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STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COLLEGES

Dear Mr. Thorman:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is the agency with jurisdiction for water quality protection in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Federal and State regulation mandate storm water control measures at facilities including school districts and colleges.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Water Quality Order No. 99-08-DWQ is a General Permit that regulates discharges associated with construction projects which disturb one acre or greater.

Within the last two months, the Regional Board has issued letters to about 35 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District requesting information regarding post construction storm water control for their construction projects. The letters gave them one month to provide the requested post construction storm water control information, however, almost all schools failed to provide the required information by the due date.

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) acts as California's policy leader for building design and construction, and provides design and construction oversight for K-12 schools and community colleges. As such, we understand that schools submit their building plans to your office.

Clearly, there is a gap in including post construction storm water controls in the plans submitted to your office, and we hope your office will immediately take corrective actions to ensure that the school districts come into compliance. This may be done by hiring a storm water plan reviewer if such expertise is currently unavailable, or by appropriate training of your existing staff to

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verify inclusion of post construction storm water pollutant controls in plans submitted by schools and colleges.

In conclusion, we appreciate your cooperation and efforts to work together with us in protecting the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ejigu Solomon at (213) 620-2237.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

Enclosures: Letter dated January 23, 2006 sent to LAUSD
Sample letter sent to about 35 LAUSD schools requesting post construction info.

cc: Angelo Bellomo: Environmental Director, LAUSD

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