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**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF MONITORING AND REPORTING WORKPLAN AND
MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION AND SAMPLING PLAN – PHASE 1, EXISTING MILK
COW DAIRIES**

Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) R5-2007-0035, revised on 23 February 2011, allows dairies regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Existing Milk Cow Dairies, Order R5-2007-0035 (Dairy General Order) to conduct representative groundwater monitoring in lieu of individual monitoring at each dairy facility.

The Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program (CVDRMP) represents more than 980 member dairies and was formed to conduct and manage a Representative Monitoring Program (RMP). On behalf of the CVDRMP, Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers submitted a Phase 1 Monitoring and Reporting Workplan and Monitoring Well Installation Plan (Workplan) on 16 June 2011. The Phase 1 Workplan was prepared to establish a representative groundwater monitoring program for member dairies located in Stanislaus and Merced Counties in accordance with the Dairy General Order and MRP. The Phase 2 Workplan shall be prepared to conduct representative monitoring for the member dairies located in all San Joaquin Valley Counties and selected counties in the Sacramento Valley.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) posted the Phase 1 Workplan on its web site for comments and responded to those comments on 9 September 2011. After reviewing the workplan and comments received, the Phase 1 Workplan is approved, with the following conditions:

1. The monitoring wells are installed by **31 December 2011**. The MRP requires submittal of a Monitoring Well Installation Completion Report within 45 days after completion of the well installation.
2. A complete Phase 2 Workplan is submitted by **1 May 2012**. The Phase 2 Workplan needs to include a time schedule for completion of Phase 2 monitoring wells by 31 December 2012.

3. In addition to the annual reports required by the MRP, all analytical results (i.e., raw data) must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board **within 45 days** of sample collection.
4. All work conducted under the Phase 1 Workplan, and all monitoring and reporting conducted by the CVDRMP, shall be in accordance with the MRP. As specified in Section III of Attachment A to the MRP, a monitoring well installation and completion report must be submitted **within 45 days** after completion of the monitoring well installation.

The Executive Officer has authority pursuant to California Water Code section 13267 to require additional technical information and may require such information of any participating dairy.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Doug Patteson at (559) 445-5116 or dpatteson@waterboards.ca.gov.

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