



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Ms. Patricia Roy
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5561 Horizon Drive
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7003 3110 0003 3258 3809

Dear Ms. Roy:

GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER SYSTEMS FOR MALIBU SEAFOOD RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 25653 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, (FILE NO. 05-009)

We have completed our review of your application for Waste Discharge Requirements for commercial wastewater generated from the above-mentioned facility to an on-site septic disposal system.

Malibu Management LLC (Discharger) owns the building that is leased by Malibu Seafood Restaurant located at 25653 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu. It operates wastewater treatment system that comprise of two septic tanks with a total volume of 3,000 gallons and seepage pits. The Discharger did not disclose the sizes or the number of the seepage pits on site. The average volume of discharge is estimated at 600 gallons per day (gpd) of commercial wastewater presumably discharged from the office building bathrooms and restaurants.

The depth of the groundwater table is unknown. In coastal areas, the groundwater is generally assumed to be the mean high tide, which varies from +1.9 to 2.5 feet mean sea level (msl) on Malibu Beaches. Discharges from the existing septic tank system infiltrate groundwater through the disposal system. The bottom of the disposal system and the water table may not have a minimum 10 feet vertical separation. The discharger indicated that the property is not located within 100 feet of a stream, channel, a blue line stream or other watercourse.

Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in the general permit of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, "*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*," adopted by the State Board on November 18, 1997.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), consisting of Order No. 97-10-DWQ, Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 97-10-DWQ (Attachment A), Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8759 and Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements (Attachment B). Please note that your discharge must meet the groundwater quality objectives set in the Regional Board's *Water Quality Control Plan for Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties* (Basin Plan) which was adopted on June 13, 1994 and amended on January 27, 1997. The Basin Plan incorporates applicable State and

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Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. In addition, the State Board adopted a revised *Water Quality Control Plan for the Ocean Waters of California* (Ocean Plan). The State of California Office of Administrative Law and the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved the revised plan on July 9, 2001 and December 3, 2001, respectively. The revised plan contains water quality objectives for coastal waters of California. Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 8759 includes receiving water limitations that implement the Ocean Plan.

Although your discharge is enrolled under the general permit (Order No. 97-10-DWQ), it will be reviewed periodically. Based on the technical information pertaining to your septic disposal system and/or groundwater, the Regional Board Executive Officer may determine that the discharge would be better regulated under another general WDR or a specific WDR. Once the decision is made, you will be notified within 30 days before any Regional Board action. If the discharge is regulated under another general WDR, or a specific WDR, which requires board action, the applicability of Order No. 97-10-DWQ is immediately terminated on the effective date of the issuance of a new WDR.

The Regional Board is increasingly concerned about the aggregate effects of discharges from individual and community subsurface disposal systems on the Malibu watershed and groundwater. At this time, these WDRs are being issued to regulate an individual disposal system. Future requirements, however, may require the discharge to be connected to a community collection system, or future requirements may require consistency with the WDRs established for a community collection system.

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, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to CI No. 8860, which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

You are required to submit additional technical information regarding your septic system with your first quarterly monitoring report, which is due on April 15, 2005. The additional technical information required are a site map, a facility layout depicting the location of the septic tank and the seepage pit area, the number and size of the seepage pits and copies of water bills to determine actual waste discharge.

We are sending a copy of Order No. 97-10-DWQ to the applicant only. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it.

Ms. Patricia Roy
Malibu Seafood Restaurant

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If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Kwangil Lee at (213) 620-2269 or Dionisia Rodriguez at (213) 620-6122.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

1. State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ - *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*
 - a. Attachment A: State Water Resources Control Board Monitoring and Reporting Program
 - b. Attachment B: Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements
2. Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 8860

cc: Mr. Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board
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