25 June 2004

Mr. Michael F. Brinton
City of Manteca
Department of Public Works
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Manteca, CA 95337

CITY OF MANTECA WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R5-2004-0829

Enclosed is an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint for Mandatory Minimum Penalties issued pursuant to the California Water Code Section 13385 (h) and/or (i) for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Orders No. 97-115 and No. 5-01-007 (NPDES No. CA0081558) by the City of Manteca. The Complaint proposes that the City of Manteca pay $78,000 to the State’s Cleanup and Abatement Account.

You may agree to pay the civil liability and waive a hearing before the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (“Regional Board”) on the matter. If you waive a hearing, a duly authorized person should sign the waiver and submit it to this office, along with a check payable to the State Water Resources Control Board in the full amount of the civil liability. However, any waiver will not be effective until 30 days from the date of this Complaint to allow other interested persons to comment on this action. If the Regional Board does not receive a waiver and a check for the full amount by 26 July 2004, a hearing will be scheduled at the 9/10 September 2004 Regional Board Meeting in Sacramento. Persons wishing to submit comments on this action should submit written comments within 30 days from the date of this letter to the Regional Board, attention: Pat Leary.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Pat Leary at (916) 464-4623.

THOMAS R. PINKOS
Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: See Attached List

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region

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    Ms. Frances McCchesney, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento
    Mr. Phil Isorena, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento
    Mr. Joe Spano, Department of Health Services, Office of Drinking Water, Stockton
    Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento
    Ms. Janna Herren, Department of Fish & Game, Region II, Rancho Cordova
    Delta Protection Commission, Walnut Grove
    Department of Environmental Health, San Joaquin County, Stockton
    Mr. Steve Macaulay, California Urban Water Agencies, Sacramento
    Mr. Richard Denton, Contra Costa Water District, Concord
    Mr. Dante Nomellini, Jr., Central Delta Water Agency, Stockton
    Mr. John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency, Stockton
    Ms. Gail Delahant, Office of Assemblymember Aghazarian, Sacramento
    Mr. Eric Parfrey, Sierra Club, Stockton
    Mr. Bill Jennings, Delta Keeper, Stockton
This Complaint to assess Mandatory Penalties pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 13385(h) and/or (i) is issued to City of Manteca (hereafter Discharger) based on a finding of violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Orders No. 97-115 and No. 5-01-007 (NPDES No. CA0081558).

The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) finds the following:

1. CWC Section 13385(h) and (i) requires assessment of mandatory penalties and states, in part, the following:

   CWC Section 13385(h)(1) requires the Regional Board to assess a mandatory penalty of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for each serious violation.

   CWC Section 13385 (h)(2) states for purposes of this section, a “serious violation” means any waste discharge that violates the effluent limitations contained in the applicable waste discharge requirements for a Group II pollutant, as specified in Appendix A to Section 123.45 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, by 20 percent or more or for a Group I pollutant, as specified in Appendix A to Section 123.45 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, by 40 percent or more.

   CWC Section 13385(i)(1) requires the Regional Board to assess a mandatory penalty of three thousand dollars ($3,000) for each violation, not counting the first three violations, if the discharger does any of the following four or more times in any period of six consecutive months.

   1. Violates a waste discharge requirement effluent limitation.
   2. Fails to file a report pursuant to Section 13260.
   3. Files an incomplete report pursuant to Section 13260.
   4. Violates a toxicity effluent limitation contained in the applicable waste discharge requirements where the waste discharge requirements do not contain pollutant-specific effluent limitations for toxic pollutants.

2. On 20 June 1997, the Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-115 (NPDES No. CA0081558) for the City of Manteca to regulate discharges of waste from the Water Quality Control Facility. On 26 January 2001, the Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-01-007, rescinding Order No. 97-115.
3. Order No. 97-115 and Order No. 5-01-007 include, in part, the following effluent limitations:

**EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS:**

1. Effluent shall not exceed the following limits:

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2. The discharge shall not have a pH less than 6.5 nor greater than 8.5.

4. According to monitoring reports submitted by the Discharger, the Discharger committed four (4) serious violations during the period beginning 1 January 2000 and ending on 31 March 2004.

Total Settleable Solids and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) are listed as a Group I pollutants in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The City of Manteca Water Quality Control Facility discharged effluent that exceeded the daily maximum effluent limitations for settleable solids and BOD by 40 percent or more. Chlorine Residual is listed as a Group II pollutant in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The City of Manteca Water Quality Control Facility discharged effluent that exceeded the hourly average effluent limitation for chlorine residual by 20 percent or more.

The amount of the mandatory penalty for these serious violations is $12,000.

5. According to monitoring reports submitted by the Discharger, the Discharger also had a total of 31 violations of effluent limitations that were not considered serious violations (suspended solids, total coliform, BOD, settleable solids, and pH). However, nine (9) of the violations are exempt from the mandatory minimum penalty under CWC Section 13385(i) (i.e. fall under the category of first three violations in any six consecutive month period). The amount of the mandatory penalty for the remaining 22 non-serious violations is therefore $66,000.

6. The total amount of the mandatory penalty (for serious + non-serious) is $78,000.
7. Issuance of this complaint is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et. seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15321 (a)(2) (“Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies”).

THE CITY OF MANTECA IS HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT:

1. The Executive Officer of the Regional Board proposes that the Discharger be assessed a Mandatory Penalty in the amount of $78,000.

2. A hearing shall be held by the Regional Board, unless the Discharger agrees to waive the hearing and pay the mandatory penalty of $78,000 in full.

3. The Discharger may waive the right to a hearing. If the Discharger chooses to waive the hearing, the Discharger must complete and sign the attached waiver and return it and a check made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board for the full amount of the mandatory penalty to the Regional Board’s office at the letterhead address by **26 July 2004**.

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THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer

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25 June 2004

By signing this waiver, I affirm and acknowledge the following:

1. I am duly authorized to represent the City of Manteca (hereinafter “Discharger”) in connection with Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R5-2004-0829 (hereinafter the “Complaint”);

2. I am informed of the right provided by Water Code section 13323, subdivision (b), to a hearing within ninety (90) days of issuance of the Complaint;

3. I hereby waive the Discharger’s right to a hearing before the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region; and

4. Without admitting liability for the matters alleged in the Complaint, I otherwise agree to remit payment for the civil liability imposed in the amount of $78,000 by check, which contains a reference to “ACL Complaint No. R5-2004-0829” and is made payable to the “State Water Resources Control Board Cleanup and Abatement Account.”

5. I understand the payment of the above amount constitutes a settlement of the Complaint that will not become final until after a public comment period.

6. I understand that the Executive Officer has complete discretion to modify or terminate this settlement during the 30-day public comment period, which began on the date of the Complaint.

7. I understand that payment of the above amount is not a substitute for compliance with applicable laws and that continuing violations of the type alleged in the Complaint may subject the Discharger to further enforcement, including additional civil liability.

_______________________________________
(Name)

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(Title)

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(Date)