



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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Mr. Richard Brandon  
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**TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PANAMERICAN SEED COMPANY, PANAMERICAN SEED RESEARCH & OPERATIONS, 335 SOUTH BRIGGS ROAD, SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA (ORDER NO. 87-93, FILE NO. 62-76, CI NO. 4246)**

Dear Mr. Brandon:

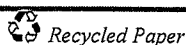
On June 22, 1987, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted Water Discharge Requirements (WDR), Order No. 87-93 for W. Atlee Burpee Company for the discharge of seed washing process wastewater to the subsurface via irrigation over the seed crop growing plots land surrounding the PanAmerican Seed Research & Operation facility located at 335 South Briggs Road, Santa Paula, California.

On August 17, 2011, Mr. Richard Brandon, on behalf of PanAmerican Seed Company, notified the Regional Board that the seed washing procedure had been discontinued in 2002, and requested termination of the WDR. Regional Board staff determined that the WDR is no longer needed.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which, in part, will terminate WDR Order No. 87-93. The hearing will be held on April 5, 2012, at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California and will begin at 9:00 a.m.


In order to be fully evaluated by Regional Board staff and included in the Regional Board's agenda packet, written comments must be received at the Regional Board office by 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2012. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Board staff is able to provide a timely review, and that Regional Board Members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

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If you have any additional questions, please contact the Project Manager, Ms. Mercedes Merino at (213) 620-6156 or me at (213) 576-6683.

Sincerely,



Eric Wu, Ph.D., P.E.  
Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit

Enclosure: Tentative Order No. R4-2011-XXXX, Terminating Waste Discharge Requirements

cc: Mr. Peter Bozek, Environmental Health Division, County of Ventura  
Ms. Melinda Talent, Environmental Health Division, County of Ventura

**State of California  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

ORDER NO. R4-2012-XXXX

**TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND/GROUNDWATER  
(PanAmerican Seed Company – PanAmerican Seed Research & Operations)  
File No. 62-76**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. On June 22, 1987, this Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) contained in Order No. 87-93, CI No. 4246 for W. Atlee Burpee Company (Discharger) for discharge of seed washing process wastewater to the subsurface via irrigation over the seed crop growing plots land at facility located at 335 South Briggs Road, Santa Paula, California (site).
2. In 1995, PanAmerican Seed Company purchased W. Atlee Burpee Company. With the transfer in ownership, the activity of vegetable seed extraction ended as PanAmerican Seed Company sold all vegetable seed interests to another company.
3. On August 17, 2011, the Discharger requested that the Regional Board terminate Order No. 87-93 since the seed washing procedure had been discontinued in 2002.
4. Because the seed washing process has been discontinued at the site, the Regional Board finds that Order No. 87-93, with waste discharge requirements, is no longer applicable and shall be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.
5. The termination of Order No. 87-93 is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with California Water Code (CWC) section 13389.

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to consider termination of Order No. 87-93, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit comments. The Regional Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to the Order.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Order No. 87-93 is terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of this Regional Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

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PanAmerican Seed Company  
PanAmerican Research & Operations  
Order No. R4-2012-XXXX

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on April 5, 2012.

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Samuel Unger, P.E.  
Executive Officer

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