



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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## **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CHEVREUX AGGREGATES FACILITY, PLACER AND NEVADA COUNTIES**

On 5 December 2003, the Central Valley Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2003-0176 for Chevreux Aggregates, Inc. and ARP Ranch, Inc. The WDRs require that Chevreux Aggregates, Inc. and ARP Ranch, Inc. comply with the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) pursuant to Section 13267 of the California Water Code.

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed monthly monitoring reports from January 2006 through January 2007 and noted the following violations:

1. The reports did not include the calibration log verifying calibration of all instruments and devices used to comply with the Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2003-0176. Each monthly monitoring report must include this log.

2. Effluent Limitation A.1 of the WDRs states:

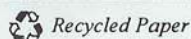
*"Discharge of wash water or any process wastewater to the aggregate washwater ponds in excess of the following limits is prohibited as described below:"*

<u>Constituent or Parameter</u>	<u>Limit</u>
pH	6.5 – 8.4 Standard Units
Manganese	50 µg/L

- pH results were greater than the effluent limitation during each of the six months of monitoring. The lowest pH level was 6.2 and the highest was 9.1.
  - Manganese was reported at concentrations of 270 mg/L, 150 mg/L and 87 mg/L in the January 2006, July 2006, and January 2007 monitoring reports.
3. The monthly monitoring reports do not include weekly berm condition observations as required by the MRP.

With regard to the violations of the WDRs, by **1 July 2007**, Chevreux Aggregates shall submit a technical report describing: (a) how the violations cited above have been, or will be,

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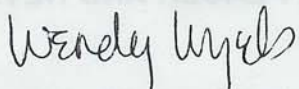




corrected; and (b) how recurrence will be prevented shall be submitted. If Chevreaux Aggregates is unable to fully comply with the WDRs within **60 days**, the report shall provide an explanation and scope of work and schedule for corrective action.

In addition, by **1 July 2007**, Chevreaux Aggregates shall submit delinquent calibration logs for all instruments and devices used to comply with the MRP. If the delinquent information is not available, then by **1 July 2007**, Chevreaux Aggregates shall provide a report explaining why the instrument calibration log has not been submitted and identifying the actions to be taken to assure that this information is included in all future monitoring reports. The May 2007 monitoring report is due by **1 July 2007**.

If you have any questions, please call Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.



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Violation No: Effluent Limitations (pH) – 518145, 518146, 518147, 518148, 518149, 518150; MRP Calibration Logs – 527235, 529275, 529276, 529277, 529278, 529279, 529280, 529281, 529282, 529283, 529284, 529285, 529286; Effluent Limitations (Manganese) – 527731, 527733, 527734

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