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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 18, 2012

Mr. Richard Brandon
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TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PANAMERICAN SEED COMPANY, PANAMERICAN SEED RESEARCH & OPERATIONS, 335 SOUTH BRIGGS ROAD, SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA (ORDER NO. 87-93, FILE NO. 62-76, CI NO. 4246)

Dear Mr. Brandon:

Our letter dated February 7, 2012, transmitted a copy of the tentative Order which would terminate Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 87-93.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, the Regional Board, at a public hearing held on April 5, 2012, reviewed the tentative Order, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. R4-2012-0074 (copy attached) relative to the termination of Order No. 87-93.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Ms. Mercedes Merino at (213) 620-6156 (mmerino@waterboards.ca.gov), or the Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit, Dr. Eric Wu at (213) 576-6683 (ewu@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wu".

Eric Wu, Ph.D., P.E.
Groundwater Permitting Unit Chief

Enclosure: Order No. R4-2012-0074, Terminating Waste Discharge Requirements

cc (via email): Mr. Peter Bozek, Environmental Health Division, County of Ventura
Ms. Melinda Talent, Environmental Health Division, County of Ventura

State of California
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. R4-2012-0074

TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND/GROUNDWATER
(PanAmerican Seed Company – PanAmerican Seed Research & Operations)
File No. 62-76

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. On June 22, 1987, this Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) contained in Order No. 87-93, CI No. 4246 for W. Atlee Burpee Company (Discharger) for discharge of seed washing process wastewater to the subsurface via irrigation over the seed crop growing plots land at the facility located at 335 South Briggs Road, Santa Paula, California (site).
2. In 1995, PanAmerican Seed Company purchased W. Atlee Burpee Company. With the transfer in ownership, the activity of vegetable seed extraction ended as PanAmerican Seed Company sold all vegetable seed interests to another company.
3. On August 17, 2011, the Discharger requested that the Regional Board terminate Order No. 87-93 since the seed washing procedure had been discontinued in 2002.
4. Because the seed washing process has been discontinued at the site, the Regional Board finds that Order No. 87-93, with waste discharge requirements, is no longer applicable and shall be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.
5. The termination of Order No. 87-93 is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with California Water Code (CWC) section 13389.

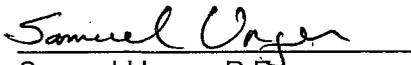
The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to consider termination of Order No. 87-93, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit comments. The Regional Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to the Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 87-93 is terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of this Regional Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

PanAmerican Seed Company
PanAmerican Research & Operations
Order No. R4-2012-0074

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on April 5, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Unger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer