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August 26, 2005

Mr. Doug Dinsmore  
Granite Construction Company  
1540 Giuntoli Lane  
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Mr. Dinsmore:

**Subject:** Coverage under Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"

**File:** Granite Construction Company Crescent City Asphalt Plant, Huffman Bar,  
Smith River: WDID 1A02143WNDN

On April 4, 2005, Granite Construction Company (Granite) submitted an application to this office for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements. On May 26, 2005, we posted a public notice for your project on our web site and a 21-day public comment period has taken place. We did not receive any comments regarding your project.

On June 21, 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (General WDR). Review of the application by Regional Water Board staff indicated that Granite's Smith River extraction activities and processing facility might be eligible for coverage under the General WDR.

Regional Water Board staff requested additional information from Granite to demonstrate that the Smith River asphalt plant and processing facility were in compliance with the discharge requirements and prohibitions contained in the General WDR. Granite demonstrated that their aggregate extraction activities at the Huffman and Sultan Bars, and the Smith River processing facility comply with the General WDR; however, the scrubber discharge from the asphalt plant did not currently comply. Regional Water Board staff informed Granite that authorization of coverage under the General WDR would be conditioned such that discharges from the asphalt

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plant scrubber are not currently authorized. On August 25, 2005, we received a check for \$372 to cover the remaining balance of the application fee.

This letter hereby informs Granite that the proposed aggregate extraction activities and processing facility on the Smith River are now subject to the requirements of General WDR Order No. R1-2005-0011. This letter does not authorize any discharges from the asphalt plant to the unlined basin.

We encourage all appropriate personnel to review and become familiar with the discharge requirements and prohibitions contained in the General WDR. The identification number for this project file will be WDID No. 1B05045WNHU. This number should be included on all future correspondence related to this matter.

Please call Dean Prat of our staff at (707) 576-2801 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Catherine E. Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

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Enclosure:

Order No. R1-2005-0011, "General Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Discharges Related to Sand and Gravel Mining, Excavation, and Processing Activities, Including Asphalt and Concrete Operations, on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region"

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