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TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND TREATMENT UNITS, CONOCOPHILLIPS LOS ANGELES REFINERY, WILMINGTON PLANT, WILMINGTON, CA (FILE NO. 85-008, CI-7404, SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM NO. 231)

Dear Mr. Harris:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 96-100 for Union Oil Company of California, Los Angeles Refinery on December 9, 1996, for bioremediation of non-hazardous petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils in two land treatment units (LTUs) at the Wilmington Plant at 1660 Anaheim Street, Wilmington, California. In March 2011, ConocoPhillips, the successor owner of the refinery facility, completed clean closure of the LTUs pursuant to requirements of section 21090(f) of title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. The clean closure of the LTUs was approved by the Executive Officer on April 8, 2011. Because ConocoPhillips has ceased operation and completed clean closure of the LTUs, we intend to terminate WDRs Order No. 96-100, as requested in your report, *Land Treatment Units Closure Plan, ConocoPhillips Los Angeles Refinery, Wilmington Plant*, dated September 30, 2009.

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. 96-100. 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.

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Mr. David D. Harris
ConocoPhillips

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Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Enrique Casas, Project Manager, at (213) 620-2299 or me at (213) 620-2253.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Tentative Order

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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. 96-100, on December 9, 1996, for Union Oil Company of California, Los Angeles Refinery (Carson Plant, Wilmington Plant, and Marine Terminal) for the bioremediation of non-hazardous petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils from the refinery facility in two land treatment units (LTUs) at the Wilmington Plant (located at 1660 Anaheim St., Wilmington, California) portion of the refinery facility.
2. Between 1992 and 1997 the LTUs were used to bioremediate non-hazardous petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils to levels that were protective of surface and ground waters.
3. No soils have been placed in the LTUs for bioremediation since March 1997.
4. In March 2011, ConocoPhillips, successor owner of the refinery facility, completed clean closure of the LTUs pursuant to requirements of section 21090 of title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. The clean closure was approved by the Regional Board Executive Officer in a letter dated April 8, 2011.
5. The Regional Board finds that WDRs are no longer applicable because the regulated operations have ceased. As such, Order No. 96-100 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. 96-100 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.

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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.

Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

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