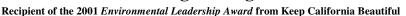


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April 18, 2006

Mr. Falcon Price U.S. Borax Inc. 300 Falcon Street Wilmington, California 90744 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED No. 7000 0520 0024 7127 4865

RESCISSION OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – U.S. BORAX INC., WILMINGTON (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0000787, ORDER NO. R4-2003-0117, CI-1449)

Dear Mr. Price:

Our letter dated February 24, 2006, included a copy of a tentative Order which would rescind the subject requirements and NPDES permit.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Board at a public hearing held on April 6, 2006, reviewed the tentative Order, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. R4-2006-0041 (copy attached) relative to the rescission.

Please notify this Regional Board if future changes in facility operations would result in a discharge of wastewater to surface waters. If wastewater discharges are initiated, the U.S. Borax Inc. must submit a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to the Regional Board as a permit application.

If you have any questions, please contact Cassandra Owens at (213) 576-6750.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

David Hung, Acting Section Chief Watershed Regulatory Section

Enclosure

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