

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Ms. Jennifer Betancourt
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TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – LINCOLN AVENUE WATER COMPANY, SOUTH COULTER SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NUMBER CA0064068, CI NUMBER 7752)

Dear Ms. Betancourt:

Reference is made to the WDRs and NPDES permit (Order Number R4-2015-0167) adopted by the Regional Water Board for the discharge of filter backwash, filter-to-waste, and settling basin drainage from the South Coulter Surface Water Treatment Plant, at 3939 Chaney Trail, Altadena, California. Order Number R4-2015-0167 was adopted on September 10, 2015 and expired on October 31, 2020.

Your letter dated October 27, 2020 requested non-renewal of the NPDES permit. The Facility has not discharged for several years and has taken measures to prevent any future discharges to the receiving waters. The Regional Water Board concluded that the NPDES permit regulating the discharge is no longer needed based on the following:

- The backwash waste discharge line that previously fed an underground pipe for discharge has since been cut and manifolded to redirect the wastewater back to the North Coulter settling basin for re-use.
- The settling basin discharge has been modified and has no means of discharge. Cleaning and maintenance of the settling basin are performed as needed by pumping the settling basin into the raw water reservoir and vacuuming the sediments through bag filters.

Order Number R4-2015-0167 was terminated by operation of law on October 31, 2020. Discharge from the Facility to the receiving water is therefore now prohibited. Should any future activities at the subject Facility result in new discharges of any wastewater to any surface waters of the United States, you are required to file a Report of Waste Discharge with this Regional Water Board and secure a permit prior to discharge.

If you have any further questions, please contact Duong Trinh at Duong.Trinh@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

cc (via email only):

Ms. Elizabeth Sablad, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch
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