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**AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, EASTERN CANYONS EXPANSION -
PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL, UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
(FILE NO. 57-220)**

Reference is made to our letter dated August 25, 1994, which transmitted a copy of tentative amended waste discharge requirements for your discharge in the Eastern Canyons.

Pursuant to Section 13263 of the California Water Code, this Regional Board, at a public meeting held on September 26, 1994, reviewed the tentative amended waste discharge requirements, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. 94-103 (copy attached) relative to this waste discharge. Please note that findings 6 and 27 were modified at the Regional Board meeting to reflect the final approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on August 30, 1994.

Note also that there are no changes in your Monitoring and Reporting Program (CI 7336) as a result of the Regional Board's action in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please contact Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski at (213) 266-7580.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Nelson".

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September 15, 1994

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

ORDER NO. 94-103

**AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
for
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
(PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL, EASTERN CANYONS EXPANSION)
(FILE NO. 57-220)
(Order No. 93-070)**

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

1. The Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements for landfill expansion on November 1, 1993, Order No. 93-070.
2. On November 25, 1992, the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County (Districts), the lead agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Puente Hills Waste Management Facilities. The EIR addresses the expansion of the landfill into three eastern canyons and development of a Materials Recovery and Rail Loading Facility. The Regional Board duly relied upon the November 25, 1992, EIR in adopting its Order No. 93-070.
3. In September 1993, the EIR was challenged in Los Angeles County Superior Court in two separate lawsuits brought by Hacienda-La Puente School District, et al., and RR&C Development Corporation against the Districts.

The court found that the Final EIR was legally adequate with two exceptions related to (1) additional information about ground water quality and (2) an analysis of a waste-by-rail system. Accordingly, the court entered a judgment which required the Districts to prepare a Supplement to the Final EIR (Supplement) addressing ground water quality issues. The issue of the waste-by-rail was deferred to a later date, whereby a separate supplemental document will be prepared.

4. In response to the court's order, a Supplement was released on December 3, 1993, for public and agency review. As the lead agency responsible for monitoring ground water quality at the landfill, and as a responsible agency for reviewing the EIR, Regional Board staff reviewed the Supplement, and made only

August 23, 1994

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minor comments, as it contained a detailed analysis of ground water data which the Regional Board already had in its files, and which the Regional Board considered in issuing Order No. 93-070.

5. The Supplement was certified by the Districts' Board of Directors on March 23, 1994. On June 20, 1994, the court found that the Supplement complies with CEQA and with previous rulings. Further, the Districts have concluded in the Supplement that the landfill project, as mitigated, will not have a significant effect on ground water quality.
6. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors gave tentative approval to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Puente Hills Landfill on August 9, 1994. At a regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on August 30, 1994, final approval for the CUP was given.
7. Regional Board staff have carefully considered the Supplement and concluded that it provides no substantive data not previously considered.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 93-070, adopted by the Regional Board on November 1, 1993, is amended as follows:

1. The following findings are added to the Order:
 24. The Final EIR was challenged in Los Angeles County Superior Court in two separate lawsuits brought by Hacienda-La Puente School District, et al., and RR&C Development Corporation against the Districts, the lead agency for the project under CEQA. The court found that the Final EIR was legally adequate with two exceptions related to (1) additional information about ground water quality and (2) an analysis of a waste-by-rail system. Accordingly, the court entered a judgment which required the Districts to prepare a Supplement in order to address ground water quality issues. The issue of the waste-by-rail facility was deferred to a later date, whereby a separate supplemental document will be prepared.
 25. A Supplement was released on December 3, 1993, for public and agency review. As the lead agency responsible for monitoring water quality at the landfill, and a responsible agency for reviewing the EIR, Regional Board


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staff reviewed the December 1993 Supplement, and made only minor comments, as it contained a detailed analysis of ground water data which the Regional Board already had in its files. The Supplement was certified by the Districts' Board of Directors on March 23, 1994.

26. On June 20, 1994, the court found that the Supplement complies with CEQA and with previous rulings. There was substantive evidence in the court's record to demonstrate that the Supplement to the EIR sufficiently addresses the impacts on ground water quality, and contains adequate mitigation measures and an adequate project description. Further, the Supplement states that the landfill project, as mitigated, will not have a significant effect on ground water quality.
 27. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors gave tentative approval to a CUP for the Puente Hills Landfill on August 9, 1994. At a regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on August 30, 1994, final approval for the CUP was given.
 28. Regional Board staff have concluded that the Supplement to the EIR provides no substantive data not previously considered and, therefore, does not warrant reopening Order No. 93-070 at this time.
2. All limitations, requirements, and provisions of Order No. 93-070 remain in full force and effect.

I, Robert P. Ghirelli, 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 September 26, 1994.



ROBERT P. GHIRELLI, D.Env.
Executive Officer

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