

Environmental Testing/Bakersfield Laboratory: California State Water Resources Control Board Announces Settlement for Alleged Violations



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The California State Water Resources Control Board (“Board”) issued a November 9th news release stating that BC Laboratories, Inc. (“BCL”) has been assessed an \$18,000 penalty for alleged violations regarding failure to timely notify water systems of exceedances.

BCL is stated to be a Bakersfield, California-based environmental testing laboratory.

The Board’s Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (“ELAP”) is stated to have determined that BCL failed to notify a water system in two instances within 24 hours that certain water samples exceeded maximum contaminant levels. It states that laboratories are required to notify a water system and the State Water Board within 24 hours if acute contaminants exceed the maximum safe level.

The Board states that BCL was assessed an \$18,000 penalty. Further, BCL is stated to have paid the citation and indicated it had undertaken the following:

- Corrective action
- Retrained staff
- Conducted an internal audit

A copy of the news release can be downloaded [here](#).