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July 14, 2004

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Ms. Judy Walters Mercury Casualty Company 4484 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Ms. Walters:

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – MERCURY CASUALTY COMPANY, OFFICE BUILDING, 4484 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI–6714)

We have completed our review of your Notice of Intent (NOI) and analytical results of representative groundwater samples submitted in order to continue enrollment under the General NPDES Permit. Discharge of groundwater generated from the above-referenced facility is currently regulated under NPDES General Permit No. CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) adopted by this Board on May 12, 1997.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0111, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003. Your existing enrollment under NPDES Permit No. CAG994001, Order No. 97-045, which was issued to you on June 30, 1997, is superseded by this new permit that terminated your coverage under Order No. 97-045.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0111 and updated Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6714. The discharge limitations in Part E.1.a. and Part E.1.b. of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are applicable to your discharge for the specific constituents listed on the Table with the enclosed Fact Sheet. The groundwater discharge flows into Ballona Creek. Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B of Order No. R4-2003-0111 are not applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit</u>. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-6714 and NPDES No. CAG994004", which will assure that the reports are directed to the

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appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

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In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2003-0111 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order previously sent to you. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our web site address: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Gensen Kai at (213) 576-6651.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bishop Interim Executive Officer

Enclosures:

Order No. R4-2003-0111 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program for No. CI-6714

 cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Division of Ecological Services
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
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California Department of Health Services, Environmental Branch
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