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Mr. Bill Bookout
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Dear Mr. Bookout:

**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 21, 2007, LETTER REGARDING PISMO-OCEANO
VEGETABLE EXCHANGE, SAN LUIS OBSIPO COUNTY**

This letter responds to your December 21, 2007 letter, regarding Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange. Your letter repeats several issues/questions presented in your earlier submittals, which have already been addressed and are not reiterated here. However, the following new questions have not been addressed in our earlier response letters (dated September 20, and December 17, 2007). Accordingly, each new issue is addressed below.

Issue 1: We have viewed the 39 minute video submitted with your letter. The video documents significant roadway flooding. We did not, however, see evidence of inappropriate waste discharge practices by Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange that fall within the jurisdiction of the Central Coast Water Board.

Issue 2: Does the Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange discharge hydrocooler and cold storage condensate, which may be contaminated with chemical residues washed from vegetables, to the onsite pond?

Response: The facility discharges include hydrocooler and cold storage condensate, as described in our earlier correspondence. Prior monitoring indicates that chemical residues are not contributed to such discharges by the facility.

Issue 3: How were discharge flows calculated in 1997, and who was responsible for routine inspections.

Response: As indicated previously, we no longer have records documenting the method of flow calculation in 1997. Water Board staff performed routine facility inspections, and Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange staff performed self-monitoring inspections.

Issue 4: When was the last time the Water Board tested groundwater in this vicinity?

Response: Groundwater monitoring in the vicinity of Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange has not been performed by the Water Board in my recollection. Typically, groundwater monitoring is performed by parties responsible for contaminant cleanup, regulated discharges that may impact groundwater, and by the Water Board in

conjunction with our Regional Monitoring Program. I am not aware of any such monitoring by the Water Board in this vicinity.

The remaining comments contained in your December 21, 2007 letter, have been addressed in our prior correspondence. As noted in our earlier correspondence, we encourage you to contact San Luis Obispo County and CalTrans regarding storm drainage issues and flooding of Highway One. These issues are outside the authority of the Central Coast Water Board.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

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