

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

TENTATIVE ORDER

**RESCISSION OF ORDER NO. 01-102
SITE CLEANUP REQUIREMENTS FOR:**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY
ZENECA INC.**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RICHMOND FIELD STATION
1301 SOUTH 46th STREET
RICHMOND, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**MEADE STREET OPERABLE UNIT
SUBUNIT 2**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter called the Board), finds that:

1. Site location: The University of California Richmond Field Station (Field Station) site is located at 1301 South 46th Street in Richmond, south of Interstate 580, and along the San Francisco Bay shoreline (refer to Figure 1). The Field Station site comprises the area designated as the Meade Street Operable Unit, Subunit 2 (refer to Figure 2).
2. Site owner: Portions of the Field Station site were formerly owned by the California Cap Company, which produced blasting caps on the eastern portion of the site. In 1950, the majority of the site was acquired by University of California Berkeley (UC Berkeley). The site is utilized by UC Berkeley for academic and research programs. As the current owner of the site, UC Berkeley is responsible for releases originating at the site. The Board named UC Berkeley as a Discharger in Site Cleanup Requirements Order No. 01-102. Zeneca Inc. (Zeneca), the former owner of the adjacent property, was also named by the Board as a Discharger in Site Cleanup Requirements Order No. 01-102 as some waste materials from its former site were historically placed in Subunit 2. Order No. 01-102 divided Subunit 2 into Subunits 2A and 2B. UC Berkeley and Zeneca were identified in Order No. 01-102 as sources of pollution in Subunit 2A and

- were collectively referred to as the Dischargers as to Subunit 2A. UC Berkeley was identified in Order 01-102 as the source of pollution in Subunit 2B and was referred to as the Discharger as to Subunit 2B. In these same contexts, UC Berkeley and Zeneca are collectively referred to hereinafter as the Dischargers.
3. Purpose of this Order: The purpose of this Order is to rescind Site Cleanup Requirements (SCRs) Order No. 01-102 due to a change in lead agency oversight from the Board to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
 4. Basis for lead agency change: The Board adopted SCRs Order No. 01-102 for Subunit 2 in September 2001. The Board's Order required cleanup of the upland areas of Subunit 2 to standards appropriate for commercial reuse and cleanup and restoration of the adjacent wetlands. On December 31, 2002 Zeneca sold its portion of Subunit 1 to Simeon, and shortly after, Simeon announced its intent to revise the future land use from commercial to residential. In 2004-5 the public expressed considerable opposition to the proposed Subunit 1 land use and scrutinized cleanup methods for both Subunits 1 and 2. In early 2005 Cal/EPA directed a lead agency change for Subunit 2 from the Water Board to DTSC. It is DTSC's intent to issue a Work Order for the site. Due to this change in lead agency oversight, it is appropriate that the Board rescind Order No. 01-102.
 5. Current Status of Site: The Dischargers have completed a significant portion of the remedial action tasks required under the Board's SCRs, including site investigation, removal of contaminant sources, and implementation of extensive remedial measures in upland and wetland areas. Continued oversight will be implemented under the direction of DTSC.
 6. California Environmental Quality Act: This action is an Order to enforce the laws and regulations administered by the Board. This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15321, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.
 7. Notice and Meeting: The Board has notified the Dischargers and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharger requirements, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
 8. Public Hearing: The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 01-102 for Site Cleanup Requirements is rescinded.

Rescission of Site Cleanup Requirements for
Meade Street Operable Unit, Subunit 2

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, complete, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on _____.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer

Figures: Figure 1 - Site Location Map
 Figure 2 - Subunit 2, MSOU