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September 22, 2009

Mr. A. C. Entingh
Head, Environmental Compliance Department
AC/S Environmental Security
U.S. Marine Corps Base
P.O.Box 555008
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5008

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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In reply refer to:
248636:rpierce

Dear Mr. Entingh:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. R9-2009-0151, REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR ORDER NO. 98-04 WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, (REF: 5090.7C ENVSEC/427)

Enclosed is **Notice of Violation (NOV) No. R9-2009-0151** for United States Marine Corps (USMC) Sewage Treatment Plant No. 9 (Las Pulgas) located in Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) identified the violations cited in the NOV during the review of the seven monthly Monitoring Reports for the time period of November 2008 through May 2009 submitted in accordance with Order No. 98-04.

The USMC reported that corrective actions have been taken to address violations of the reporting requirements and discharge specifications. The next monitoring report due is the August 2009 report due by September 30, 2009.

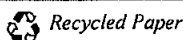
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Sincerely,

Julie Chan, P.G.
Supervising Engineering Geologist
Groundwater Basins Branch

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California Environmental Protection Agency



Enclosures: Notice of Violation No. R9-2009-0151

CIWQS:

Regulatory Measure ID	142909
Place ID	248636
Enforcement ID	369589 (NOV)
Violation ID	833261 833270

IN THE MATTER OF

United States Marine Corps
Marine Corps Base
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5008

NOTICE OF VIOLATION
NO. R9-2009-0151

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Waste Discharge Requirements: Order No. 98-04

Facility: Sewage Treatment Plant No. 9 (Las Pulgas), Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, San Diego County

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) violated waste discharge requirements issued by Order No. 98-04 *Waste Discharge Requirements for United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Sewage Treatment Plant No. 9 (Las Pulgas), San Diego County*. These violations subject the USMC to possible further enforcement action by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board), including administrative enforcement orders requiring USMC to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; and referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief.

The Regional Board reviewed the seven monthly Monitoring Reports listed below.

PERIOD	REPORT DATE	DATE RECEIVED
November 2008	December 23, 2008	December 24, 2008
December 2008	January 29, 2009	January 30, 2009
January 2009	February 26, 2009	February 27, 2009
February 2009	March 30, 2009	March 30, 2009
March 2009	April 29, 2009	April 30, 2009
April 2009	May 27, 2009	May 29, 2009
May 2009	June 29, 2009	June 30, 2009

Two total violations of Order No. 98-04 were identified in the Monitoring Reports for improper sampling technique and reporting, and unauthorized discharge. The USMC has reported taking corrective actions in response to these violations including additional contractor training, and cleanup and repairs related to a spill.

Summary of Violations:

I. MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM ORDER NO. 98-04

The Order requires the USMC to comply with the Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 98-04, including specification B.1 requiring weekly samples for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and total organic carbon (TOC).

A deficient report was submitted for January 2009. Representative samples were not collected properly the weeks of January 6, January 13, and January 20, 2009 for BOD, TSS, and TOC each week.

II. ORDER NO. 98-04, DISCHARGE SPECIFICATION A.1.

This discharge specification prohibits discharges of wastes to lands which have not been specifically described in the report of waste discharge and for which valid waste discharge requirements are not in force.

Waste was discharged to unspecified lands during one spill on May 1, 2009 when 6,700 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled from the primary clarifier at STP 9 and percolated into the ground.

Julie Chan

Julie Chan, Supervising Engineering Geologist
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