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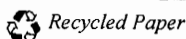
**SUBJECT: SHIPYARD SEDIMENT SITE 2005 TENTATIVE CLEANUP AND
ABATEMENT ORDER No. R9-2005-0126**

This is an updated status report on the preparation of the indexed electronic record of documents and other information from the San Diego Water Board's file records ("electronic record") pertaining to the tentative Shipyards Sediment Site cleanup and abatement order (CAO) and the supporting technical report. For additional background information, see the July 19, October 9, December 7, 2007, and January 17, 2008 status reports as well as other project information posted on the San Diego Water Board website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/programs/shipyards/Shipyard%20Sediment%20Cleanup/intro%20r9-2005-0126.html>.

As detailed in the January 17, 2008 status report, D-M Information Systems Inc. (D-M) has been working on addressing inconsistencies in the page numbering and indexing of the documents. Most of this work focused on the portion of the record that was contained in electronic media (e.g. CDs, DVDs, floppy disks) from the Regional Board's files. That work was expected to be completed and the electronic record distributed by February 15, 2008.

Unforeseeable events have occurred that will unfortunately cause a further delay in the distribution of the electronic record. While D-M was working to address the above inconsistencies, an overnight power failure affected one of the company's computer storage devices and battery backup expired before power could be restored. D-M initially informed us that, due to redundancies built into their system, they presumed no files were lost. However, we recently received word from D-M that some files were missing after all. The company reported that it could not determine the extent of the problem without comparing its files with the originals. D-M was nevertheless optimistic that very few files were missing and they were hopeful that the February 15, 2008 release of the electronic record could still occur as scheduled.

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D-M requested that the Regional Board return all of the electronic media previously submitted so the company could compare the original media to that still in its system. This involved Regional Board staff finding and shipping over 200 CDs, DVDs, and floppy disks to D-M.

In the midst of this process, the project suffered another disappointing setback. On Wednesday February 13, we were informed that Mel Knapp, the D-M project manager in charge of the electronic record, suddenly and unexpectedly left the company. This news came from Jim Pelley, the National Director of D-M, who had flown from the main office in Chicago to the Davis office to fill the vacuum left by Mr. Knapp's departure. Mr. Pelley also explained apologetically that the finalization of the electronic record will unavoidably be delayed as a result. In addition to expressing our profound disappointment at the news, we explained that the urgency of this project, already high at its inception, has only grown more acute due to repeated delays.

In light of these events, we unfortunately cannot give the Advisory Team a firm deadline for the electronic record at this time. Mr. Pelley understands the importance of completing this project as soon as possible and has promised to give us an estimated delivery date by Friday, February 22. The work that remains is for D-M to compare the original electronic media with the files it has to determine what files may be missing. D-M will then replace any missing files, index them, and prepare the final deliverable. Mr. Pelley expects that, due to the size of the record, this work will be time-consuming: it may take a month or more to complete. We asked him if anything could be done to streamline the process, but Mr. Pelley explained that unfortunately there is no other way to complete the project quicker while at the same time ensuring the quality of the final product.

I am sure you are at least as disappointed to get this news as we were. I assure you that we are working as diligently as possible to ensure that D-M completes and distributes the electronic record. We will inform you as soon as possible what we learn from D-M concerning the expected date the electronic record will be distributed. Thank you for your patience while we work with D-M to resolve these problems and get the record distributed as soon as possible.

cc Shipyards Sediment Distribution List