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TO: Sewer System Authorities (attached list)

SUBJECT: New Requirements for Reporting of Sanitary Sewer Overflows

This letter is to notify you, as a Sewer System Authority, that beginning December 1, 2004, there will be new requirements for reporting of sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) that apply to all Sewer System Authorities in this region. In summary, you are required to:

- 1) electronically report SSOs that occur within a set time frame to the Water Board, and
- 2) annually report all SSOs.

These reporting requirements are described in the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirements. Failure to accurately report will subject you to monetary liabilities that may be imposed by the Water Board. The following provides some background and further details on the requirements and liabilities.

Background

This requirement is the result of a collaborative effort between the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) and the Water Board to reduce and prevent sanitary sewer overflows. Over the past year, BACWA and Water Board staff held numerous meetings and six workshops to develop the content of a comprehensive SSO program. This program is comprised of two components: 1) electronic reporting of SSOs; and, 2) development and implementation of Sanitary Sewer Management Plans (SSMPs). While the requirement for electronic SSO reporting begins December 1, 2004, the guidance document for SSMP preparation is still under development. We are also in the process of developing reporting requirements for activities related to development and implementation of SSMPs. These reporting requirements will be a part of the annual reports, and you will be notified of them at a later date. If you are interested in participating in finalizing the SSMP guidance or the reporting requirements, please contact Ann Powell of the Water Board.

Registration

The first step to electronic reporting is registration at: https://www.r2esmr.net/sso_login2.asp. Prior to reporting SSOs, you will need to go online and complete a "Collection System Questionnaire" to register your agency in the program. After registration, we will e-mail you a username and password. Each agency can register only once, and will be provided only one username and password. You may share this username and password with any authorized user within your agency who has responsibility for reporting SSOs. You do not need to register again if you have already registered as part of the pilot testing of this reporting system.

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