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San Diego Region

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July 10, 2003

Mr. Joe Hess
Manager, Environmental Health & Safety
IDEC Pharmaceutical Corporation
10996 Torreyana Road
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Dear Mr. Hess:

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2003-0140, NPDES NO. CA0109193, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION, NEW IDEC MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS (NIMO), OCEANSIDE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Enclosed is a copy of tentative Order No. R9-2003-0140, which will be presented to the Regional Board for consideration at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2003.

Tentative Order No. R9-2003-0140 establishes National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) waste discharge requirements (WDR) for proposed discharges of brine and wastes associated with water softening and purification processes and other non-industrial maintenance type activities (including cooling tower, boiler, and vapor compression stills blowdowns) at the IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporations (NIMO) facility in Oceanside. The waste discharges covered under Tentative Order No. R9-2003-0140 will be released to the Pacific Ocean via the Oceanside Ocean Outfall.

The tentative Order will be presented to the Regional Board on Wednesday, **August 13, 2003**. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the following location:

Water Quality Control Board
Regional Board Meeting Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California

Please review and comment on the tentative Order at your earliest convenience. To ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, comments should be received in the Regional Board's office no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

Written material submitted after 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 will not be provided to the Regional Board members and will not be considered by the Regional Board.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Hashim Navrozali at (858) 467-2981, or by e-mail at *navrh@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.*

Respectfully,

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Executive Officer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures: Distribution List
Tentative Order No. R9-2003-0140
Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2003-0140
Fact Sheet for tentative Order No. R9-2003-0140

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