California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region





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Protection

Mr. Steve Chan, P.E. California Department of Transportation 120 S. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested Claim No. 7000 0520 0024 7127 7248

Dear Mr. Chan:

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS), ROUTE 105 DEWATERING SYSTEM, GARFIELD/DOWNEY/ARDIS AVENUES, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG914001, CI-8068)

We have completed our review of your Notice of Intent to comply with general Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that your discharge of treated groundwater from the permanent dewatering operation meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2002-0107, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Treated Groundwater from Investigation and/or Cleanup of Volatile Organic Compounds Contaminated-Sites to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on May 23, 2002.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2002-0107 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8068. Order No. R4-2002-0107 replaces Order No. 97-044, which has been terminated. Therefore, compliance to the new permit Order No. R4-2002-0107 and Monitoring and Reporting Program CI-8068 is effective upon receipt of this authorization letter. The groundwater discharge flows into Los Angeles River, between Figueroa Street and estuary; therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B.7.d of Order No. R4-2002-0107 are applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8068 and NPDES No. CAG914001", 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. In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

California Environmental Protection Agency

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption

For a list of simple ways to reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see the tips at: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/news/echallenge.html

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2002-0107 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.

If you have any guestions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG914001, Order No. R4-2002-0107 Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8068

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Division of Ecological Services NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board James Maughan, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5 California Department of Health Services, Environmental Branch Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services City of Downey Leon Romero, Caltrans