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November 5, 2010

**Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested**  
Article Number: 7010 1060 0000 4952 7044

Mr. Cal Johnson  
American Recycling  
4070 Home Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92105

**In reply refer to:**  
Application ID: 409142: carias

Dear Mr. Johnson:

**Subject: Requirement to Enroll Under Industrial Storm Water General Permit,  
American Recycling**

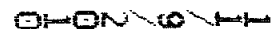
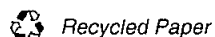
Pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 13399.30, you are hereby notified that American Recycling is required to enroll under Order No. 97-03-DWQ, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAS000001, *Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) For Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities Excluding Construction Activities*. Order No. 97-03-DWQ (Industrial Storm Water General Permit) was issued by the State Water Resources Control Board on April 17, 1997 and is enforced locally by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board). Our records indicate that coverage under the Industrial Storm Water General Permit for your facility located at 4070 Home Avenue in San Diego is mandatory, and that you were notified of your requirement to enroll by the City of San Diego on September 17, 2010.

The Industrial Storm Water General Permit is an NPDES permit that regulates discharges associated with 10 broad categories of industrial activities. This permit requires the implementation of management measures that will achieve the performance standard of best available technology economically achievable (BAT) and best conventional pollutant control technology (BCT). The Industrial Storm Water General Permit also requires the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a water quality monitoring plan. Through the SWPPP, sources of pollutants are to be identified and the means to manage the sources to reduce storm water pollution are described. The permit requires that an annual report be submitted each July 1.

For more information regarding the Industrial Storm Water General Permit, please see our website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml)

**California Environmental Protection Agency**



Enclosed with this letter please find a copy of the Industrial Storm Water General Permit and associated forms. To apply for coverage under the permit, you must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI), which is included in the packet. Within thirty days, please submit a completed NOI, a site map of the facility, and the application fee of \$1008 made payable to "State Water Resources Control Board." All materials must be sent to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Attn: Storm Water Section  
P.O. Box 1977  
Sacramento, CA 95812-1977

**Failure to seek coverage could result in a mandatory minimum penalty of not less than \$5000 per year of noncompliance pursuant to CWC sections 13399.30 and 13399.33.**

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 Christina Arias at (858) 627-3931 or [carias@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:carias@waterboards.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



DAVID T. BARKER, P.E.  
Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer  
Surface Waters Basins Branch

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Enclosures:

1. Order No. 97-03-DWQ (Industrial Storm Water General Permit)
2. City of San Diego Inspection Report dated September 17, 2010

Cc via email: (w/o encl.)  
Joan Brackin, City of San Diego

SMARTS Entries:

Tech Staff Info & Use	
Application ID.	409142
NPLES No.	CAS000001



**Re: Industrial and Commercial Storm Water Compliance Inspection of American Recycling (Home Ave)**

<b>Inspector Name:</b> Ian Todd	<b>Date:</b> 9/17/2010	<b>Time:</b> 11:50:00 AM
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**Business Name:** American Recycling (Home Ave)

**Address:** 4070 Home AVE  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92105

**Telephone:** (619) 266-8456

**Responsible Person:** Cal Johnson

**Principal Activity:** Recycling Facility

**SIC Code(s):** 5093

**NAICS Code(s):** 421930

**Receiving Water Body:** Chollas Creek,N

**Watershed:** San Diego Bay: Pueblo, which drains to San Diego Bay

**Subjectivity to the General Industrial Permit:** Mandatory      **WDID#:** No WDID, see notes

**Inspection Result:** Full Inspection

**Business Corrective Actions**

- Keep site free of litter, debris, and sediment using dry methods (Inspector comment: litter)
- Keep outdoor areas free of spills and leaks (Inspector comment: liquid spills)
- Protect trash area from contact with storm water (Inspector comment: lids open)
- Keep trash area free of litter and debris, liquids, powders, and sediment (Inspector comment: trash overflowing)
- Provide storm water training for appropriate employees
- See scanned form

**Specific Action(s) Required by the Business to Comply with the Requirements of the General Industrial Permit**

This facility was observed to be in violation of the State of California Industrial Storm Water General Permit. Implement the following corrective action(s) to comply:

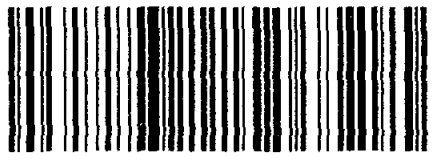
- File a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to obtain coverage under the Industrial Permit.
- Develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- Develop and implement a storm water monitoring program.

**Follow Up Inspection Priority:** Priority 2, which is a medium priority for follow up

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PS Form 3811, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions

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1. Article Addressed to:  
 Mr. Val Johnson  
 American Recycling  
 4070 Home Ave.  
 San Diego, CA 92105

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