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Mark Reese Pacific Terminals LLC 5900 Cherry Avenue Long Beach, CA 90805-4408

Dear Mr. Reese:

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – PACIFIC TERMINALS LLC, SYSTEM WIDE PIPELINES IN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG674001, CI-8096)

The subject discharge is regulated under Order No. 97-047, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, which also serves as your NPDES permit.

In a letter dated November 10, 2004, you requested termination of the permit. An inspection conducted by Regional Board staff on December 15, 2004, found that there is no groundwater discharge at the site. Your company now utilizes an aboveground storage tank (AST) located at 5042 Orange Avenue, Cypress, California to store all pipeline hydrostatic test water. After a section of pipeline is tested, the test water is pumped back to the AST through the pipeline without discharging into the storm water drain.

Since there is no wastewater discharge to surface waters, a NPDES permit is no longer necessary and coverage under Board Order No. 97-047 for the subject site is hereby terminated except for enforcement purposes.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop Executive Officer

cc: U.S. EPA, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits (WTR-5)

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