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**AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NPDES PERMIT -
SFPP, L.P., NORWALK PUMP STATION FACILITY (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0063509,
CI-7497)**

Dear Mr. Sandon:

Our letter dated September 11, 2000, transmitted tentative Amending Order of Requirements for your waste discharge.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Board at a public hearing held on October 12, 2000, reviewed the tentative Order, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. 00-142 (copy attached).

The adopted Order was modified with additional language to finding No. 6, clarifying the rationale for the removal of the effluent limits for TDS, sulfate and chloride from Order No. 00-088.

All other provisions and requirements, such as prohibitions, limitations, goals, of Order No. 00-088 and Monitoring and Reporting Program CI-7497 are unchanged and remain in full force and effect. Section 13376 of the California Water Code requires that an application for a new permit must be filed at least 180 days before the expiration date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 576-6665.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gary Schultz

Gary Schultz, Acting Chief
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Enclosures

cc: See attached mailing list

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER No. 00-142
(Amending Order No. 00-088)

AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
SFPP, L.P.
(NORWALK PUMP STATION FACILITY)
(NPDES NO. CA0063509)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, (Regional Board) finds:

1. SFPP, L.P., formerly Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline, (hereafter SFPP or the Discharger), discharges waste from the Norwalk Pump Station facility under Waste Discharge Requirements contained in Order No. 00-088 adopted by this Regional Board on June 29, 2000. This Order serves as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (NPDES No. CA0063509).
2. SFPP operates a fuel pipeline transfer station at 15306 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California, on property owned by the U.S. Air Force. The property is leased by SFPP from the U.S. Air Force.
3. SFPP discharges treated ground water and condensate (from the hydrocarbon vapor thermal oxidation unit) into a local storm drain catch basin, (Outfall No. C-2). The discharge flows via the storm drain to Coyote Creek, thence into the San Gabriel River, within the estuary, a water of the United States.
4. Order No. 00-088 renewed the requirements for NPDES permit No. CA0063509 (former Order No. 95-023) and continued the effluent limits for total dissolved solids, sulfate, and chloride.
5. Historically SFPP has not met the effluent limitations for total dissolved solids, sulfate and chloride. The naturally occurring levels for these constituents in the groundwater as pumped by SFPP are above the effluent limits. SFPP does not contribute to increases in the levels of these constituents in the treatment process.
6. At the June 29, 2000, Hearing, Board staff did not adequately explain the rationale for the removal of the effluent limits for TDS, sulfate, and chloride, which consisted of the following reasons:

The inclusion of effluent limits for these constituents in the previous permit was a technical error as the Basin Plan has not, and does not, contain water quality objectives for these constituents for the receiving water (Coyote Creek), and there can be no

negative effect from the discharge of TDS, sulfate and chloride into Coyote Creek due to the nature of the brackish receiving water.

7. SFPP has filed an application for amending the waste discharge requirements and permit to discharge wastes under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. SFPP has requested that the limits for total dissolved solids, sulfate, and chloride be removed from the permit.
8. This amendment removes the effluent limits for total dissolved solids, sulfate and chloride from Order 00-088. Removal of the limitations is permissible pursuant to the antibacksliding provisions, Section 402 (o)(1), of the Clean water Act, because a specific exception applies to this discharge. The exception is contained in Section 402 (o) (2) B(ii) of the Clean Water Act. This Section states: "A permit ... may be modified ... to contain a less stringent effluent limitation applicable to a pollutant if - ... technical mistakes were made in issuing the permit". Relaxation of the effluent limitations will not result in a violation of any applicable effluent limitation guideline or water quality standard.
9. Revision of waste discharge requirements is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.
10. Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13320, any aggrieved party may seek review of this Order by filing a petition with the State Board. A petition must be sent to the State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, California, 95812, within 30 days of adoption of the Order.

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons, of its intent to revise the waste discharge requirements for SFPP and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

The Regional Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to this matter.

This Order shall serve as an amendment to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, pursuant to Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act or amendments thereto, and shall take effect at the end of ten days from the date of its adoption provided the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has no objections.

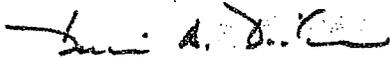
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 00-088 (adopted by this Regional Board on June 29, 2000), is amended as follows:

A. Amend Effluent Limitations Section A. 2 by removing the following constituents :

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS</u>	
		<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	---	1500
Sulfate	mg/L	---	300
Chloride	mg/L	---	150

B. All other provisions and requirements, such as prohibitions, limitations, goals, of Order No. 00-088 are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

I, Dennis A. Dickerson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on October 12, 2000.



Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

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