with petroleum products and halogenated volatile hydrocarbons shall be permitted to surface waters of the North Coast Region year-round with no discharge flow limitations based on the flow of the receiving water provided that the following conditions are met:

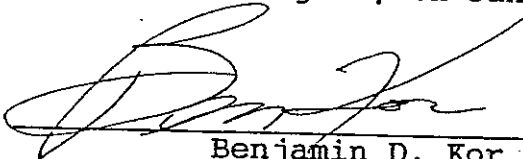
1. The discharge from the treatment facility shall be pollutant-free.\*
2. The discharge shall not adversely affect the beneficial uses of the receiving water.
3. The discharge is necessary because a polluted groundwater cleanup operation is required by an ~~Order~~ action of the Regional Board.
4. The discharge is necessary because no feasible alternative to the discharge (re injection, reclamation, evaporation, discharge to a community wastewater treatment and disposal system, etc.) is available.
5. The discharge is regulated by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit/Waste Discharge Requirements.
6. The discharger has demonstrated consistent compliance with Provision 1 above.
7. The discharge is in the public interest.

\* For the purposes of this Interim Action Plan, pollutants are defined as those constituents and their breakdown products that were discharged to soils and/or groundwater that

necessitated a groundwater cleanup. Pollutant-free is defined as discharges that contain no detectable levels of pollutants as analyzed in currently approved EPA or State of California methodology. The Regional Board will define detectable levels in terms of numerical limits and shall specify such limits in individual NPDES permits or waste discharge requirements.

Certification

I, Benjamin D. Kor, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on January 22, 1992.

  
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Benjamin D. Kor  
Executive Officer

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