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John and Judith Alexander
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3100 Cannon Ct.
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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106, COLIBRI RIDGE WINERY AND VINEYARD EL DORADO COUNTY

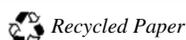
On 19 June 2003, John and Judith Alexander and Colibri Ridge Winery and Vineyard were enrolled under General Order No. R5-2003-0029, the General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for On-Site Storage and Off-Site Disposal of Wastewater Generated by Commercial Wineries Within the Central Valley Region. As you are aware, on 11 July 2003, the Regional Board rescinded General WDRs Order No. R5-2003-029 and instead adopted Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed). Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is a conditional waiver of WDRs for small food processors, including wineries.

On 30 July 2003, John Alexander submitted a Wastewater Operations Plan and asked that the winery be allowed to discharge process wastewater to cropland. We understand that John and Judith Alexander will construct the Colibri Ridge Winery at 6100 Gray Rock Road, in Fairplay, El Dorado County. Approximately 33 tons of grapes will be crushed each year with a maximum crush of 75 tons at full capacity. Wastewater will be stored on-site in a tank, and disposed of to approximately 5.8 acres of vineyards. Approximately 4 to 5 more acres of vineyards will be utilized for disposal of wastewater in the future. If wastewater cannot be disposed of to the vineyard during periods of precipitation or when the ground is saturated, and the wastewater storage tank is full, then wastewater will be hauled off by Sweet Septic Service to the Sacramento County septage disposal facility (or similar facility) for appropriate disposal. Solid waste will be spread on approximately 5 acres of vineyard to start with, and up to 21 acres in the future.

Based on the information submitted in the 30 July 2003 Wastewater Operations Plan, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, "Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors within the Central Valley, Including Wineries." Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. If the

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method of winery wastewater and solids disposal practices is changed from that described in the NOI, then you must submit a new report of waste discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 255-3389.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS
Executive Officer

enc: Resolution No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: Jon Morgan, El Dorado County Environmental Health Department, Placerville
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