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Dear Professor Ward,

INITIATION OF SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW ON TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTAINED THE DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

The State Water Board is proposing regulations for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS). As required in the California Health and Safety Code Section 57004, we request a scientific peer review of the proposed regulations.

We are grateful that you have agreed to perform this review. We request that the review be completed with written analysis submitted within 30 days of receipt of the documentation from State Water Board staff. Please notify me at the earliest opportunity if it will be difficult for you to meet this review schedule.

The background and summary for the proposed regulations are provided in Enclosure 1. Enclosure 2 provides focus for the review (revised since peer review solicitation). Individuals involved in the development of the proposed amendment are identified in Enclosure 3. The proposed Regulations are attached as Enclosure 4. Also attached are references for each identified peer review topic listed in Enclosure 2. This reference material includes either the full article or excerpts of the referenced documents.

I am the staff contact for this review and can be reached at (916) 341-5518 or tthompson@waterboards.ca.gov. Please contact me for any questions or additional information needed to fulfill this scientific peer review request.

Professor C. Herb Ward

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Thank you for your willingness to conduct this review in the most thorough yet prompt manner possible.

Sincerely,



Todd Thompson
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Enclosures