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TENTATIVE REVISED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM – SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL, SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 58-76)

Dear Mr. Hauser:

This Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted waste discharge requirements (WDRs) on October 2, 2008, for the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill in Sylmar, California, which is owned and operated by the Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc. (BFI). Requirement No. G.12. of the WDRs specifies that *"The Discharger shall submit a workplan within 60 days from adoption of this Order, for the Regional Board's approval, to propose the design, location, and construction schedule of deep groundwater monitoring wells that would sufficiently characterize the groundwater quality underneath the Landfill. These groundwater monitoring wells shall be added to the groundwater monitoring network required in M&RP No. CI-2043 upon installation."* On December 1, 2008, BFI submitted a report titled *Proposed Monitoring & Reporting Program for Bedrock Groundwater* (Report) to the Regional Board. In response to comments from Regional Board staff, BFI submitted a revised version of the Report to the Regional Board on February 23, 2009.

To meet the requirement of the WDRs, BFI proposes to construct one groundwater monitoring well (DW-5) at the entrance area of the site and convert two existing piezometers (PZ-2 and PZ-4) to groundwater monitoring wells. Three other existing piezometers (CM-5, PZ-1, and PZ-3) will also be included in the groundwater monitoring network for groundwater level measurement only. All these wells will be screened in unweathered bedrock and therefore monitor the deep groundwater zone at the site. Locations of these proposed monitoring wells are included in the attached map (Figure T-1) that displays the groundwater monitoring network at the Landfill.

Regional Board staff has reviewed the information provided and prepared a tentative revised Monitoring and Reporting Program (M&RP) for the landfill that will include the proposed groundwater monitoring wells. Enclosed is a copy of the tentative M&RP. (To save printing and postage costs, the tentative M&RP is sent only to the addressee. Copies of the tentative M&RP may be downloaded from the Regional Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/ or obtained by contacting the Regional Board staff listed at the end of this letter.)

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In accordance with administrative procedures, staff will brief the Regional Board regarding the proposed revision of the M&RP for the Landfill as an information item at a public hearing to be held on May 7, 2009, at 9:00 AM, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Board Room, in Los Angeles, California. The Regional Board will consider any comments submitted in writing and hear any testimony pertinent to this matter. As testimony indicates, the Regional Board, at its discretion, may instruct staff to further revise the tentative M&RP.

Written comments regarding this matter must be received at the Regional Board office by the close of business on **April 14, 2009**, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Submittal of written comments by the deadline is required to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (213) 620-6119 or Dr. Wen Yang at (213) 620-2253.

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Enclosures

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