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August 29, 2009

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This degradation of the water quality of our bay must stop! Our community has the right to expect that in the future the bay water will be clean enough for safe body contact and fishing. The number of marine organisms killed by this plant is totally unacceptable and cannot be adequately mitigated off-site. The heavy metals and chemicals in the water discharged by this plant must not be allowed. It is your job to clean up the bay, not to aid and abet this continued negative impact.

Please do not extend or renew this permit. The amount of staff time required to analyze all the information that must be analyzed to allow this to continue is not acceptable. The best course of action is to just to deny it. Allowing it to administratively continue must not be an option even considered by the Board. This is the time to say NO MORE.

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Sincerely,

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