CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION

BOARD ORDER NO. R6V-2013-(TENTATIVE)
WDID NO. 6B360011004

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

FOR
MOLYCORP MINERALS LLC
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

San Bernardino County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) finds:

1. Board Order No. 6-01-18 was adopted April 11, 2001, establishing requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from on-site sanitary facilities at the mine site owned by Molycorp Minerals LLC. Waste Discharge Requirements are no longer necessary for the reasons described below and should be rescinded.

2. The mine is located in the community of Mountain Pass, an unincorporated area in San Bernardino County. The sources of domestic wastewater are employee restrooms and clothing changing rooms located at the Mine and Mill site. Seventeen septic tanks are used to remove solids with effluent collected, transported, and disposed into a percolation pond. Two septic tanks have separate disposal leach fields. On November 7, 2012, the Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability stating that the Molycorp Minerals LLC wastewater treatment plant satisfies the conditions and requirements for coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ-15. Therefore, Board Order No. 6-01-18 should be rescinded because the discharge is regulated under a General Order.

3. This action is being taken by this regulatory agency to rescind the Board Order No. 6-01-18. Orders issued pursuant to the California Water Code and as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15321(a)(2).

4. The Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested persons and agencies of its intent to rescind the above Waste Discharge Requirements.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Board Order No. 6-01-18, be rescinded.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdijan, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region on June 19, 2013.

PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDIJAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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