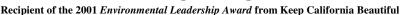


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January 11, 2005

Mr. James Smith General Manager Smurfit Stone Container Enterprises, Inc. 2001 E. 57th Street Los Angeles, CA 90058 CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7002 2030 0002 1673 0038

Dear Mr. Smith:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – SMURFIT STONE CONTAINER ENTERPRISES, INC. – WATER WELL NO. 10, 2001 EAST 57th STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI-8850)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You have proposed to discharge up to 800,000 gallons of groundwater per day during development and start-up of water Well No. 10 at the subject facility. Water from this well will be used for industrial process supply.

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of groundwater meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0108, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Potable Water Supply Wells to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (General NPDES Permit No. CAG994005), adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0108 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8850. Since the groundwater analytical data provided meets the screening criteria, full enrollment under this general permit is authorized and Section E.2. will not be applicable to your discharge. However, the discharge limitations in Section E.1. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to the Los Angeles River between Figueroa Street and L.A. River Estuary (Willow Creek); therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B are applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under Order No. R4-2003-0108. 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-8850 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine your discharge monitoring reports with other reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Smurfit Stone Container Enterprises, Inc. (Water Well No. 10)

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending Board Order No. R4-2002-0108 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order previously sent to you. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our web site address: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov//~rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Bishop Executive Officer

Enclosures: Fact Sheet

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 8850

Order No. R4-2003-0108, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994005

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits Office (WTR-5)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service

Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage

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