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REGION IX
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Re: Draft NPDES General Permit for Discharges Associated with the Public Display of
Fireworks to Surface Water (NPDES Permit No. CAG999002)

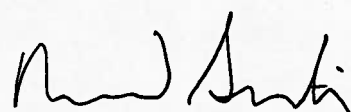
Dear Mr. Barker:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft general permit (NPDES Permit No. CAG999002) for discharges associated with the public display of fireworks to surface water. We support your efforts in addressing this unique permitting situation and agree with the conditions set forth in the order.

Accordingly, and upon request of the Board, EPA waives the 100-day period requirement between adoption and effective date if no significant changes have been made from the draft permit. The waiver has been granted in order to accommodate effectiveness of the permit in time for the 4th of July holiday.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss these comments, please contact Jamie Marincola of my staff at 415-972-3520 or via email at marincola.jamespaul@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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David Smith, Manager
NPDES Permits Office (WTR-5)