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July 8, 2009

Mr Alan Langworthy, Deputy Director  
Metropolitan Wastewater Division  
City of San Diego  
2392 Kincaid Road  
San Diego, CA 92101-2309

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**In reply refer to:**  
**chenning:257831**

Dear Mr. Langworthy:

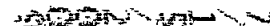
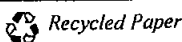
**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. R9-2009-0112  
SOUTH BAY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT**

Enclosed is Notice of Violation (NOV) No. R9-2009-0112 for South Bay Water Reclamation Plant (WRP). The basis for this NOV was the monitoring data contained in the following Self Monitoring Reports submitted by the City of San Diego (City) in accordance with Order No. 2000-203.

PERIOD	REPORT DATE	DATE RECEIVED
January 2009	February 27, 2009	February 27, 2009
February 2009	March 27, 2009	March 27, 2009
March 2009	April 30, 2009	April 30, 2009
January – March 2009	April 30, 2009	April 30, 2009
April 2009	May 29, 2009	May 29, 2009
May 2009	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2009

Please take steps to implement the follow-up actions necessary to ensure that the violations noted do not occur in the future. These violations subject the City to possible further enforcement action by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), including administrative enforcement orders requiring the City to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts

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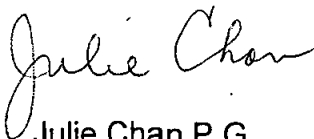
of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;<sup>1</sup> referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The Regional Board has the following comments regarding the reports referenced above:

1. In order to ensure our administrators accurately route monitoring reports required by Order No. 2000-203, please direct all future reports required by this Order to the Groundwater Basins Branch.
2. The next monitoring reports required to be submitted are the June 2009 monthly monitoring report and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2009 monitoring report both due by July 30, 2009.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "in reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Ms. Cathryn Henning at (858)-636-3161 or at [chenning@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:chenning@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Julie Chan P.G.  
Supervising Engineering Geologist  
Groundwater Basins Branch

JC:rwm:clh

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<sup>1</sup> Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

IN THE MATTER OF	)	NOTICE OF VIOLATION
	)	NO. R9-2009-0112
City of San Diego	)	
Department of Public Works	)	
2392 Kincaid Road	)	In reply refer to:
San Diego, CA 92101-2309	)	257831:chenning

**Waste Discharge Requirements: Order No. 2000-203**  
**Facility: South Bay Water Reclamation Plant**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:**

The City of San Diego (City) violated Order No. 2000-203 *Waste Discharge and Water Recycling Requirements for the Production and Purveyance of Recycled Water for City of San Diego, South Bay Water Reclamation Plant, San Diego County*. These violations subject the City to possible further enforcement action by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board), including administrative enforcement orders requiring the City to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;<sup>2</sup> referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The Regional Board reviewed the following monthly and quarterly monitoring reports required by Order No. 2000-203:

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January 2009	February 27, 2009	February 27, 2009
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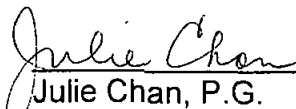
**Summary of Violations**

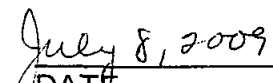
A total of 8 effluent violations were identified in the above reports. The violations consisted of the following:

1. The Discharge Specification for the daily maximum effluent concentration of total dissolved solids, established at 1,300 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded on February 1, 2009; February 3, 2009; February 9, 2009; and May 4, 2009 with reported values of 1,440; 1,530; 1,460; and 1,340 mg/L, respectively.
2. The Discharge Specification for the daily maximum effluent concentration of methylene blue activate substance (MBAS), established at 0.5 mg/L, was exceeded February 3, 2009 with a reported value of 0.52 mg/L.
3. The Discharge Specification for the 30-day average effluent concentration of chloride, established at 260 mg/L, was exceeded in March 2009 with a calculated average of 263 mg/L.
4. The Discharge Specification for total coliform bacteria, established at a most probable number (MPN) of 240 per 100 milliliters (/100mL), was exceeded April 3, 2009 with a reported MPN of 350/100mL.
5. The Discharge Specification for the 30-day average effluent concentration of sulfate, established at 250 mg/L, was exceeded in April 2009 with a calculated average of 253.5 mg/L.

Questions pertaining to the issuance of this Notice of Violation are to be directed to Ms. Cathryn Henning at (858)-636-3161 via e-mail at [chenning@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:chenning@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence should be directed to the following address:

Ms. Julie Chan  
Supervising Engineering Geologist  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

  
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Julie Chan, P.G.  
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