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Protection

Mr. Roger Han, Plant Manager BOC Gases 890 El Segundo Boulevard El Segundo, CA 90245 Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested
Claim No. 7002 2410 0005 0647 8000

Dear Mr. Han:

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – BOC GASES, 890 EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD, EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994003, CI–8192)

We have completed our review of your Notice of Intent (NOI) and analytical results of representative wastewater samples that you submitted in order to continue enrollment under the General NPDES Permit. Discharge of wastewater generated from the cooling tower blowdown and filter backwash operations at the above-referenced facility is currently regulated under NPDES General Permit No. CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) adopted by this Board on June 29, 1998.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the wastewater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2004-0058, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and 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existing enrollment under NPDES Permit No. CAG994003, Order No. 98-055, which was issued to you on October 18, 2000, is superseded by this new permit that terminated your coverage under Order No. 98-055.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 NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2004-0058 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8192. The discharge limitations in Part E.1.a. and c of Order No. R4-2004-0058 for the specific constituents listed on the Table with the enclosed Fact Sheet are applicable to your discharge. The wastewater from the facility discharges into a nearby storm drain thence into a Miscellaneous Los Angeles County Coastal Stream. Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B of Order No. R4-2004-0058 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, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit.</u> When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8192 and NPDES No. CAG994003", 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.

California Environmental Protection Agency

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. R4-2004-0058 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,

Jonathan Bishop
Interim Executive Officer

## **Enclosures:**

General NPDES No. CAG994003, Order No. R4-2004-0058 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8192

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
Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5
California Department of Health Services, Environmental Branch
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
City Manager, City of El Segundo