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VIA MAIL and E-Mail

Mr. Thomas F. Sullivan, Vice President America Plaza Owners Association 600 West Broadway, Suite 920 San Diego, CA 92101

In reply refer to: CIWQS Place 246018:WGhoram WDID No. 9 000000469

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

SUBJECT: ONE AMERICA PLAZA PERMANENT GROUNDWATER DEWATERING DISCHARGES TO SAN DIEGO BAY, SAN DIEGO, CA

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), has reviewed the following monitoring reports:

Frequency	Period	Report Date	Date Received
Monthly	January 2011- additional toxicity testing	February 10, 2011	February 22, 2011
Monthly	February 2011	February 28, 2011	March 10, 2011
Monthly	March 2011	April 27, 2011	April 29, 2011
Quarterly	January-March 2011	April 27, 2011	April 29, 2011

Based upon review of the information contained in the monitoring reports, the San Diego Water Board has the following comments:

In March 2011, the echinoderm growth portion of the chronic toxicity test exceeded the effluent limitation (limit) of 1.0 TUc with a value of 2.0 TUc. This exceedance is a violation of Order No. R9-2007-0034.

The California Water Code (CWC) includes provisions for a variety of enforcement actions for violations of the terms and conditions of Order No. R9-2007-0034, the CWC, and the Clean Water Act. Violations of Order No. R9-2007-0034 may subject America Plaza Owners Association to further enforcement including Cleanup and Abatement Orders, Cease and Desist Orders, Administrative Assessment of Liability, and/or termination of enrollment under Order No. R9-2007-0034. Liability could be administratively imposed to a maximum of \$10,000 per violation plus \$10 per gallon of waste discharged. After an initial violation of the terms and conditions of the Order is discovered, prevention of further violations is necessary to prevent further enforcement actions.

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Please review the monitoring and reporting schedule of Order No. R9-2007-0034, and ensure that monitoring reports are received at the San Diego Water Board office by the due dates indicated in the Order.

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Please contact Ms. Whitney Ghoram by email at WGhoram@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (858) 467-2967 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Party ID: 1503
Place ID: 246018
CIWQS Violation ID 901776

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