



**Project Name:** Compliance Auditing - Environmental

**Client:** US Borax

**Locations:** Boron, Wilmington, and Valencia, California

### **Project Goal**

The main goal of this project was to conduct an environmental audit of the open pit mine, ore processing, storage, terminal/distribution, research, and corporate office of the US Borax operations.

### **Waterstone's Role**

Waterstone was retained by the US Borax Environmental Corporate Office to conduct an environmental compliance audit of their three operational areas in California. Waterstone conducted a full environmental compliance audit and prepared a separate report of each facility. The audit encompassed air quality, water quality, solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous materials management, and wildlife regulatory requirements and included the review of documents and files; interviews of pertinent Borax employee; and site inspections of the facilities.

### **Project Challenges and Successes**

The challenge of this project was to evaluate all operations as to their compliance with federal, state and local regulatory requirements of three facilities located in southern California. The reviews had to address the regulatory requirements of differing local agencies. In addition, each facility had different types of operations that the auditors had to understand in order to meet the assessment goals. The reports identified areas at the facilities that needed improvement for compliance and also included corrective action plans detailing the actions necessary, responsible parties, and timetables for implementation.