



# County of Santa Cruz

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April 12, 2004

MR. MICHAEL HIGGINS  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL BOARD  
Central Coast Region  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5414

SUBJECT: SEWAGE SPILL - COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 7  
BOULDER CREEK PUMP STATION NO. 5

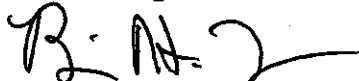
Dear Mr. Higgins:

Attached is a spill report concerning a sewage spill that occurred in Santa Cruz County Service Area No. 7 on April 5, 2004. The spill was first noticed when the treatment plant operator noticed the discrepancy in the volume of wastewater pumped to the plant. The volume of spill is based on that discrepancy. The cross-over pipe was blocked with grease causing a surcharge at the inlet channel of the pump station and subsequent sewage flow to Boulder Creek.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments 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 fine and imprisonment.

Yours truly,

THOMAS L. BOLICH  
District Engineer

By:   
Brian H. Turpen  
Assistant Public Works Director

RCB:rw

Copy to: Board of Supervisors (w/a)  
John Ricker, Environmental Health (w/a)  
Susann Rogberg, Program Administrator (w/a)  
Rachèl Lather, Sanitation Engineering (w/a)  
Water and Wastewater (w/a)

Attachment:  
SP040504.wpd

California Regional  
Quality Control Board  
Central Coast Region  
DISCHARGER: CSA#7

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**SEWAGE SPILL REPORT**

PHONE# (831)464-5462

Basin Boulder Creek

ADDRESS: 2750 Lode St CITY: Santa Cruz

RESPONDING STAFF: Gary Dubinsky, Scott St. Denis, Valerie St. Denis,  
Brad Hawthorne, Tom Speziale

REPORTING PARTY: County of Santa Cruz PHONE# (831)464-5462

DATE OF SPILL: 04/05/04 TIME SPILL BEGAN: Unknown

TIME SPILL STOPPED: 4:15 p.m. 04/05/04

LOCATION/ADDRESS OF SPILL ORIGIN: Boulder Creek Pump Station #5

VOLUME OF SPILL: 27,500 gallons PATH OF SPILL: Boulder Creek

WATER BODY AFFECTED: Boulder Creek CAUSE OF SPILL: Grease blockage

ACTION TAKEN TO STOP SPILL: Broke blockage with high pressure.

TIME CLEANUP BEGAN: 08:30 04/06/06 TIME CLEANUP COMPLETE: 09:30 04/06/04

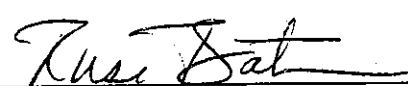
DISCUSSION OF CLEANUP: Rake ground.

WERE PUBLIC HEALTH WARNINGS POSTED, AND IF SO, WHERE? N/A

NUMBER OF SPILLS IN SAME LOCATION IN LAST THREE YEARS: 0

DISCUSSION OF MEASURES TAKEN TO PREVENT SPILLS AT THIS LOCATION: Add to  
inspection list for special maintenance.

AGENCIES NOTIFIED:	PERSON CONTACTED	OR MESSAGE LEFT	TIME/DATE
NETCOM	<u>Dee Kenville</u>		<u>4:30 p.m. 04/05/04</u>
RWQCB		<u>Mike Higgins</u>	<u>4:32 p.m. 04/05/04</u>
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		<u>John Ricker</u>	<u>4:28 p.m. 04/05/04</u>
FISH & GAME	<u>Mike</u>		<u>4:45 p.m. 04/05/04</u>
CITY WATER TREATMENT GRAHAM HILL	<u>Steve Clark</u>		<u>3:20 p.m. 04/05/04</u>

SIGNATURE:   
Russ Bateson, Operations Manager

DATE 4/6/04