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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 DiCioli, 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

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

My wife and I have been living in our home in Mandalay Bay (Channel Islands Harbor) since 1999 and we were very proud of the harbor's water quality. The water clarity and quality had many migrant water birds settle here during their migrations. The water had many fish – so seagulls, pelicans, herons, cormorants were everywhere. Even harbor seals would roam down our channel from time-to-time – the feeding was that good.

One of the reasons we moved to our home in Mandalay Bay was knowing that the NRG Mandalay power plant circulated water through the harbor (including Mandalay Bay) and back out to the ocean thus giving us good quality ocean water year round.

Now, within the past few months, we noticed the water in the harbor (and by our home) is no longer clear dark blue, but a dirty brown. The waterfowl are no longer around. We had a Great Heron family living on the top of one of trees for years (with newly hatched chicks each year) –

they are gone now. Then my wife and I heard of the power plant shutting down, which explains the cause of this ecological disaster.

We are very concerned and we want to bring this matter to your attention. One does not have to live on the water or be a "water person" to appreciate the beautiful clear and clean Channel Islands Harbor. This Harbor, which is the fifth largest recreational harbor in the State of California, has often been commended as the cleanest in the State. Sadly, your effort to accommodate the NRG Mandalay Generating Station early shutdown has had a dramatic negative effect on the Channel Islands Harbor waters and its aquaculture.

With due respect for your authority in this matter we are requesting that the Board immediately reverse its decision to allow suspension of the NRG NPDES permit and the acceptance of the shutdown of its circulation pumps prior to the legally-mandated shutdown date. We urge that the Board, concurrently, require NRG to reinstate the pumps operations or otherwise facilitate the outflow of the Edison Channel waters until such time that an alternate method of water circulation and flushing for the Channel Islands Harbor can be determined and implemented.

Thank you in advance for your positive response to our request for immediate action.

Sincerely yours,


Roy Graboff