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In reply refer to:
638334:ccannova

SUBJECT: Review of Monitoring Reports for USMC Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant (SRTTP)

Mr. Bonsavage:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the April-May 2012 monthly monitoring reports submitted by the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2009-0021.

The following violations of Section B.4 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. R9-2009-0021 were identified in the submitted reports:

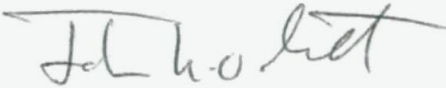
1. The daily maximum discharge specification for chloride, established at 325 milligrams per liter (mg/L), was exceeded on May 6, 2012 with a reported value of 360 mg/L.
2. The daily maximum discharge specification for percent sodium, established at 60 percent, was exceeded on May 6, 2012 with a reported value of 61.0 percent.

The San Diego Water Board wishes to acknowledge the Southern Water System Advanced Water Treatment completion, planned for December 2012, that the base has determined will amend such violations. However, please be aware these violations subject the USMC to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the USMC to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report required to be submitted is the June 2012 monthly monitoring report, which is due by July 31, 2012.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In refer to" information located in the heading of this letter. Please contact Ms. Catherine Cannova at (858) 627-3977 or at ccannova@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Respectfully,



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