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September 23, 2002

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7000 0520 0024 7219 9006

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – ARDEN REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, COMSTOCK BUILDING, 10351 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994002, CI-6927)

Dear Ms. Altman:

Discharge of groundwater from the subject facility is currently regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG994001, Order No. 97-045, and the Monitoring & Reporting Program No. CI-6927. In June 2002, tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected in a groundwater sample with a concentration above the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

Because the concentration of PCE exceeds the MCL, causing you to install a groundwater treatment system, the current permit Order No. 97-045 is no longer appropriate for the subject facility. We have determined that your discharge should be regulated under NPDES Permit No. CAG994002, Order No. 97-043, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Treated Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by the Board on May 12, 1997. Therefore, the existing NPDES Permit No. 994001 (Order No. 97-045) which was issued to you on June 30, 1997, is superseded by this new permit, and your coverage under Order No. 97-045 will be terminated in a separate letter.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. 97-043 and a revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6927. The discharge limitations in Part E of Order No. 97-043 are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge from the site drains into Ballona Creek, therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment A are not applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the groundwater shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under Order No. 97-043. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to

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“Compliance File No. CI-6927 and NPDES No. CAG994002”, which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

We are sending Board Order No. 97-043 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

Enclosures

Fact Sheet
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6927
Appendix A – SWRCB Minimum Levels
Order No. 97-043, General NPDES Permit No. 994002

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits Office (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
James Maughan, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board
Michael Lauffer, Office of the Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Program Division
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works

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