

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

**ORDER NO. R2-2002-0122
NPDES NO. CA0006157**

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

**Zeneca Agricultural Products
Richmond, Contra Costa County**

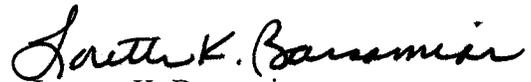
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter the Board) finds that:

1. On May 18, 1995, The Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA 000615 in Order No. 95-008 for the discharge of industrial process water, storm water and groundwater from the Zeneca Agricultural Products facility located at 1391 South 49th Street in Richmond to two outfalls that discharged to Carlson Creek and San Francisco Bay.
2. The facility was utilized primarily for the manufacture of sulfuric acid, fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides. Zeneca ceased production of sulfuric acid in 1962 and agricultural products in 1997. Manufacturing facilities were decommissioned and removed from the site between 1999 and 2001.
3. The site is currently under a remediation order required under Board Order No. 01-101. Upland remediation activities are expected to be completed prior to the rainy season at which time the site will be temporarily capped and later developed as commercial space and will be regulated under the City of Richmond's NPDES Municipal Storm Water Permit No. CA 0029912. The newly installed storm drain system will be equipped with low-flow interceptors and is expected to capture 75% to 85% of the storm water runoff from the site. Once the site is developed, captured storm water will be discharged to freshwater lagoons where sediment loadings will be controlled using Continuous Defection Separation (CDS) storm water treatment technology, or other RWQCB approved treatment technologies. When lagoons reach water storage capacity, the excess water will be discharged to Outfall 001 which discharges to East Stege Marsh.
4. During the remediation, groundwater will not be discharged from the site. Once soil remediation activities are completed, potential hotspots of VOC impacted groundwater will be monitored. Should ex-situ treatment be required, VOC impacted water will be pumped and treated. All pumped and treated groundwater will be discharged to the City of Richmond's sanitary sewer system.

5. The NPDES Permit order No. 95-008 should be rescinded because the discharges for which it was issued have ceased.
6. The rescission of waste discharge requirements is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21000 of Division 13) of the Public Resources Code (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
7. The Board has notified Zeneca Agricultural Products and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements in Order No. 95-008, and provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
8. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of waste discharge requirements for the above discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 95-008 is rescinded.

I, Loretta K. Barsamian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on November 20, 2002.


Loretta K. Barsamian
Executive Officer