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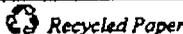
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Mr. Dennis A. Dickerson
 Executive Officer
 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality
 Control Board
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Dear Dennis:

Thank you for your letter of September 25th, describing the scientific data and methodology used by the Los Angeles Regional Board in assessing potential impairments to surface water in your region, as required under Section 303 of the Clean Water Act. I appreciate your taking the time to provide the information, which will be useful to the AB 982 Public Advisory Group, in considering this issue in the context of a statewide policy that we expect to be developed by the State Water Resources Control Board. I will make copies of your letter available to my colleagues on the PAG for the next meeting, which will be October 10th.

With respect to the reference in your letter to the fact that neither your Basin Plan nor the US EPA guidance on preparing water quality assessments, I am curious to know whether the other standards relied upon by the Regional Board (e.g., NAS guidelines, FDA Action Levels, MTRs and MIS) have been peer-reviewed and approved for application to determine water quality impairment due to impacts on fish or mussel tissue. Similarly, I am curious to know if the "weight-of-evidence" approach used with regard to sediment chemistry and toxicity is relied upon for purposes of determining water quality impairment due to sediment impacts by (1) other regional boards in California; and (2) other states throughout the country.

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Thank you, again, for taking the time to provide this information.

Sincerely yours,

Craig S.J. Johns

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