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Mr. John H. Robertus Executive Officer California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Re: Tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R9-2005-0126:

Comments for September 26, 2005 Pre-Hearing Conference

Dear Mr. Robertus:

I write on behalf of Chevron USA, Inc. ("Chevron"). We understand that National Steel and Ship Building Company ("NASSCO") is submitting comments today, on the pre-hearing conference issues, through its counsel, Latham & Watkins. We believe some or all of the comments made on behalf of NASSCO also apply to Chevron. Chevron hereby joins in, adopts and incorporates by reference here, those comments submitted today on behalf of NASSCO. Chevron requests that these comments be considered as also having been made by, for and on behalf of Chevron, just as if Chevron's name were substituted for NASSCO's name throughout the NASSCO comments.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. McNevin

Mr. John H. Robertus

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

Attention: Agenda for Sediment Cleanup

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