



California Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**RESPONSE TO DESIGN PLAN, NURSERY PRODUCTS HAWES COMPOSTING FACILITY,
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

On January 24, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) staff received the above referenced Design Plan revision (Plan). The Plan was submitted to satisfy Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Board Order No. R6V-2010-0010 (Board Order), and was submitted in response to a Water Board staff letter dated January 10, 2011 on prior submittals of the Design Plan submitted to the Water Board between May 2010 and January 2012. Water Board staff have reviewed the revised Plan and found the Plan **does not** meet the requirements of the Board Order.

As discussed in prior letters, should Water Board staff determine the Design Plan is inadequate to meet the requirements of the Board Order, specifically pertaining to the areas between the concrete aprons located at the base of the surface impoundment diversion berms, and the edge of the liner of the surface impoundments, additional monitoring would be required. A metal plate is proposed to be attached to the downstream edge of the concrete apron. However, a seal or liner is not proposed at the contact with the metal plate and the concrete apron creating the potential for deep percolation and discharge outside of the surface impoundments which would violate your WDR. Board Order section II.A.2 prohibits the discharge of wastewater outside of the conveyance and disposal facilities. To that end, please submit a revised Monitoring and Reporting Plan and Sampling and Analysis Plan to include unsaturated zone monitoring below and in the vicinity of the concrete apron and metal plate areas.

Please submit the additional requested information by **March 30, 2012** for acceptance by the Water Board's Executive Officer.

We look forward to working with you in a manner that protects water quality. If you have any questions, please contact Brianna Bergen at (760) 241-7305 (bbergen@waterboards.ca.gov) or Patrice Copeland at (760) 241-7404 (pcopeland@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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BB/rc/NP Design Plan Response

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