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October 31, 2003

Mr. Bruce A. Lazenby  
Director of Property Management.  
Rose Hills Memorial Park  
3888 South Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90608

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
CLAIM NO: 7001 2510 0000 4662 2543

Dear Mr. Lazenby:

**GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL PARK, 3888 WORKMAN MILL ROAD, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 87-89, CI-8625)**

We have completed our review of your application for Waste Discharge Requirements to discharge domestic wastewater from the Buddhist Columbarium at the above-mentioned site.

Rose Hills Cemetery Corporation owns and operates the Rose Hills Memorial Park (Rose Hills) located at 3888 S. Workman Mill Road in Whittier. The site lies in the eastern area of the Main San Gabriel Basin. The Buddhist Columbarium was built in 1999 in a remote section of Rose Hills. Rose Hills proposes to discharge domestic wastewater from the restrooms at the Columbarium to an onsite wastewater treatment system. The disposal system consists of a 2,500-gallon septic tank and two five-foot diameter seepage pits. The discharge point lies at 118° 01'25" longitude and 34°00'09" latitude. The average daily discharge is 25 gallons per day.

The restrooms located in the Buddhist Columbarium are the only facilities at Rose Hills that are not connected to a municipal sanitary sewer system. Based on borings conducted at the site, no groundwater was encountered at the maximum depth drilled of 25 feet. The Buddhist Columbarium is located more than 4,000 feet from the closest sewer connection. It would not be economically feasible to connect the Buddhist Columbarium to the sewer system because of the distance to the sewer and the need to install a lift station.

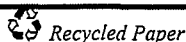
Regional Board staff have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. 01-031, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Commercial and Multifamily Residential Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems," adopted by this Regional Board on February 22, 2001.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, consisting of Order No. 01-031 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8625 and Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge Requirements.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. The Regional Board Executive Officer

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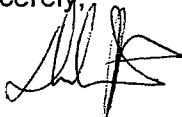
(Executive Officer) at his discretion may require you to develop a groundwater monitoring program. If this decision is made, you must submit a workplan to implement the groundwater monitoring program within 45 days of such notification. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit.

When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8625" which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

We are sending a copy of Order No. 01-031 only to the applicant. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Dionisia Rodriguez at (213) 620-6122.

Sincerely,



AEO  
for

Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert Sams, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board  
Mr. Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board  
Mr. Richard Wagener, Department of Health Services, County of Los Angeles  
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI- 8625  
FOR  
ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL PARK  
(BUDDHIST COLUMBARIUM)  
3888 S. WORKMAN MILL ROAD  
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

ENROLLMENT UNDER GENERAL PERMIT  
ORDER NO. 01-031 (SERIES NO. 037)  
(FILE NO. 87-89)

I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Rose Hills Memorial Park (hereinafter Discharger) shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of this enrollment (October 31, 2003) under Regional Board Order No. 01-031. The first monitoring report under this program, for October-December 2003, shall be received at the Regional Board by January 15, 2004.

Monitoring reports shall be received by the dates in the following schedule:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Report Due</u>
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15
October – December	January 15

- B. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state. Monitoring reports must be addressed to the Regional Board, Attention: Information Technology Unit.
- C. By January 30 of each year, the Discharger shall submit an annual summary report to the Regional Board. The report shall contain both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous calendar year. In addition, the Discharger shall discuss the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned, which may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
- D. Laboratory analyses – all chemical, bacteriological, and toxicity analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). The

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laboratory must meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) criteria. Pollutants shall be analyzed using the methods described in 40 CFR Part 136; or where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, methods approved by the Regional Board shall be utilized.

- E. The method limits (MLs) employed for effluent analyses shall be lower than the permit limits established for a given parameter, unless the Discharger can demonstrate that a particular ML is not attainable and obtains approval for a higher ML from the Regional Board Executive Officer (Executive Officer). The Discharger shall submit a list of the analytical methods employed for each test and the associated laboratory QA/QC procedures upon the request of the Regional Board.
- F. Each monitoring report must affirm in writing that "All analyses were conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Health Services, and in accordance with current USEPA guideline procedures or as specified in this Monitoring Program." Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy of the chain of custody shall be submitted with the report.
- G. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance" which discusses the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall be located at the front of the report and shall clearly list all non-compliance with discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
- H. The Discharger shall maintain all sampling and analytical results, including strip charts; date; exact place, and time of sampling; dates analyses were performed; analyst's name; analytical techniques used; and results of all analyses. Such records shall be retained for a minimum of three years. This period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge, or when requested by the Regional Board.
- I. In reporting the monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, and the concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized to demonstrate compliance with the requirements and, where applicable, shall include results of receiving water observations.
- J. Any mitigation/remedial activity including any pre-discharge treatment conducted at the site must be reported in the quarterly monitoring report.

## II. SEPTIC TANK AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The quarterly reports shall contain the following information:

1. Average and maximum daily waste flow for each month of the quarter, in gallons per day. In the absence of a flow meter, a water bill can be used to estimate the flow discharge.
2. Estimated population served during each month of the reporting period.
3. Results of at least monthly observations in the disposal area for any over flow or surfacing of wastes.

In addition, the Discharger shall annually submit an operation and maintenance report on the septic systems. The information to be contained in the report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. The name and address of the person or company responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility;
2. Type of maintenance (preventive or corrective action performed);
3. Frequency of maintenance, if preventive;
4. Periodic pumping out of each septic tank; and
5. Maintenance records of each septic disposal system.

## III. GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

A groundwater monitoring program will not be required at this time. In the future, the Executive Officer may determine that a groundwater monitoring program is needed to fully evaluate the impact from your wastewater discharge on groundwater.

## IV. WASTE HAULING REPORTING

In the event that waste sludge, septage, or other wastes are hauled offsite, the name and address of the hauler shall be reported, along with types and quantities hauled during the reporting period and the location of final point of disposal. In the event that no wastes are hauled during the reporting period, a statement to that effect shall be submitted.

## V. MONITORING FREQUENCIES

Specifications in this monitoring program are subject to periodic revisions. Monitoring

requirements may be modified or revised by the Executive Officer based on review of monitoring data submitted pursuant to this Order. Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted to a less frequent basis or parameters and locations dropped by the Executive Officer if the Discharger makes a request and the request is backed by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted.

VI. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Each report shall contain the following completed declaration:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document, including all attachments and supplemental information, was prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment.


Executed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)"

These records and reports are public documents and shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

Ordered by:

 *ASO for*  
Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Date: October 31, 2003