

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 00-090

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER NO. 87-062

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
SAN FRANCISCO PORT COMMISSION
PIER 98 CLASS III LANDFILL

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, hereinafter called the Board, finds that:

1. **Site Location/Description:** The City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Port Commission, hereinafter called the discharger, presently owns the Pier 98 landfill, located at the eastern terminus of Cargo Way in San Francisco. The landfill was created between 1970 and 1977 by filling 48 acres of India Basin in San Francisco Bay for the purpose of creating a marine terminal. The landfill was constructed by removing approximately 1,840,000 cubic yards of bay mud and placing approximately 3 million cubic yards of debris, dredge spoils, and clean fill into the bay. No waste that is required to be disposed of in a Class I and Class II disposal site was disposed of at this landfill. In 1998 the landfill was converted into the Heron's Head Park wetlands restoration project.
2. **Existing Waste Discharge Requirements:** The waste discharge requirements for the landfill are contained in Board Order No. 87-062, which was issued on June 17, 1987. In 1997, staff approved modifications to grading and final cover requirements. The modifications allowed the discharger to enhance existing wetlands and create new wetlands in compliance with San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Resolution 93-01 for the site.
3. **Purpose of Order:** This Order rescinds Waste Discharge Requirements contained in Order No. 87-062. Data yielded during completion of tasks specified in Order No. 87-062 indicates that the waste material does not pose a threat to water quality and does not require additional characterization or management as a landfill. The landfill is no longer accepting waste, and the requirements of Order No. 87-062 are no longer applicable for the site.
3. **Actions completed pursuant to Order No. 87-062:** The Waste Discharge Requirements specified actions necessary to investigate, monitor, and minimize potential water quality impacts at the site. Soil and groundwater investigations indicate that petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations within the landfill are low to non-detectable.

Monitoring data indicate that the petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations have attenuated to low levels (non-detectable to a maximum of 1.2 ppb). Over several years of monitoring, the vast majority of volatile and semi-volatile organic substances and dissolved metals were not observed in groundwater at levels exceeding water quality criteria. Monitoring of surface water indicates that no detectable levels of petroleum hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile compounds, or metals above water quality objectives are present in bay water adjacent to the site. Bioassays of surface water samples also indicate that aquatic species are not impacted by the landfill.

In order to minimize generation of leachate, non-inert areas of fill were capped with a geosynthetic clay liner and cover soil. No further investigation, groundwater monitoring, or remedial measures are necessary at the site, and Waste Discharge Requirements are no longer appropriate to regulate this site.

4. **California Environmental Quality Act:** This action is an Order to enforce the laws and regulations administered by the Board. This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301, Title 14, California code of Regulations.
5. **Notice and Meeting:** The Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharger requirements, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
6. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements contained in Order 87-062 are rescinded.

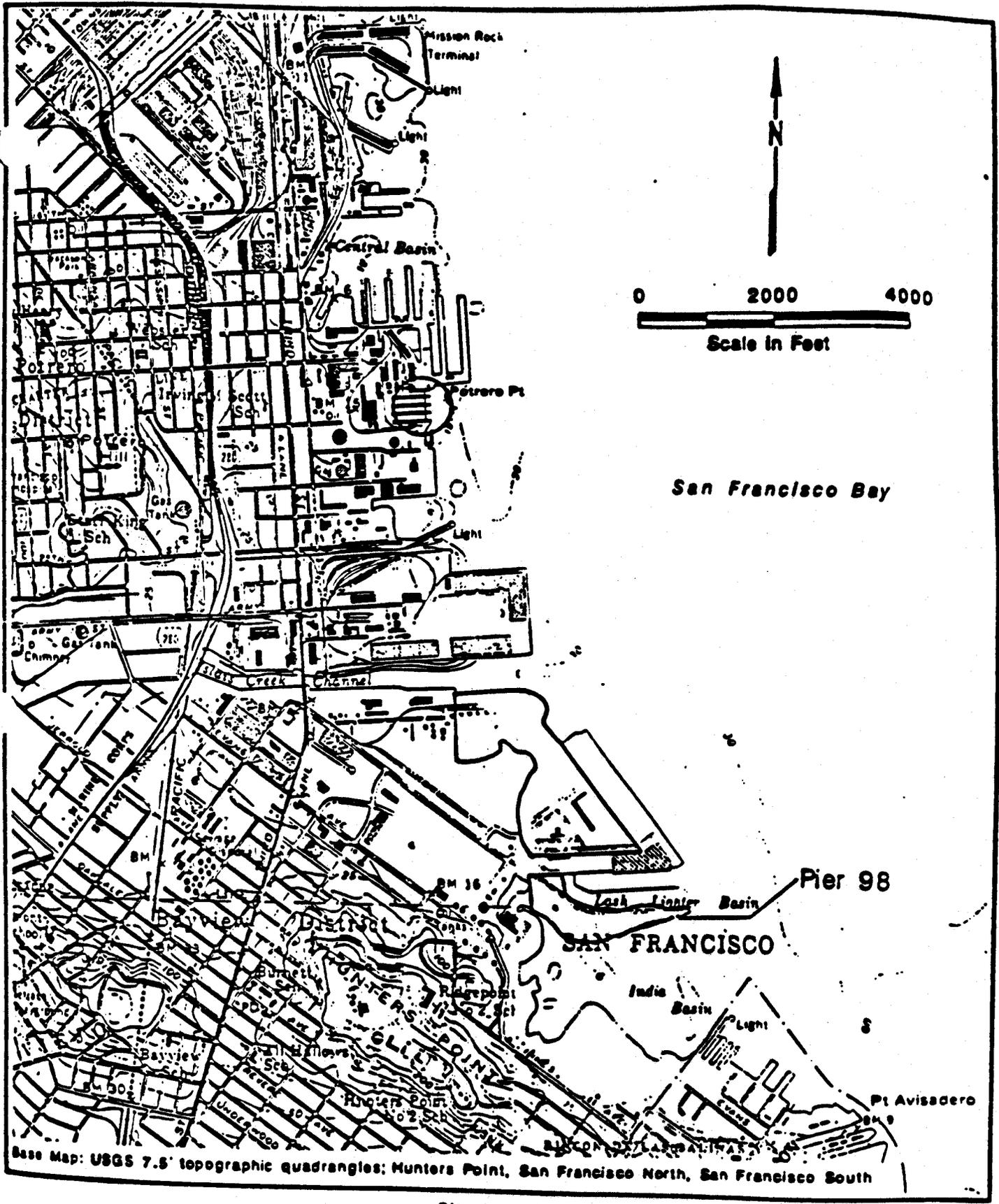
I, Lawrence P. Kolb, Acting Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on August 16, 2000.



Lawrence P. Kolb
Acting Executive Officer

Attachments:

Figure 1 - Location Map



Site Location

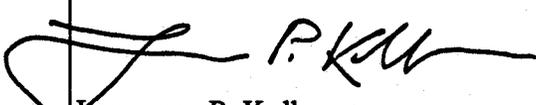
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Pier 98 Class III Landfill Recission of Waste Discharge Requirement, Regional Board Order No. 00 - 090		Project City & County: San Francisco, San Francisco County			
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City and County of San Francisco, S.F. Port Commision		Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region.			
Project Location-Specific: Pier 98 Class III Landfill is located at the eastern terminus of of Cargo Way in San Francisco.					
Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Nature: The Order rescinds Waste Discharge Requirements for the landfill, based on investigation, monitoring, and remedial actions which demonstrate that landfill materials do not pose a threat to the quality of groundwater and bay water Purpose: To confirm that quality and beneficial uses of waters of the State of California are protected Beneficiaries: People of the State of California					
Exempt Status (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ministerial [Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268] <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)] <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. CEQA, Section. 15321, Enforcement					
Action by Regulatory Agencies					
Reasons why project is exempt: It has been demonstrated that the landfill materials have not impacted waters of the state are not that measures at the site have implemented to prevent potential future impacts to waters of the state.					
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Signature  Lawrence P. Kolb Acting Executive Officer				Date Filed: 8/21/2000	