

## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**In reply refer to:**  
**248796:JLLim**

**Subject: Staff Enforcement Letter for the Point Loma Ocean Outfall, Order No. R9-2009-0001, NPDES Permit No. CA0107409**

Dr. Vroom:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the following self-monitoring reports (SMRs) and technical reports submitted between July 2015 and October 2015 for the aforementioned facility:

- Monthly SMRs – July 2015 through October 2015

The following is a summary of the San Diego Water Board's findings:

### 1. Violations – Proper Operation and Maintenance, Attachment D, Section I.D

Attachment D, section I.D states, "Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures." In the SMRs for July 2015, August 2015, September 2015, and October 2015, the City of San Diego reported that the method blank was contaminated, no matrix spike was performed, and no duplicate was performed for TCDD equivalents. These results are representative of inadequate laboratory controls and inappropriate quality assurance procedures and are thus a violation of Attachment D, section I.D.

Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC), the violations noted are subject to additional enforcement action(s) by the San Diego Water Board including a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, imposition of administrative civil liability, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Administrative civil liability amounts that may be imposed by the San Diego Water Board under authority of CWC Section 13385 include up to \$10,000 per day, or up to \$10 per gallon for each gallon of waste discharged.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference "248796:JLLim". For questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Joann Lim at 619-521-3362 or [joann.lim@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:joann.lim@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



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Tech Staff Info & Use	
Order No.	R9-2009-0001
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