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State Water Resources Control Board

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GROUNDWATER MONITORING PLAN EXEMPTION; BREITBURN OPERATING L.P. - BREITBURN DOW CHANSLOR LEASE IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH BELRIDGE OIL FIELDS, KERN COUNTY, CA

Dear Ms. Darjzanie:

This letter is in response to your *Groundwater Monitoring Plan Exemption; BreitBurn Operating L.P. – BreitBurn Dow Chanslor Lease in the North and South Belridge Oil Fields, Kern County, CA*, received on April 24, 2014. BreitBurn Management Company, LLC (BreitBurn) is requesting an exemption from the requirement to submit a groundwater monitoring plan for the BreitBurn Dow Chanslor Lease in the North and South Belridge Oil Fields (Dow Chanslor Lease).

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources' Interim Well Stimulation Regulations allow well operators to seek written concurrence from the State Water Resources Control Board where the operator can demonstrate the absence of protected water as the basis for not conducting groundwater monitoring (Cal. Code Regs. title 14, § 1783.4).

The BreitBurn submittal was signed and sealed by a California registered professional geologist, and included a soil boring log, detailed geologic cross-sections that depicted all geologic units and hydrocarbon zones, and geophysical logs. The submitted information indicated the absence of protected water between the ground surface and the hydrocarbon zone, within the lateral limits of the Diatomite development boundaries of the Dow Chanslor Lease.

Based upon review of the information provided in your submittal, we hereby concur with your determination. If information in the future indicates the presence of protected waters, the Water Boards will once again review this determination.

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If you have any questions pertaining to this issue, please contact Mr. John Borkovich at (916) 341-5779.

Sincerely,

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