



California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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In reply refer to:
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Subject: Violations of Order No. R9-2010-0012, NPDES Permit No. CA0108952, Review of 2010-2011 Self-Monitoring Reports for Sweetwater Authority Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility

Mr. McClelland:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has completed review of the January – March 2012 and April – June 2012 quarterly reports for the subject facility. Please note the following violations on the reports received:

January – March 2012 quarterly report:

• Effluent Violations

1. The effluent at discharge point EFF-001 exceeded the total recoverable nickel maximum daily limit of 14 µg/L with a value of 18.8 µg/L on January 30, 2012.
2. The effluent at discharge point EFF-001 exceeded the total recoverable nickel average monthly limit of 6.6 µg/L with a value of 8.2 µg/L on January 30, 2012.

April – June 2012 quarterly report:

3. No comments at this time.

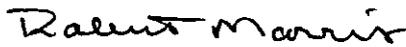
Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC) section 13385(h), violation nos. 1 and 2 noted above are subject to a mandatory minimum penalty of \$3,000 for each violation. The San Diego Water Board will issue that enforcement action under separate cover.

Please take steps to ensure that the violations noted above do not occur in the future. Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC), the violations noted above are subject to additional enforcement action(s) by the San Diego Water Board including issuance of a time schedule order, cease and desist order, cleanup and abatement order, imposition of

administrative civil liability, referral to the district attorney for criminal prosecution, or referral to the attorney general. Administrative civil liability amounts that may be imposed by the San Diego Water Board under authority of CWC Section 13350 include up to \$10,000 per day, or up to \$10 per gallon for each gallon of waste discharged.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference number CRU: 9 00000858:MMATA. For questions or comments, please contact Michelle Mata by phone at (858) 467-2981, or by email at MMata@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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