

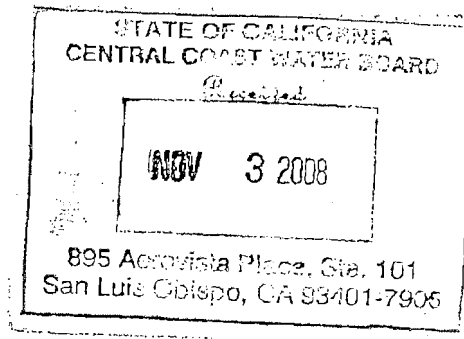
MONTEREY COUNTY



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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October 28, 2008

Mr. Roger Briggs, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Coast Region
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906



Dear Mr. Briggs,

I am writing in support of the Moss Landing Cement Company/Calera Corporation's (MLCC) application to the State Water Resources Control Board NPDES program. MLCC has developed a unique, low-temperature process akin to what reef-forming organisms use in the natural environment to make limestone. They propose to pass carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels through seawater to form a cement-like material. The MLCC approach will reduce carbon emissions not only by sequestering carbon from the power plant waste stream, but also by replacing Portland cement in the concrete mix.

Although work remains to be done to prove out this process at industrial scale, so far it appears to be the most promising approach to date for affordable, effective, and long-term carbon sequestration. MLCC is at a key point in their product development process, in demonstrating that cement at or approaching zero carbon emissions can perform to strength specifications required for construction. Moving this product to market can have great benefit for the State of California's efforts to implement AB 32.

I urge you to support MLCC with a NPDES permit.

Sincerely yours,

Louis R. Calcagno
Supervisor, 2nd District
County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors

LRC: hg

cc: Mr. Peter von Langren, CRWQCB

Item No. 9
Attachment 4
March 19-20, 2009 Meeting
Moss Landing Commercial Park
Reissue NPDES Permit