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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

**TO:** Los Angeles County MS4 Permittees and Interested Persons

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**DATE:** June 19, 2012

**SUBJECT:** CORRECTION TO ATTACHMENT G, SECTION VIII "MUNICIPAL ACTION LEVELS" OF DRAFT TENTATIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MS4 PERMIT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) released the draft tentative Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (Tentative LA County MS4 Permit) and supporting documents on June 6, 2012. Since the release, Los Angeles Water Board staff identified an error in the Municipal Action Levels (MALs) contained in Attachment G, Section VIII, pages G-16 to G-17 of the Tentative LA County MS4 Permit. Specifically, the text on page G-17 of the Tentative LA County MS4 Permit describes the MALs as being the *upper 25<sup>th</sup>* percentile pollutant concentration based on nationwide Phase I MS4 monitoring data for pollutants in storm water. However, the numbers in the MAL tables on pages G-16 and G-17 for "Conventional Pollutants" and "Metals" were inadvertently included as the *lower 25<sup>th</sup>* percentile pollutant concentrations.

To correct this error, Los Angeles Water Board staff is hereby issuing a correction sheet that replaces the numbers in the two MAL tables on pages G-16 and G-17 of the June 6, 2012 Tentative LA County MS4 Permit with MALs based on the *upper 25<sup>th</sup>* percentile pollutant concentrations that were obtained from the National Stormwater Quality Database v3 (February 2008) for Rain Zone 6. Additionally, Los Angeles Water Board staff is hereby striking the first sentence of the fifth paragraph in Attachment F (Fact Sheet), Section IV.B "Technology-Based Effluent Limitations" on page F-31, which inaccurately describes the intended use of the MALs. As described in the text on page G-17 of Attachment G to the Tentative LA County MS4 Permit, Los Angeles Water Board staff proposes that the MALs be utilized by Permittees to identify subwatersheds discharging pollutants at levels in excess of the MALs as a means of prioritizing implementation of storm water controls. These changes are reflected on the correction sheet attached to this memorandum.

Issuance of this correction sheet will not change any of the deadlines established in the Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) dated June 6, 2012. Consistent with Section VI of the Notice, submittal of written comments and evidence on the Tentative LA County MS4 Permit, including the changes reflected on the attached correction sheet, are still due to the Los Angeles Water Board by **12:00 pm on July 23, 2012**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway at (213) 620-2150 or myself at (213) 576-6622.

**Attachment:** Correction Sheet / Replacement Pages for Attachment G, pages G-16 to G-18 and Attachment F, page F-31