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January 13, 2004

Mr. James Sowell, Manager
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Dear Mr. Sowell:

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, MTA DIVISION 7, 8800 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-7141)

We have completed our review of your Notice of Intent (NOI) and analytical results of representative groundwater samples in order to continue enrollment under the General NPDES Permit. Discharge of treated groundwater generated from the cleanup of contaminated groundwater beneath the above-referenced facility is currently regulated under NPDES General Permit No. CAG834001 (Order No. 97-046) adopted by this Board on May 12, 1997.

Based on the information and water quality data you have provided, the groundwater at the project site is contaminated with petroleum-fuel compounds and heavy metals. Therefore, we have determined that your discharge is more appropriately 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existing enrollment under NPDES Permit No. CAG834001, Order No. 97-046, which was issued to you on June 30, 1997, is superseded by this new permit and your coverage under Order No. 97-046 will be terminated in a separate letter.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0111 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-7141. The discharge limitations in Part E.1.a. and b of Order No. R4-2003-0111 for the specific constituents listed on the Table with the enclosed Fact Sheet are applicable to your discharge. The treated groundwater discharge flows into Ballona Creek. Therefore, the discharge limits 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, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-7141 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.

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 sent to you previously or download a copy of the Order from our website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994004, Order No. R4-2003-0111
Fact Sheet
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-7141

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 Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5
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