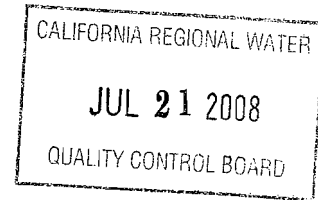


Hammon Plating Corporation
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July 21, 2008

Mr. Thomas E. Mumley,
Assistant Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Board
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, Ca 94612

Dear Mr. Mumley:

Re: Hammon Plating Corporation – File No. 2178.14 (CSF) – Complaint R2-2008-0035

Hammon Plating Corporation (HPC) acknowledges the accuracy of the allegations in the above referenced complaint and its responsibility for the acts detailed in the complaint.

HPC respectfully requests an appearance before the Water Board for consideration for modification of the proposed administrative civil liability based on the following:

1. The company's Director of Operations was responsible for maintaining records, obtaining samples, and preparing the annual reports required under this program for the past 10 years. In July 2007 he became disabled from alcohol abuse and left company. The signor of this letter had relied on this individual to carry out these responsibilities and had no previous problems in that regard. Following this person's departure, the company undertook an effort to locate the information required to file a complete report and was able to obtain information to file an incomplete report in March 2008.
2. Prior to this situation, the company had always filed their report in a timely manner. The company has filed a complete and timely 2007/2008 annual report.
3. The company has assigned responsibilities and implemented other controls to avoid a similar event in the future.
4. The company does not believe there was any benefit whatsoever for failure to file a timely report.
5. Although the company cannot say that it is unable to pay the amount of the proposed penalty, the full amount of the proposed penalty is significant to the company's operations in the present economic environment.

Sincerely,
Hammon Plating Corporation

By Glenn A. Phinney,
Vice President-General Manager