



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

March 30, 2005

Mr. Tom Gurrerra
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1630 S. Sunkist Street, Suite A
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Dear Mr. Gurrerra:

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – SANTA MONICA BANK BUILDING, 12100 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994001, CI-7754)

In our letter dated June 30, 1997, we informed you that the subject discharge is regulated under *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit 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*, which also serves as your NPDES permit. You are requesting the Regional Board to terminate your enrollment under the general NPDES permit, because the minor groundwater discharge from the facility has been routed to the sanitary sewer system, and only irrigation water runoff and stormwater runoff are being discharged to the storm drain.

On March 23, 2005, you met with Regional Board staff at this office to discuss the photographs of facility planters and the drainage system, and to discuss the report of "Field Survey and Analysis of Storm Drain Piping Systems" prepared by your consultants, P. A. Breen Associates. The report indicates that groundwater from the first sump (SP-1) is discharged to the sanitary sewer system. In addition, the report indicates that the sources of water flow into the second sump (SP-2), are from the facility planters irrigation runoff and stormwater runoff. In addition, your consultant confirmed, through a video camera survey of the facility, that there are no connections to the piping system for groundwater to flow into sump SP-2. Based on the information that you presented, Regional Board staff concur that groundwater is not commingled with runoff water discharges from your facility.

Since there is no groundwater discharge to the storm drain, and since runoff water collected in sump SP-2 is discharged to the storm drain under the provisions of the Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff permit, coverage under General NPDES Permit No. CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) is no longer necessary and is hereby terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

Please note that if future discharges of groundwater to surface waters become necessary, you must file a Report of Waste Discharge with this office and obtain Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) prior to discharging any groundwater from the site to surface waters. You may be subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 per day for discharging without proper WDRs.

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Mr. Tom Gurrerra
Reef Management
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If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696 .

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop
Executive Officer

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