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Mr. John Goni
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906

Re: Re-Nomination of 53 Porter Drive, Watsonville, CA to the EAR Account (EAR # R99-036)

Dear Mr. Goni:

Please re-nominate the old Pajaro Beacon site, located at 53 Porter Street, Watsonville, to the State Water Resource Control Board's Emergency, Abandoned Recalcitrant (EAR) Account. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) has previously supported the nomination of this site. As the Local Implementing Agency (LIA) for Monterey County, the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau is requesting that this site be re-nominated for funding in fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Using EAR funds, Monterey County has made substantial progress to remediate the Pajaro Beacon site. The four underground storage tanks have been removed and properly disposed and a large amount of contaminated soil has been excavated. Investigation and cleanup of groundwater contamination under this site continues and a site mitigation work plan has been developed. Groundwater monitoring wells have been installed to further characterize the contaminated groundwater plume beneath the site. CCRWQCB and Monterey County Health Staff, as co-regulatory agencies, are assessing the possibility of implementing the Low Threat UST Case Closure Policy for this site; however soil vapor monitoring may be needed to complete this assessment.

Thank you for your assistance in re-nominating this site. Feel free to contact me at (831) 755-4680 or at weldenb@co.monterey.ca.us if you have any questions or require any additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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