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LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD ISSUES CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER TO THE BOEING COMPANY FOR SANTA MONICA GROUNDWATER CLEANUP

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Los Angeles Water Board) Executive Officer has issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order (Order) to The Boeing Company (Boeing) that requires Boeing to complete its assessment and delineation of groundwater contamination beneath the former Douglas Aircraft Company plant on Exposition Boulevard near Centinela Avenue in Santa Monica.

The Order also recognizes actions to be taken by the City of Santa Monica (City) to extract and treat groundwater from below the Boeing site. This Order incorporates an agreement between the City and Boeing that calls for Boeing to pay \$39.5 million to the City to treat polluted drinking water supplies. The money will fund facilities for long-term pumping and treating of groundwater to drinking water standards without inconveniencing businesses and homes in the area. "The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board is committed to ensuring that groundwater is safe for drinking water and other municipal uses," said Samuel Unger, the board's Executive Officer. "The agreement between Boeing and the City is a vital step in cleaning up this valuable resource so that future generations of Californians will have safe, local sources of drinking water."

The Los Angeles Water Board regulates water quality in coastal watersheds in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. For more information on the Los Angeles Water Board, visit: <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/</u>

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