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AHMANSON RANCH WELL No. 1, FINAL REPORT SUBMITTAL DATE – AHMANSON RANCH, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (SLIC NO. 1112)

Dear Mrs. Rubalcava:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff have reviewed your September 15, 2003, facsimile responding to Regional Board inquiries as to the status of your final report on sampling and recent testing of groundwater from Ahmanson Ranch Well No.1. Your letter indicates that the final report will be submitted to the Regional Board no later than **September 30, 2003**. We concur with this date.

In your letter you requested an update on analytical test results from other recent samples obtained from this well. As you are already aware, Ahmanson Ranch Well No. 1 was sampled at 450 feet below ground surface (bgs) and 550 feet bgs on June 17, and July 16, 2003. During the June sampling event, excluding the samples collected by Ahmanson, three additional split samples obtained by the Regional Board, Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC) and the County of Ventura Water Resource Division (VCWRD) were collected and analyzed from each depth. The test results from the June sampling did not detect perchlorate. In July, again excluding the Ahmanson samples, two additional split samples were collected and analyzed from each depth by the Regional Board and VCWRD. The test results from the July sampling event did not detect perchlorate. In recent conversations between Psomas (your environmental consultant) and Regional Board staff, it has been indicated that your samples were also non-detect for perchlorate. Based on the available information, Ahmanson Ranch Well No. 1 groundwater appears to be free of perchlorate at the depths sampled.

Working with the Regional Board, the State Department of Health Services Radiological Health Branch (SDHS-RHB) obtained samples from all six shallow wells (P wells) and six seep/springs sampling locations at Ahmanson Ranch on June 25, 2003. The SDHS-RNB also obtained groundwater samples from Ahmanson Well No. 1 on July 16, 2003, at 450 and 550 feet bgs. These samples are being analyzed for radionuclides. The results of DHS-RHB testing are expected to be available in December 2003.

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We appreciate your cooperation and efforts on this project, and should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. David Bacharowski at (213) 576-6607.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Executive Officer

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