



## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 16, 2016

Mr. Joerg Adomat  
Chief Executive Officer  
Permalite, Inc.  
201 W. Howard Lane  
Austine, TX 78753

Dear Mr. Adomat:

**TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR CHARTA GROUP, INC., DBA PERMALITE, INC., PERMALITE INC., FACILITY, GARDENA, CA. (NPDES NO. CA0059871, CI NO. 6759)**

Charta Group, Inc. DBA Permalite, Inc. (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and operator of Permalite, Inc. (hereinafter Facility), a paper and film coating facility that supplies papers for commercial uses (e.g., photography, graphic art supplies, blueprint papers). The Facility is located at 230 East Alondra Boulevard, in Gardena, California. The Facility was permitted to discharge storm water runoff commingled with small amounts of steam condensate and boiler condensate from the south west side of the Facility, and storm water runoff from the south east side of the Facility to the Dominguez Channel, a water of the United States, above the Estuary. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2015-0024, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on February 12, 2015, and it is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2020. Order No. R4-2015-0024 also serves as a permit under the NPDES (NPDES No. CA0059871) Program.

On June 14, 2016, the Discharger notified the Regional Water Board via email that Permalite Inc., had moved out of California on March 1, 2016, and it no longer owns the property. On July 8, 2016, the Regional Water Board received a letter from the Discharger requesting termination of the NPDES permit because the property was sold on April 1, 2016, and all operations at the Facility had ceased. The Discharger did not indicate the new owner of the property.

On August 10, 2016, Regional Water Board staff conducted a site visit and verified that the Facility is vacant (chain-linked closed). The Facility no longer discharges any wastewater to surface waters. Therefore, the NPDES permit (Order No. R4-2015-0024) regulating the discharge is no longer needed.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Water Board at a public hearing to be held on October 13, 2016, at 9:00 A.M., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate the requirements in Order No. R4-2015-0024. The Board

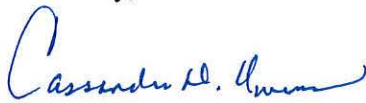
members will hear any testimony pertinent to this matter. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written submissions pertaining to this tentative Order must be submitted to the Regional Water Board staff at [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with a copy submitted to Rosario Aston at [Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 16, 2016**, in order to be evaluated by staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that Regional Water Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Water Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. The Regional Water Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.)

Should any future activities at the subject Facility result in discharges of any wastewater to surface waters, you are required to file a Report of Waste Discharge with this Regional Water Board prior to discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosario Aston at (213) 576-6653.

Sincerely,



Cassandra D. Owens, Chief  
Industrial Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures

cc: **(Via Email Only)**

Mr. David Smith, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)  
Ms. Robyn Stuber, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)  
Ms. Becky Mitschele, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)  
Mr. Kenneth Wong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Ms. Crystal Marquez, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Mr. William Paznokas, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5  
Ms. Sutida Bergguist, State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Division  
Ms. Teresa Henry, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region  
Mr. Theodore Johnson, Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
Mr. Tim Smith, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management  
Division  
Mr. Angelo Bellomo, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health  
Ms. Betsy Weber, Environmental Defense Center  
Ms. Rita Kampalath, Heal the Bay  
Mr. Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles WaterKeeper  
Ms. Becky Hayat, Natural Resources Defense Council  
Ms. Laura West, Natural Resources Defense Council  
Ms. Kristy Allen, Tetra Tech

State of California  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. R4-2016-XXXX

**TERMINATING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
AND  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT  
FOR DISCHARGE IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board), finds:

1. This Regional Water Board adopted waste discharge requirements for discharge to surface water which also served as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Discharger listed below.
2. The discharge of wastewater and storm water to surface water from this Facility has been eliminated.
3. The Discharger had moved out of state. The Facility is vacant and there are currently no operations at the site.
4. Therefore, the following waste discharge requirements and NPDES permit are no longer necessary and should be terminated.
5. The following Order is hereby terminated, except for enforcement purposes.
6. The termination of waste discharge requirements is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.

The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger, interested agencies, and persons of its intent to consider termination of the following waste discharge requirements and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

The Regional Water Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to this matter.

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Order No. R4-2016-XXXX  
Terminating Waste Discharge Requirements  
and NPDES Permit

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following waste discharge requirements and NPDES permit be terminated:

<b><u>DISCHARGER NAME (NPDES NO.)</u></b>	<b><u>ORDER NO. (ADOPTION DATE)</u></b>	<b><u>REASON FOR TERMINATION</u></b>
Charta Group, Inc., DBA Permalite Inc., Permalite Inc., Facility (CA0059871)	R4-2015-0024 (February 12, 2015)	The discharge of wastewater and storm water to surface water from the Facility has been eliminated. The Discharger has moved out of state, the Facility is vacant and there are no operations at the site.

The Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, is authorized and directed to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies as may have need therefore, or may request the same.

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on October 13, 2016.

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Samuel Unger, P.E.  
Executive Officer

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