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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906
Attention: John Goni

RE: RE-NOMINATION OF 950 W. BEACH ST., WATSONVILLE, CA TO THE EAR ACCOUNT

Your Board has previously supported the nomination of the above noted property to the State Water Resources Control Board's Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account. As the Local Implementing Agency (LIA) for Santa Cruz County, the Environmental Health Service is requesting that this site be re-nominated for funding in Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

This site historically had one 10,000 gallon and three 8,000 gallon underground storage tanks and it was abandoned by the Responsible Party. All efforts by this agency and our District Attorney's Office to force the Responsible Party to perform failed. The tanks and their contents were removed with funding from the account in November of 2006. Results from samples collected from the three on-site monitoring wells indicate that the shallow groundwater beneath the site has been impacted from an unauthorized release. Further investigation as to the extent of contamination and possible remediation are warranted.

In 2007-2008, an additional \$250,000 was earmarked for this site so Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services could continue to evaluate the subsurface conditions. We have recently obtained a scope of work and cost estimate from the consultant who oversaw the tank removal and they are preparing a workplan for approval to move forward on this project. We are asking that the site be re-nominated for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 so this work can be completed.

Thank you in advance for considering this site for re-nomination. Should you have any questions about this site or this request, please feel free to contact me during regular business hours at (831) 454-2761.

Sincerely,

Tim L. Fillmore, REHS
Hazardous Materials Program Manager