California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region

(50 Years Serving Coastal Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)



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Mr. Edward A. Wiegman Southern California Gas Company P.O. Box 2300, M.L. SC9314 Chatsworth, CA 91313 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7001 2510 0003 6055 6852

Dear Mr. Wiegman:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENT – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LOCATED ON SLAUSON AVENUE AND RIO HONDO CHANNEL, PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG674001, CI-8406)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of groundwater meets the conditions specified in 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, adopted by this Board on May 12, 1997.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. 97-047 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8406. The discharge limitations in Part E and Attachment B of Order No. 97-047 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to Rio Hondo River (Los Angeles River Watershed); therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment A.7.f. are applicable to your discharge. Prior to discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under Order No. 97-047. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit</u>.

When submitting monitoring and technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8406 and NPDES No. CAG674001", 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. 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. 97-047 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.

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption

For a list of simple ways to reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see the tips at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/news/echallenge.html

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If you have any questions, please contact Thizar Tintut-Williams at (213) 576-6752.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson Executive Officer

Enclosures: Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 8406

Board Order No. 97-047, General NPDES Permit No. CAG674001

Appendix I

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

Jim Kassel, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board Michael Lauffer, Office of the Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water and Field Operations Branch Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage

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