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Mr. Daniel Guillory, Program Manager
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7001 1140 0000 1129 6272

Dear Mr. Guillory:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—RIO HONDO POWER PLANT, 9840 MILLER STREET, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994003, CI-6742)

We have completed our review of your application to discharge waste under the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You propose to discharge up to 87,000 gallons per day (gpd) of non-contact cooling water from the above-referenced site. Discharge of this water is currently regulated under an Individual NPDES Permit No. CA0059633 (Order No. R4-2005-0027).

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the non-contact cooling water discharge is more appropriately regulated under General NPDES Permit No. CAG994003, Order No. R4-2004-0058, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Nonprocess Wastewater to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on April 1, 2004. Upon receipt of your written request for rescission of the existing individual NPDES Permit, the individual NPDES Permit Order No. R4-2005-0027 will be rescinded at a future Board meeting.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES Permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2004-0058 and revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6742. The discharge limitations in Part E.1. of Order No. R4-2004-0058 are applicable to your discharge. Discharge from the project drains to the Los Angeles River between Figueroa Street and L.A. River Estuary (Willow Street). Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.7.d. are applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under Order No. R4-2004-0058. 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-6742 and NPDES No. CAG994003", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine your discharge monitoring reports with other reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

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Mr. Daniel Guillory
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
(Rio Hondo Power Plant)

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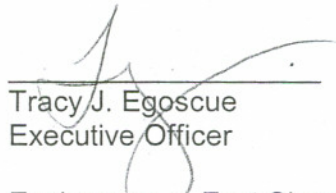
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In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending Board Order No. R4-2004-0058 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order previously sent to you. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our web site address: www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/hwm/permits/general_permits.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,



Tracy J. Egoscue
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Fact Sheet
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6742
Order No. R4-2004-0058, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994003

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits Office (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Philip Isorena, State Water Resources Control Board, NPDES Unit
California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water and Field Operations Branch
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
Los Angeles County, Department of Environmental Programs Division
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Stormwater Management Division
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