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In reply refer to:
NSDCGW:248636:cprowell

Dear Mr. Entingh:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR ORDER NO. 98-04, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT NO. 9 (LAS PULGAS), MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) has completed review of the following monitoring reports covering the reporting period from April 2008 through September 2008:

TABLE 1: Monitoring Reports received and reviewed.

MONITORING REPORTS REVIEWED FOR ORDER NO. 98-04			
FREQUENCY	**PERIOD**	**REPORT DATE**	**DATE RECEIVED**
Monthly:	April 2008	May 29, 2008	May 30, 2008
	May 2008	June 25, 2008	June 27, 2008
	June 2008	July 29, 2008	July 30, 2008
	July 2008	August 26, 2008	August 28, 2008
	August 2008	September 25, 2008	September 30, 2008
	September 2008	October 28, 2008	October 30, 2008

The following section contains items identified in the monitoring reports cited above and other areas of concern noted by the Regional Board:

- **Prohibition A.1**
  1. July 2008. Discharges of wastes to lands which have not been specifically described in the report of waste discharge are prohibited. As noted in the self monitoring report, a 20-gallon spill of treated effluent occurred on July 17, 2008 from a faulty pressure release valve. The valve was locked out and a work order issued to repair the valve.

2. August 2008. A 30-gallon spill of sewage occurred on August 26, 2008 when a crane inadvertently broke the gate valve on the sludge bed drain line. As noted in the self monitoring report, 25 gallons of sludge were recovered and the broken line was repaired.

- **Monitoring and Reporting Program Provision A.7**

3. April to September 2008. The Order specifies the information that must be provided with the records of monitoring. The following information was not included in any of the reports cited in Table 1: the name of the individual who performed the sampling or measurements, the date analyses were performed, and the name of individual who performed the analyses. This information should be included in all future monitoring reports submitted to comply with Order 98-04.

- **Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirement B.1**

4. April 2008. The flow rate is required to be monitored continuously. Due to a data logger failure, flow rate was not measured for 3.5 hours on April 1, 2008. As noted in the monitoring report, the failure was identified and repairs were made within the same business day.

5. May 2008. Composite samples for biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, and total organic carbon were not collected on May 6, 2008. As noted in the monitoring report, a replacement sample was collected on May 9, 2008.

- **Monitoring and Reporting Program Requirement D**

6. A corrected narrative page for the March 2008 discharge monitoring report was submitted on May 29, 2008; however, the original March 2008 report could not be located in the Regional Board files. Please provide a copy of the March 2008 discharge monitoring report. You may provide the requested report as a paper copy or in electronic (searchable PDF) format.

The October 2008 monthly monitoring report is due on or before November 30, 2008.

The heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to." In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board pertaining to this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Ms. Cheryl Prowell at (858) 467-2745 or cprowell@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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CIWQS DATABASE:
Reg Measure - 354165 **Party ID** – 48505 **Place ID** – 248636 **Violations:** – 791376, 791378, 791382, 791386, 791387