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In reply refer to:
adai: 638334

Mr. A.C. Entingh
Head, Environmental Compliance Department
AC/S Environmental Security
U.S. Marine Corps Base
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Dear Mr. Entingh:

SUBJECT: U.S. MARINE CORPS SOUTHERN REGION TERTIARY TREATMENT PLANT (SRTTP)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the May-August 2010 monthly monitoring reports submitted in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2009-0021.

The following violations of Section A.1¹ (Prohibitions) of Order No. R9-2009-0021 were identified in the submitted reports:

1. The United States Marine Corps (USMC) reported that a spill of 1,683 gallons of tertiary disinfected recycled water occurred on July 15, 2010 from a damaged recycled water line. The USMC also reported that the recycled water line was damaged by a contractor during excavation, and that the damaged recycled water line has been repaired.
2. The UMSC reported a spill of 18,400 gallons of disinfected tertiary recycled water occurred on May 25, 2010 due to a flexible connector on a recycled water pump. The USMC reported that recycled water remained within the footprint of the SRTTP and percolated into the soil. The USMC also reported that the pump has been repaired.

¹ Prohibition A.1 of Order No. R9-2009-0021 states that discharges of recycled water, including runoff and spray, to lands which have not been specifically described in the Report of Waste Discharge, and for which valid waste discharge requirements are not in force, are prohibited

The following violation of Section B.4 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. R9-2009-0021 was identified in the submitted reports:

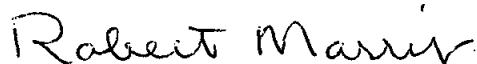
3. The daily maximum discharge specification for manganese, established at 0.05 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded on June 8 and July 20, 2010 with reported values of 0.0761 and 0.0605 mg/L, respectively.

Please be aware these violations subject USMC to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the you to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance;² referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report required to be submitted is the September 2010 monthly monitoring report, which is due by October 30, 2010.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Ms. Amanda Dai at (858) 627-3977 or adai@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Regulatory Measure #: 376211
CIWQS Violation #: 882648, 882654, 882643, 882646

² Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.