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September 17, 2007

Lance Rennka, Chief Engineer Ventana Inn
Hwy, 1
Big Sur, Ca 93920

Dear Mr. Rennka:

This formal letter is a follow up to my inspection this morning of the Ventana Inn & Spa. As we discussed during the inspection there are several items that need immediate attention for health and safety reasons. Following is a list of these items and a time line for there completion where applicable:

1. The creek bed that is located below Bathhouse # 2 needs to be dammed at camp site # 27 to prevent any further flow of septage from flowing through the lower part of the camp grounds and eventually flowing into the ocean. It appears that the septage is coming from the leach fields up slop of Bathhouse # 2. **On or before Sept. 19.**
2. Campsites from # 26 and above must be closed until further notice. **Sept 17**
3. The creek in the campground must be posted, "Keep Out Contaminated Water". **Sept 17**
4. The 30000-gallon sewage-holding tank must be pumped to relieve pressure on the leach field in question. **On or before Sept 20**
5. Pump slug from sewer treatment plant. **On or before Sept 21**
6. Repair or replace leaking septic tank in Cadillac flats. **On or before Sept 28**
7. Engineered plans, or draft thereof, for the improvement of all the various septic systems through out the facility and a time line for completion of repairs and improvements. These plans should include all measure to be taken for the reduction of flow into the septic systems i.e., reduce flow of all bathroom fixtures, etc. A copy of these plans need to be sent to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, for their approval. **By Nov 16**

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OCTOBER 19, 2007 MEETING
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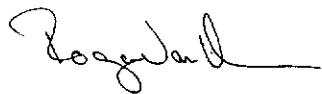
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We will work with the Regional Water Quality Board to review all plans and data regarding this project and make any necessary recommendations. Please be advised that DEH's primary concern is the protection of public health and natural resources.

If you have any question please feel free to call me at 755-4763.

Sincerely,



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Senior Environmental Specialist

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Mary Anne Dennis, Supervisor EHRS
Matt Keeling, California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Melissa Silvers, Ventana Inn