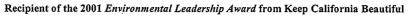


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Arnold Schwarzenegger

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January 20, 2009

Mr. John Rouse Aquarium of the Pacific 100 Aquarium Way Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Ms. Lewis:

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC, SALTWATER WELL, 100 AQUARIUM WAY, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-8990)

Dear Mr. Rouse:

In our letter dated December 20, 2005, we informed you that the subject discharge is regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0111, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003, which also serves as your NPDES permit.

We have reviewed your October 29, 2008, letter requesting termination of your coverage under the General Permit. The letter indicated that construction project and the accompanying dewatering activities at the above-referenced site has been completed.

On January 16, 2008, Board staff inspected the site and verified that there is no discharge of groundwater from the site to surface waters. Since there is no discharge of groundwater from the site to surface waters, coverage under the Board Order No. R4-2003-0111, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994001, for the subject site is hereby terminated except for enforcement purposes.

Please note that if future discharges of groundwater to surface waters become necessary, you must file a Report of Waste Discharge with this office and obtain appropriate Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) prior to discharging any groundwater from the site to surface waters. If you have any questions, please contact Gensen Kai at (213) 576–6651.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Egoscue Executive Officer

California Environmental Protection Agency

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)

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