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TO: Interested Parties (see attached distribution list), including:
Permittees—County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water Permit;
Resource and Regulatory Agencies; Water Districts;
Environmental Organizations; Consultants; Other Local Agencies;
and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

DATE: October 11, 2001

SUBJECT: **Announcement of a Public Hearing and Transmittal of the Tentative Draft – County of Los Angeles Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit**

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Notice	4. Response to Comments
2. Tentative Permit (underline/ strike-out version)	5. Distribution List
3. Staff Report	

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the attached tentative permit during a public meeting on:

Thursday, November 29, 2001, starting at 9:00 a.m.
Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals Building (Courtroom 3)
125 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA

A tentative agenda and public comment protocol for this Board Meeting will be posted on our web site by November 19, 2001. The public will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony before the Regional Board on November 29, 2001.

The County and Cities in Los Angeles County discharge storm water under a municipal storm water permit (Board Order No. 96-054), which expired on July 30, 2001. The Regional Board will consider adoption of a renewed permit at a public meeting on November 29, 2001. As part of the renewal process, we are pleased to transmit the tentative draft of the proposed new permit – the Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit for the County of Los Angeles and incorporated cities (except for the City of Long Beach, which is covered under a separate permit). The version attached is an underlined/strike-out version to simplify the review of changes from the June 29, 2001 draft.

We have reviewed the comments received and have made changes accordingly. The main revisions are in the following programs:

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Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

1. Development Planning:
 - a. Single family structures are excluded from the redevelopment requirements; and
 - b. We have proposed a time period for a study to recommend peak flow controls.
2. Inspections:
 - a. Option A - Focus inspections on critical sources prioritization confirmed by monitoring study; Inspect municipal landfills, hazardous waste treatment facilities, EPCRA facilities, restaurants, retail gasoline outlets, and auto service facilities; and remaining facilities are site visits.
 - b. Option B - Focus inspections on critical sources prioritization confirmed by monitoring study; Inspect the same facilities as Option A with the addition of wholesale trade (scrap, auto dismantling), fabricated metal products, motor freight, chemical/allied products, primary metals products, and facilities identified as highest ranking in their critical sources evaluation; and remaining facilities are site visits.
 - c. Option C – Continued Site Visits as currently in place.
3. Illicit Connections/Illicit Discharges: Development of a listing of all permitted connections to the storm drain system.
4. Monitoring and Reporting Program: Included a reporting program with reporting requirements and performance criteria.

We have attached a staff report, containing technical justifications for changes from the existing permit. If you would like a non underline/strike-out version of the permit (clean version), please contact Wendy Abarquez by phone at (213) 576-6802 or by e-mail at wabarque@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. Alternatively, the tentative permit and other renewal documents will be placed on our website by next week for dissemination and viewing.

Please submit your comments on the attached tentative draft in writing, to this office by November 12, 2001. This will give staff time to review and consider the comments, respond to them, propose changes to the tentative permit, and if necessary, resolve issues prior to the Regional Board consideration of the tentative permit during the public hearing. Written comments should be either hand delivered or mailed to this office to the attention of: Dr. Xavier Swamikannu.

Any comments received after November 12, 2001, will be provided to the Regional Board members ex agenda, and may not receive full consideration. Following the consideration of written comments and oral testimony, the Board may take action to adopt tentative Order No. 01-XXX during a public meeting on November 29, 2001. At its discretion, however, the Board may direct further investigation.

Please call Dr. Xavier Swamikannu at (213) 576-6654 or Wendy Phillips at (213) 576-6618 should you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in and comments on this proposed regulatory action for the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Los Angeles County.

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