



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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### **TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, ORDER NO. R4-2004-0055, AMERICAN REMEDIAL TECHNOLOGIES, LYNWOOD, CA (FILE NO. 95-029)**

Dear Mr. Pacheco:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R4-2004-0055 for American Remedial Technologies (ART) on April 1, 2004, for non-hazardous petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils treatment operations at 2680 Imperial Highway, in the City of Lynwood, California. In August, 2010, ART ceased operations. Because the discharge of wastes has been ceased, we intend to terminate Order No. R4-2004-0055.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which, in part, will terminate WDR Order No. R4-2004-0055. The hearing will be held on June 2, 2011, at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California and will begin at 9:00 a.m.

In order to be fully evaluated by Regional Board staff and included in the Board's agenda packet, written comments must be received at the Regional Board office by 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2011. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide a timely review, and that Regional Board Members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Enrique Casas, Project Manager, at (213) 620-2299.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Tentative Order

cc: Ms. Leslie Graves, State Water Resources Control Board  
Ms. Cindy Chen, Los Angeles County Environmental Health Division – Solid Waste Program  
Mr. Greg Silva, City of Lynwood  
Mr. Charlie Tupac, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Mr. Dave Abrams, Passport Food Group, Inc.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. R4-2011-XXX

TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND/GROUNDWATER

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

1. This Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) contained in Order No. R4-2004-0055, on April 1, 2004, for American Remedial Technologies (Discharger) for non-hazardous petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils treatment operations at 2680 Imperial Highway, in the City of Lynwood, California.
2. Between 1995 and 2010 the Discharger utilized thermal desorption technology to treat non-hazardous petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils to levels that were protective of surface and ground waters.
3. In August, 2010, the Discharger ceased operations.
4. During an inspection on March 22, 2011, Regional Board staff observed that all thermal desorption equipment had been removed from the site and that there were no soil remediation activities occurring.
5. The Regional Board finds that WDRs are no longer applicable because the regulated operations have been ceased. As such, Order No. R4-2004-0055 shall be terminated.
6. The termination of WDRs is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.

The Regional Board has transmitted copies of this tentative Order to the Discharger and to interested agencies and persons, and has notified them of its intent to terminate requirements at a public meeting to be held on June 2, 2011. At that public meeting, the Regional Board gave the opportunity for a hearing and considered comments and correspondence pertinent to this matter.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2004-0055 be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of this Regional Board, is authorized, and he is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies as may have need therefor, or may request same.

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on June 2, 2011.

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Samuel Unger, P.E.  
Executive Officer

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