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Dr. Mas Dojiri, Division Manager
Environmental Monitoring Division, Bureau of Sanitation
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Hyperion Treatment Plant
Harry Pregerson Bldg. 5TH Floor
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Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

Dear Dr. Dojiri:

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION FOR REGIONAL BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SPECIAL STUDIES FOR 2008 – HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0109991, CI-1492) AND TERMINAL ISLAND TREATMENT PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0053856, CI-2171)

Regional Board staff have prepared a tentative Resolution for the Regional Board to approve your two proposed Special Studies. Written comments on the tentative Resolution are due to the Regional Board by January 25, 2008.

This tentative Resolution will be considered by the Regional Board at the March 6, 2008, Board hearing, to be held at the City of Simi Valley Council Chambers, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California.

The tentative Resolution can also be viewed on the Regional Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (213) 576-6720.

Sincerely,

Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski
Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit

Enclosure

cc: see attached Interested Parties List

California Environmental Protection Agency



INTERESTED PARTIES LIST (Hyperion and Terminal Island)

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
NOAA, National Maritime Fisheries Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel - Michael Levy
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality – Phil Isorena
California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources Region
California Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch
California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Branch
California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
Los Angeles County, Lifeguard Association
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
 City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Wastewater
 System Engineering Division

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Industrial Waste
 Management
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection
 Division
City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power
City of Los Angeles, Office of Chief Legislative Analyst, - Rafael Prieto
ULARA Watermaster
Water Replenishment District of Southern California
West Basin Municipal Water District
City of Beverly Hills
City of Burbank
City of Culver City
City of El Segundo
City of Glendale
City of Santa Monica
American Ocean Campaign
Heal The Bay
Santa Monica BayKeeper
Sierra Club
Surfriders Foundation
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
Mr. Wayne Ishimoto, Chevron U.S.A.
Natural Resources Defense Council

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

RESOLUTION NO. R08-XXX

Approving the City of Los Angeles' Proposed Special Studies for
the Hyperion Treatment Plant and the Terminal Island Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles
Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. On April 7, 2005, the Regional Board adopted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the City of Los Angeles (City) Hyperion Treatment Plant and Terminal Island Treatment Plant.
2. Both NPDES permits contain a requirement for the City of Los Angeles to consult annually with the Regional Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to determine the need for Special Studies. Detailed scopes of work for proposals shall be presented to obtain Regional Board and USEPA approval and to inform the public. Special Studies are intended to focus on refined questions regarding specific effects or development of monitoring techniques. Questions regarding effluent or receiving water quality, discharge impacts, ocean processes in the area of the discharge, or development of techniques for monitoring the same, arising out of the results of core or regional monitoring, may be pursued through these Special Studies.
3. On December 10, 2007, representatives from the City met with Regional Board staff to discuss two proposed Special Studies for 2008: 1) *Hyperion Develop a Method for the DDT Breakdown Product DDMU by GC-ECD and Determine the Levels of DDMU in the Sediment and Fish Tissue Samples Collected from Santa Monica Bay and the Los Angeles Harbor (Southern California Bight);* and 2) *Terminal Island Improving Method Detection Limit (MDL) for Total Cyanide in Los Angeles Harbor Ambient Water Samples.*
4. Regional Board staff believe that these proposed Special Studies fulfill the requirements of the NPDES permits, and will further the Regional Board's knowledge of the health of the Santa Monica Bay and of emerging issues associated with the discharges from the Treatment Plants, and recommend that they be approved by the Regional Board.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Board believes that the two Special Studies proposed for 2008: 1) *Hyperion Develop a Method for the DDT Breakdown Product DDMU by GC-ECD and Determine the Levels of DDMU in the Sediment and Fish Tissue Samples Collected from Santa Monica Bay and the Los Angeles Harbor (Southern California Bight)*; and 2) *Terminal Island Improving Method Detection Limit (MDL) for Total Cyanide in Los Angeles Harbor Ambient Water Samples*, merit approval.
2. The Regional Board hereby approves the City of Los Angeles' two proposals for the Special Studies.

I, Tracy J. Egoscue, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on March 6, 2008.

Tracy J. Egoscue
Executive Officer

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