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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 2012-2013.

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 had been impacted from an unauthorized release.

In 2007-2008, an additional \$250,000 was earmarked for this site so that Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services could continue to evaluate the subsurface conditions and move the site towards closure. An additional subsurface investigation to fill data gaps was undertaken in November 2011. Although the final report has not been issued, preliminary results identified limited pockets of soil contamination that may need to be removed in order to eliminate vapor intrusion risks. The current scope of work also includes 4 quarterly groundwater sampling events to occur in 2012. We are asking that the site be re-nominated for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 so this work can be completed. The current level of funding appears to be adequate to complete the remaining investigation and cleanup at this site.

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