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Mr. Richard Friedman, President
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

to KL 11/17/99

*RFW (95-068)
converted to general
permit
from individual
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GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - BUMBLE BEE SEAFOODS INC. LOCATED AT 13100 ARCTIC CIRCLE DRIVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS (NPDES NO. CAG994003, CI-6913)

As you might know, the Regional Board is implementing a Watershed Management Approach to address water quality protection in the San Gabriel River watershed. Accordingly, the Regional Board is reviewing the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the facilities that discharge wastes to the San Gabriel River.

Bumble Bee Seafoods, Inc. operates a facility for the cold storage and canning of precooked and precleaned imported tuna fish, and discharges wastewater under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 95-068 adopted by this Regional Board on June 12, 1995.

Bumble Bee Seafoods, Inc. reuses non-contact retort cooling water through a reverse osmosis filtration system at the site. The first tenth-of-an-inch of storm water runoff is collected and pumped to the industrial sewer. Bumble Bee Seafoods Inc., plans to discharge up to 250,000 gallons per day of the non-contact retort cooling water when needed, and up to 100,000 gallons per day of storm water runoff exceeding the first tenth-of-an-inch into storm drains (No. 001: Latitude 33°53'33", Longitude 118°03'10", No. 002: Latitude 33°53'36", Longitude 118°03'15") near the site. The wastes flow into Coyote Creek, and thence into San Gabriel River, a water of the United States, above the estuary.

This Regional Board, at a public hearing on June 29, 1998, adopted a general NPDES permit for similar discharges (NPDES No. CAG994003; Order No. 98-055). General permits offer several advantages when compared to individual permits including uniform coverage of similar discharges, simplified discharge requirements, and flexible compliance oversight.

We have reviewed the information provided and have determined that the proposed discharge meets the conditions specified in Order No. 98-055, "General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Nonprocess Wastewaters not Requiring Treatment Systems to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties," adopted by this Board on June 29, 1998.

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Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serves as your General NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. 98-055 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-6913. Your enrollment under this general NPDES permit is effective on **October 28, 1999**.

Samples shall be taken and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations in Part E of Order No. 98-055. Attachment A of Order No. 98-055 is also applicable to your discharge.

Please note that your new permit number is CAG994003; your Monitoring and Reporting Program number remains the same. You are required to implement the "Monitoring and Reporting Program". Monitoring reports shall be submitted quarterly. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Data/Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File CI-6913 and NPDES No. CAG994003" which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. We would appreciate it if you would not combine your monitoring reports with other reports but would submit each type of report as a separate document.

Since waste discharges will be covered under this general permit, this Board at a public hearing to be held on October 28, 1999, will consider the rescission of Order No. 95-068 adopted by this Regional Board on June 12, 1995. We have sent you a separate letter dated September 28, 1999, and an associated tentative order regarding this rescission.

We are sending Order No. 98-055 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kwang Lee at (213) 576-6666.

Sincerely,



DENNIS A. DICKERSON
Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: See attached mailing list

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Mailing List

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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI-6913
FOR
BUMBLE BEE SEAFOODS INC.
(NPDES NO. CAG994003)

The discharger shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of this permit. 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
Annual	March 15

The first monitoring report under this Program is due by **January 15, 2000**. If there is no discharge, the report shall state so. Annual monitoring shall be performed during January-March.

All monitoring reports shall include discharge limitations in the Order, tabulated analytical data, the chain of custody, laboratory report (including but not limited to date and time of sampling, dates of analyses, methods of analysis and detection limits).

In addition, any mitigation activity including a pre-discharge treatment conducted at the site must be reported in the quarterly monitoring report.

I. Discharge Monitoring

Sampling station(s) shall be established at the discharge point and shall be located where representative samples of the effluent can be obtained. Provisions shall be made to enable visual inspections before discharge. In the event of presence of oil sheen, debris, and/or other objectionable materials or odors, discharge shall not be commenced before compliance with the requirements is ascertained. Any visual observation shall be included in the monitoring report.

The following shall constitute the discharge monitoring program:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Minimum Frequency of Analysis</u>
Total waste flow	gal/day	---	once per discharge event ⁽¹⁾
pH	pH units	grab	once per discharge event ⁽¹⁾
Temperature	°F	grab	once per discharge event ⁽¹⁾
Oil and grease	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ⁽¹⁾
Settleable solids	ml/L	grab	once per discharge event ⁽¹⁾

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Minimum Frequency of Analysis</u>
Total suspended solids	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
BOD ₅ 20°C	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Turbidity	NTU	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Sulfides	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Residual chlorine	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Detergents as Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS)	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Zinc	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Chromium	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event ^[1]
Other listed pollutants ^[2]	µg/L	grab	once per permit life ^[2,3]
Acute Toxicity ^[4]	%Survival	grab	annually

[1] During the periods of extended discharge, no more than one sample per month is required.

[2] See Attachment A of the Order No. 98-055.

[3] Sampling and analyses are required at the first discharge event. If the result of the analysis exceeds the daily maximum of Attachment A, the monitoring frequency must be converted to once per discharge event for the constituent with exceedance.

[4] By the method specified in "Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents to Freshwater and Marine Organisms" - September 1991, (EPA/600/4-90/027). Submission of bioassay results should include the information noted on pages 70-73 of the "Methods". The fathead minnow (*Pimephales Promelas*) shall be used as the test species. If the results of the toxicity test yield a survival of less than 90%, then the frequency of analyses shall increase to monthly until at least three test results have been obtained and full compliance with Effluent Limitations has been demonstrated, after which the frequency of analyses shall revert to annually. Results of toxicity tests shall be included in the first monitoring report following sampling.

If any result of the analysis exceeds the daily maximum limit, the frequency of analysis shall be increased to weekly within one week of knowledge of the test result. Weekly testing shall continue for at least four consecutive weeks and until compliance with the daily maximum limit is demonstrated, after which the frequency shall revert back to the original monitoring frequency. If the requirements are not met after four consecutive weeks of weekly testing, the discharger shall discontinue discharge until compliance is achieved.

II. Laboratory Analyses

All chemical, bacteriological, and toxicity analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) or approved by the Executive Officer. A copy of the laboratory certification shall be provided with the first monitoring report and each time a new and/or renewal is obtained from ELAP.

The detection limits employed for effluent analyses shall be lower than the permit limits established for a given parameter, unless the discharger can demonstrate that a particular detection limit is not attainable and obtains approval for a higher detection limit from the Executive Officer.

III. Notification

The Discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing prior to discharge of any chemical, which may be toxic to aquatic life. Such notification shall include:

1. Name and general composition of the chemical,
2. Frequency of use,
3. Quantities to be used,
4. Proposed discharge concentrations and,
5. EPA registration number, if applicable.

No discharge of such chemical shall be made prior to the Executive Officer's approval.

Ordered by: 
DENNIS A. DICKERSON
Executive Officer

Date: October 26, 1999