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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 MOUNT AUKUM WINERY, EL DORADO COUNTY

Regional Board staff have reviewed your 19 April 2004 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD), and subsequent information received on 23 April 2004 for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. The RWD included a Notice of Non-Applicability for compliance with the stormwater General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed) is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors, including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced.

Discharge Description

Mount Aukum Winery, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates the Mount Aukum Winery, which is at 6781 Tower Road in Mount Aukum, El Dorado County. The Discharger estimates that approximately 5,000 cases of wine will be produced annually, and approximately 33,000 gallons of wastewater will be generated annually at the facility. All activities producing wastewater will be conducted under the cover of a permanent roof structure and/or inside a covered building, and process wastewater will be piped directly into two 2,500 gallon aboveground storage tanks, which are lined both inside and outside with ThoroughSeal™. The storage tanks will be inspected every two weeks to determine liquid levels in the tanks. As processing activities increase, the tanks will be inspected more frequently.

Wastewater will be hauled off site by Sweet Pea Septic service to the Sacramento County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant for disposal. Grape stems generated from grape processing will be used for erosion control on vineyard tractor roads as well other unpaved roads throughout the winery/vineyard property. Other solids wastes (pumice, culls, and lees) from the winery operation will be taken directly from the presses and spread evenly throughout a 5.5 acre vineyard by workers off the back of a truck or trailer. Solid waste will be disced into the vineyard soils within a reasonable time period. If at any time the solids have not yet been incorporated into the soils and a storm is predicted, the solid waste will be covered with a tarp or plastic to prevent storm water runoff from the storage/disposal area.

Conditional Waiver

California Environmental Protection Agency

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the method of wastewater disposal. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the method of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 464-4689.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS
Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: John Morgan, El Dorado County Environmental Health Department, Placerville