



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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October 1, 2004

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7003 3110 0003 3258 3380

Dear Mr. Clark:

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, VENICE POWER PLANT, CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994003, CI-7589)

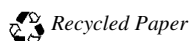
We have completed our review of your Notice of Intent (NOI) and analytical results of representative groundwater samples submitted in order to continue enrollment under the General NPDES Permit. Discharge of non-contact cooling water from the above-referenced facility is currently regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) adopted by this Board on May 12, 1998.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the cooling water discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under General NPDES Permit No. CAG994003, Order No. R4-2004-0058, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Nonprocess Wastewater to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on April 1, 2004. Your existing enrollment under NPDES Permit No. CAG994003, Order No. 98-055, which was issued to you on June 30, 1998, is superseded by this new permit that terminated your coverage under Order No. 98-055.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0058 and updated Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-7589. The discharge limitations in Part E.1. of Order No. R4-2004-0058 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to Ballona Creek; therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B 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 Order No. R4-2004-0058. 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-7589 and NPDES No. CAG994003", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine your discharge monitoring reports with other reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

California Environmental Protection Agency



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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 Board Order No. R4-2004-0058 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 Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bishop
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Fact Sheet
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-7589
Order No. R4-2004-0058, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994003

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
Michael Lauffer, Office of the Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water and Field Operations Branch
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
Los Angeles County, Department of Environmental Programs Division
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Stormwater Management Division
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