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April 21, 2008

Mr. Dean D. Efstathiou County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works 900 South Fremont Avenue Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

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Dear Mr. Efstathiou:

REVISED COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT, DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI—6089)

Discharge of groundwater from the above-referenced project is currently regulated under NPDES General Permit No. CAG994005 (Order No. R4-2003-0108), adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003. On May 25, 2004, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works (LACDPW) was enrolled under this general NPDES permit. In your March 10, 2008 letter, LACDPW requested a revision of the NPDES permit associated with its enrollment under the General permit to include one additional outfall, Dominguez Channel Outfall No. 46. Staff has reviewed your request and concurs with your proposed revision.

Enclosed are the Revised Fact Sheet and Revised Monitoring Reporting Program (MRP) No. CI-6089. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit.</u> When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-6089 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

The groundwater discharge flows into Los Angeles Inner Harbor, Dominguez Channel, and Los Angeles River (below Willow Street). Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B of Order No. R4-2003-0108 is not applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

To avoid paying future annual fees, please submit written request for termination of your enrollment under the general permit in a separate letter, when your project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed. Be aware that the annual fee covers the fiscal year billing

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period beginning July 1 and ending June 30, the following year. You will pay full annual fee if your request for termination is made after the beginning of new fiscal year beginning July 1.

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2004-0111 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our website address at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcblosangeles/html/permits/general permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Vilma Correa at (213) 576-6794.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Egoscue Enclosures

> General NPDES No. CAG994005, Order No. R4-2003-0108 Revised Fact Sheet Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6089

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90013

REVISED FACT SHEET WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT)

CI-6089

FACILITY ADDRESS

Dominguez Gap Barrier Long Beach, CA 90803

FACILITY MAILING ADDRESS

900 S. Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor Alhambra, CA 91803

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works (LACDPW) discharges groundwater from maintaining the injection wells and the extraction wells as part of the Dominguez Gap Barrier project to control seawater intrusion into the groundwater basins in the Wilmington area. LACDPW redevelops and constructs new wells every two to four years. Some of the wells will discharge into Los Angeles Inner Harbor, Dominguez Channel, and Los Angeles River (below Willow Street). The LACDPW built a temporary pipeline to convey discharges from the Long Beach Pump Plant to downstream of Willow Street. The wastewater is pumped to a settling tank unit before the discharge.

On May 25, 2004, LACDPW was enrolled under this general NPDES permit. In your March 10, 2008 letter, LACDPW requested a revision of the NPDES permit associated with its enrollment under the General permit to include one additional outfall, Dominguez Channel Outfall No. 46. Staff has reviewed your request and concurs with your proposed revision.

VOLUME AND DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGE:

Up to 1.0 million gallons per day of groundwater will be discharged from well construction and maintenance activities. The discharge will be released from the facility into local storm drains located along Anaheim and Spring Street, thence into Los Angeles Inner Harbor, Dominguez Channel, and Los Angeles River (below Willow Street), waters of the United States. See Figure 1 for the well locations. The discharge outfalls locations are listed below:

Los Angeles Inner Harbor: a.

Outfall No.	Latitude	Longtitude
001	33° 46' 31"	118° 16' 50"
002	33° 46' 30"	118° 16' 18"
003	33° 46' 29"	118° 16' 32"

Outfall No.	Latitude	Longtitude
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004	33° 46' 29"	118° 16' 21"
005	33° 46′ 31"	118° 16' 15"
006	33° 46' 32"	118° 16' 08"
007	33° 46′ 32″	118° 16' 01"
008	33° 46′ 32"	118° 15' 53"
009	33° 46' 32"	118° 15' 45"
010	33° 46′ 32"	118° 15' 40"
011	33° 46' 33"	118° 15' 31"
012	33° 46' 33"	118° 15' 25"
013:	33° 46′ 38"	118° 15' 21"
014	33° 46' 39"	118° 15' 15"
015	33° 46′ 39"	118° 15' 06"
016	33° 46' 40"	118° 14' 59"
017	33° 46′ 40″	118° 14' 53"
018	33° 46′ 44"	118° 14' 49"
019.	33° 46' 51"	118° 14' 42"
020	33° 47′ 01"	118° 14' 43"
021	33° 47' 02"	118° 14′ 38″
031	33° 46′ 47″	118° 14' 45"
032	33° 46' 57"	118° 14' 42"
041	33° 46' 56"	118° 14' 42"

b. Dominguez Channel

Outfall No.	Latitude	Longtitude
022	33° 47' 06"	118° 14' 26"
023	33° 47' 07"	118° 14' 15"
024	33° 47' 10"	118° 14' 02"
025	33° 47' 17"	118° 13' 58"
026	33° 47′ 28"	118° 13' 50"
027	33° 47′ 37"	118° 13' 44"
028	33° 47′ 47"	118° 13' 42"
029	33° 47' 56"	118° 13' 40"
030	33° 48′ 07"	118° 13' 38"
033	33° 47' 07"	118° 14' 10"
034	33° 47′ 14″	118° 14' 00"
035	33° 47' 24"	118° 13' 53"
036	33° 47′ 33"	118° 13' 47"
037	33° 47' 41"	118° 13' 43"
038	33° 47' 53"	118° 13' 41"
039	33° 48' 00"	118° 13' 39"
040	33° 48' 16"	118º 13' 36"
042	33° 47' 14"	118° 14' 11"
043	33° 47' 42"	118° 13' 48"
044	33° 47' 51"	118° 13' 44"
046	33° 54' 14"	-118°-23' 47"

c. Los Angeles River

Outfall No.	Latitude	 Longtitude
045	33° 48′ 14"	118° 12' 22"

APPLICABLE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Based on the information provided, the analytical data showed reasonable potential for toxics to exist in groundwater above the Screening Levels for Potential Pollutants of Concern in Potable Groundwater in Attachment A. Therefore, the effluent limits for toxic compounds in Section E.1. and E.2. are applicable to your discharge. The discharge flows into the Los Angeles Inner Harbor, Dominguez Channel, and Los Angeles River (below Willow Street); therefore, discharge limitations in Attachment B are not applicable to your discharge.

This Table lists the specific constituents and effluent limitations applicable to the discharge.

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	,	Discharge	Limitations
Constituents	Units	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	150	50
Turbidity	NTU	150	50
BOD ₅ 20°C	mg/L	30	20
Settleable Solids	ml/L	0.3	0.1
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	0.1	
Copper (Cu)	μg/L	1000	
Lead (Pb)	μg/L	50	
Total Chromium	μg/L	50	
1,1 Dichloroethane	μg/L	5	
1,1 Dichloroethylene	μg/L	6	
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	μg/L	200	
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	μg/L	5	
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	μg/L	1	
1,2 Dichloroethane	μg/L	0.5	
1,2-Trans Dichloroethylene	μg/L	. 10	
Tetrachloroethylene	μg/L	5	
Trichloroethylene	μg/L	5	
Carbon Tetrachloride	μg/L	0.5	
Vinyl Chloride	μg/L	0.5	1 .
Total Trihalomethanes	μg/L	80	
Benzene	μg/L	1	
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	μg/L	5	

FREQUENCY OF DISCHARGE:

The discharge will be intermittent.

REUSE OF WATER:

Due to lack of landscaping area at the site and inability to economically transport the water for offsite reuse, an alternative method of disposal is not feasible. Therefore, the groundwater will be discharged to the storm drains tributary to Los Angeles Inner Harbor in compliance with the attached order.

FIGURE 1. a

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Dominguez Channel New Outfall Location and Waste Flow Diagram Storm Drain Pump Plant 18 M Dominguez Channel LEGEND Vicinity Map

FIGURE 1. b

Injection Well Locations

Storm Drain System

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

REVISED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI-6089 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DOMINGEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT)

(NPDES NO. CAG994005)

. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. The discharger shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of this permit. The discharger shall submit monitoring reports to the Regional Board by the dates in the following schedule:

Report Due
May 15
August 15
November 15
February 15

- B. The first monitoring report under this Program is due by August 15, 2008. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state.
- C. All monitoring reports shall include the discharge limitations in the Order, tabulated analytical data, the chain of custody form, and the laboratory report (including but not limited to date and time of sampling, date of analyses, method of analysis and detection limits).
- D. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-compliance" which discusses the compliance record and corrective action taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall clearly list all non-compliance with waste discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
- E. Before commencing a new discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be collected and analyzed for toxicity and for all the constituents listed in the Fact Sheet and the test results must meet all applicable limitations of Order No. R4-2003-0108. [This requirement does not apply to existing discharges.]

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II. SAMPLE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS (AS APPROPRIATE)

- A. Daily samples shall be collected each day.
- B. Weekly samples shall be collected on a representative day of each week.
- C. Monthly samples shall be collected on a representative day of each month.
- D. Quarterly samples shall be collected in February, May, August, and November.
- E. Semi-annual samples shall be collected in May and November.
- F. Annual samples shall be collected in November.

III. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Sampling station(s) shall be established at the discharge point and shall be located where representative samples of the effluent can be obtained. Provisions shall be made to enable visual inspections before discharge. In the event of presence of oil sheen, debris, and/or other objectionable materials or odors, discharge shall not commence until compliance with the requirements is demonstrated. All visual observations shall be included in the monitoring report.
- B. If monitoring result indicate an exceedance of a limit contained in Order R4-2003-0108, the discharge shall be terminated and shall only be resumed after remedial measures have been implemented and full compliance with the requirements has been ascertained.
- C. In addition, as applicable, following an effluent limit exceedance, the discharger shall implement the following accelerated monitoring program:
 - 1. Monthly monitoring shall be increased to weekly monitoring.
 - 2. Quarterly monitoring shall be increased to monthly monitoring,
 - 3. Semi-annually monitoring shall be increased to quarterly, and
 - 4. Annual monitoring shall be increased to semi-annually.

If three consecutive accelerated monitoring events demonstrate full compliance with effluent limits, the discharger may return to the regular monitoring frequency, with the approval of the Executive Officer of the Regional Board.

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D. The following shall constitute the discharge monitoring program for both the extraction and injection wells:

1. Extraction Wells:

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency of Analysis
Flow	gal/day	totalizer	continuously*
pH	pH units	grab	monthly
Temperature	°F	grab	monthly
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	grab	monthly
Turbidity	NTU	grab	monthly
BOD₅20°C	mg/L	grab	monthly
Oil and Grease	mg/L	grab	monthly
Settleable Solids	ml/L	grab	monthly
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	grab	monthly
Copper (Cu)	μg/L	grab	annually
Lead (Pb)	μg/L	grab	annually
Total Chromium	μg/L	grab	annually
1,1 Dichloroethane	μg/L	grab	annually
1,1 Dichloroethylene	μg/L	grab	annually
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	μg/L	grab	annually
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	μg/L	grab	annually
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	μg/L	grab	annually
1,2 Dichloroethane	μg/L	grab	annually
1,2-Trans Dichloroethylene	μg/L	grab	annually
Tetrachloroethylene	μg/L	grab	annually
Trichloroethylene	μg/L	grab	annually
Carbon Tetrachloride	μg/L	grab	annually
Vinyl Chloride	μg/L	grab	annually
Total Trihalomethanes	μg/L	grab	annually
Benzene	μg/L	grab	annually
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	μg/L	grab	annually
Perchlorate	μg/L	grab	annually
1-4 Dioxane	μg/L	grab	annually
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	μg/L	grab	annually
Acute Toxicity	% survival	grab	annually

Record the monthly total flow and report the calculated daily average flow and monthly flow in the quarterly and annual reports, as appropriate.

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IV. EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING

- A. The discharger shall conduct acute toxicity testing tests on 100% effluent grab samples by methods specified in 40 CFR Part 136 which cites USEPA's Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater and Marine Organisms, October 2002, (EPA/821-R-02-012) or a more recent edition. Submission of bioassay results should include the information noted on pages 109-113 of the EPA/821-R-02-012 document.
- B. The fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas*, shall be used as the test species for fresh water discharges and the topsmelt, *Atherinops affinis*, shall be used as the test species for brackish discharges. The method for topsmelt is found in *USEPA's Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms*, *Third Edition*, *October 2002*, *(EPA/821-R-02-014)*.
- C. If the results of the toxicity test yields a survival of less than 90%, then the frequency of analyses shall increase to monthly until at least three test results have been obtained and full compliance with effluent limitations has been demonstrated, after which the frequency of analyses shall revert to annually. Results of toxicity tests shall be included in the first monitoring report following sampling.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REPORTING

- A. The discharger shall inform this Regional Board 24 hours before the start of the discharge.
- B. All chemical, bacteriological, and toxicity analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) or approved by the Executive Officer. A copy of the laboratory certification shall be provided with the first monitoring report and each time a new and/or renewal is obtained from ELAP.
- C. Samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits as specified in 40 CFR Part 136.3. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy shall be submitted with the report.
- D. As required in part H of Order No. R4-2003-0108, the monitoring report shall specify the USEPA analytical method used, the Method Detection Limit and the Minimum Level for each pollutant.

VI. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION (AS APPLICABLE)

- A. Compliance with single constituent effluent limitation If the concentration of the pollutant in the monitoring sample is greater than the effluent limitation and greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.4. of Order R4-2003-0108), then the Discharger is out of compliance.
- B. Compliance with monthly average limitations In determining compliance with monthly average limitations, the following provisions shall apply to all constituents:
 - a. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, does not exceed the monthly average limit for that constituent, the Discharger has demonstrated compliance with the monthly average limit for that month.
 - b. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, exceeds the monthly average limit for any constituent; the Discharger shall collect four additional samples at approximately equal intervals during the month. All five analytical results shall be reported in the monitoring report for that month, or 45 days after results for the additional samples were received, whichever is later.

When all sample results are greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.4. of Order R4-2003-0108), the numerical average of the analytical results of these five samples will be used for compliance determination.

When one or more sample results are reported as "Not-Detected (ND)" or "Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ)" (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.4. of Order R4-2003-0108), the median value of these four samples shall be used for compliance determination. If one or both of the middle values is ND or DNQ, the median shall be the lower of the two middle values.

- c. In the event of noncompliance with a monthly average effluent limitation, the sampling frequency for that constituent shall be increased to weekly and shall continue at this level until compliance with the monthly average effluent limitation has been demonstrated.
- d. If only one sample was obtained for the month or more than a monthly period and the result exceed the monthly average, then the Discharger is in violation of the monthly average limit.

- C. Compliance with effluent limitations expressed as a sum of several constituents If the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations is greater than the effluent limitation, then the Discharger is out of compliance. In calculating the sum of the concentrations of a group of pollutants, consider constituents reported as ND or DNQ to have concentrations equal to zero, provided that the applicable ML is used.
- D. Compliance with effluent limitations expressed as a median in determining compliance with a median limitation, the analytical results in a set of data will be arranged in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order); and
 - a. If the number of measurements (n) is odd, then the median will be calculated as = $X_{(n+1)/2}$, or
 - b. If the number of measurements (n) is even, then the median will be calculated as = $[X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1}]$, i.e. the midpoint between the n/2 and n/2+1 data points.
- E. In calculating mass emission rates from the monthly average concentrations, use one half of the method detection limit for "Not Detected" (ND) and the estimated concentration for "Detected, but Not Quantified" (DNQ) for the calculation of the monthly average concentration. To be consistent with section VI.C., if all pollutants belonging to the same group are reported as ND or DNQ, the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations should be considered as zero for the calculation of the monthly average concentration.

VII. NOTIFICATION

- A. The discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing prior to discharge of any chemical which may be toxic to aquatic life. Such notification shall include:
 - 1. Name and general composition of the chemical,
 - 2. Frequency of use,
 - 3. Quantities to be used.
 - 4. Proposed discharge concentrations and,
 - 5. EPA registration number, if applicable.

No discharge of such chemical shall be made prior to obtaining the Executive Officer's approval.

B. The discharger shall notify the Regional Board via telephone and/or fax within 24 hours of noticing an exceedance above the effluent limits in Order No. R4-2003-0108. The discharger shall provide to the Regional Board within 14 days of observing the exceedance a detailed statement of the

actions undertaken or proposed that will bring the discharge into full compliance with the requirements and submit a timetable for correction.

VIII. MONITORING FREQUENCIES

Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted by the Executive Officer to a less frequent basis if the discharger makes a request and the request is justified by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted. However, monitoring frequency may also increase based on site-specific conditions.

Ordered by:

Tracy J. Egoscue

Executive Officer

Date:

April 21, 2008

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