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Secretary for Environmental

Protection

Mr. William Kitchen Manager, Risk Management & Remediation ConocoPhillips Company P. O. Box 25376 Santa Ana, CA 92799 CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7002 2410 0006 3316 4562

Dear Mr. Kitchen:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, 76 STATION NO. 0981, 1004 SOUTH LA CIENEGA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG834001, CI-8599)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You have proposed to discharge treated groundwater from groundwater cleanup activities at the above-referenced site.

Based on the information provided, the discharge from your facility meets the conditions specified in Order No. R4-2002-0125, Waste Discharge Requirements for Treated Groundwater and Other Wastewaters From Investigation and/or Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel-Contaminated sites to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (General NPDES Permit No. 834001), adopted by this Board on July 11, 2002.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2002-0125 and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. CI-8599. The groundwater discharges from the cleanup project to Ballona Creek, therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B are not 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. R4-2002-0125. 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-8599 and NPDES No. CAG834001", 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.

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

California Environmental Protection Agency

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We are sending Board Order No. R4-2002-0125 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson Executive Officer

Enclosures: Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 8599

Order No. R4-2002-0125, General NPDES Permit No. CAG834001

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

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