



# Mission Linen Supply

MISSION LINEN & UNIFORM SERVICE

October 8, 2010

Kathleen Cole Harder  
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Subject: SCRS D Tentative Discharge Permit

Dear Ms. Harder,

The purpose of this letter is to voice our opposition to the draft NPDES permit for the Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District.

Mission Linen Supply, founded in 1930, is a large supplier of uniforms, linens, and industrial towels with over forty locations in the western United States, mostly in California. Mission Linen Supply has had a long-standing commitment to the environment with an excellent record of environmental compliance, a strong energy program, and has adopted the use of environmentally friendly wash chemicals.

In my role as environmental engineer for Mission Linen Supply, I am familiar with the usage fees and capacity fees for a number of localities throughout the State of California. As it stands now, I would say Sacramento would fall somewhere in the middle range. If this draft permit is adopted it is apparent that Sacramento would fall into the upper range of wastewater disposal costs. These increased costs would not be conducive to attracting new businesses to the area or retaining existing businesses. We are currently closing a plant in a locality that has high water and sewer costs and the cost of water and sewer was one of the factors considered for closing the plant down.

If I sincerely felt that there was a clear need for upgrades to the SCRS D treatment plant, I would have not taken the time to write this letter. From what I have been able to determine, it appears that the proposed upgrades go over and above what is required and the basis for these recommendations is somewhat questionable. For that reason, I urge the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board not to approve this permit.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Saposnik  
Environmental Compliance Engineer  
Mission Linen Supply