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March 13, 2012

In reply refer to:
257831:ccannova

Mr. Steve Meyer, Deputy Director
Metropolitan Wastewater Division
City of San Diego
2392 Kincaid Road
San Diego, CA 92101-2309

Dear Mr. Meyer:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR SOUTH BAY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region has reviewed the January 2011-January 2012 monthly, January-March 2011, April-June 2011, July-September 2011, and October-December 2011 quarterly, and also the January-December 2011 annual monitoring reports submitted by the City of San Diego in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2000-203.

The following violations of the Order No. 2000-203 were identified in the submitted monitoring reports:

1. The 30-day average effluent limitation for chloride during any consecutive period, established at 260 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded on January 23, 2011, March 13, 2011, January 17, 2012, January 24, 2012, and January 31, 2012 with reported values of 280, 262, 262, 270, and 278 mg/L, respectively.
2. The 7-day median effluent limitation for coliform, established at 2.2 MPN/100 mL, was exceeded on January 23, 2011, March 13, 2011, and August 6, 2011, with reported values of 7.8, 19.0, and 4.5 MPN/100 mL, respectively.
3. The maximum daily effluent limitation for coliform, established at 240 MPN/100 mL, was exceeded on March 7, 2011 with a reported value of 920 MPN/100 mL.
4. The coliform limitation of not having more than one value over 23 MPN/100 mL within a 30-day consecutive period was exceeded on March 12, 2011 and March 13, 2011 with reported values of 26 and 33 MPN/100 mL, respectively.

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Please be aware these violations subject the City to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the City to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;¹ and referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief.

The next monitoring report to be submitted is the February 2012 monthly monitoring report due by March 30, 2012.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In refer to" information located in the heading of this letter. Please contact Ms. Catherine Cannova at (858) 627-3977 or at ccannova@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Measure ID: 383722

Violation ID: 920700, 920701, 920702, 920703, 920704, 920705,
920706, 920707, 920708, 920709, 920710

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.