Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station

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Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comment Letter – Draft Industrial General Permit

To Whom It May Concern:

These comments have been written on behalf of the Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station in Fremont, CA in regards to the State Water Resource Control Board’s (SWRCB) proposed 2011 Draft Industrial General Permit for storm water discharges. We have several concerns with the new proposal and hope that the SWRCB will take our comments into consideration as they move forward with any revisions prior to adoption.

If the draft permit goes into effect, it will create a financial burden for our company in these very tough economic times. The storm water testing that we currently perform is very expensive and would only see these cost increase, under the new permit. The cost of implementing the new requirements and of seeking the assistance of consultants would just add to this already expensive program. Additionally our business is already so heavily regulated, that the new permit would just add all the more conditions and requirements that would be difficult to administer. Please consider how burdensome these new requirements would be to a small business that wishes to comply with current regulations but would now be held to more stringent guidelines, when the current ones are so difficult to meet.

Our company takes storm water pollution prevention very seriously and has continuously strived to and succeeded in complying with all of the requirements outlined within the existing permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for considering these views as you develop the final draft of the 2011 Industrial General Permit.

Sincerely,

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