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Los Angeles Regional Water Board Commissioners  
C/O Rosario Aston, LARWQB Staff Representative  
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Attention: Madelyn Glickfeld, Chair  
Lawrence Yee, Vice- Chair  
Irma Munoz, Member  
Charles Stringer, Member  
Cynthia Guzman, Member  
and: Cassandra D. Owens,  
LARWQB Chief, Industrial  
Permitting Unit

Regarding: Notice to Thomas DiCiolli, Plant Manager Dated June 28, 2018  
Mandalay Generating Station Tentative Termination of WDRs etc., Oxnard CA  
California South LP Mandalay  
NPDES No. CA00001180/CI No. 2093

Honorable Commissioners:

I am a homeowner and income property owner in the Channel Islands Harbor. It is my understanding that the NRG Mandalay Generating Station early shut-down in accordance with the NPDES mandate for closure of water-cooled generating stations, has had a negative effect on the Channel Islands Harbor waters. I am told the circulation system that has existed in this Harbor from its construction in 1965, has been disrupted causing negative results to the water quality.

It is my understanding that NRG's request for approval of the early shutdown of its operation resulted in the cessation of the pumping that used the waters from the Channel Islands Harbor via the Edison Canal (aka Mandalay Canal). It is most likely that the Board was not fully informed of the impact that this decision would have on the Harbor and that it was not clearly disclosed or explained that the pumps captured and used the water from what is the Harbor and that shutting down the pumps would impede the tidal outflow of the waters.

Furthermore, the picture becomes more complex when you are made aware that this same canal appears to serve as the irrigation run-off for agricultural fields. Chemicals and fertilizers flow into the waters which are flowing back into the Harbor with no filtration of any kind.

Immediate action needs to be taken to protect the waters of the Channel Islands harbor and our property values. We thank you for the time you have taken to read our appeal.

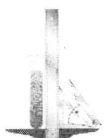
Sincerely,  
GEOTECHNOLOGIES, INC.



DANA BRANDT HILL  
Vice President

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xc: (1) Addressee



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