



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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September 26, 2001

Mr. William Rattazzi  
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Chatsworth, CA 91311

Dear Mr. Rattazzi:

**COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENT - WESTPORT AT MANDALAY BAY, OXNARD, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994001, CI-8282)**

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You are proposing to conduct temporary groundwater dewatering activities during channel construction operations, excavation of the existing canal and seawall construction during the implementation of the Mandalay Bay Phase IV Specific Plan. The plan consists of construction of new waterways, multi-family residential units, duplex and townhouse units, waterfront single-family residential units, a park, boat slips and commercial units on 58-acre site in Oxnard. Although the construction project will last two years, the dewatering activity will be intermittent and projected to last approximately six months. The groundwater will be extracted at a rate of up to 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) during the channel construction and will be discharged to the Harbor Island Canal and Reliant Energy Canal. This rate of discharge (1.5 MGD) is necessary to facilitate the channel construction project. Discharge of dewatering wastes will be limited to 1.0 MGD if it becomes necessary to continue the discharge after six months of discharging at a rate of 1.5 MGD.

Under the Clean Beach Initiative Grant, the County of Ventura will be performing a Water Circulation Study for high bacterial levels in the Harbor. During the dewatering activity, you are requested to coordinate with the County of Ventura and Reliant Energy, Inc. (Mandalay Generation Station) to ensure that the dewatering activity will not interfere with the Study. At this time, the Regional Board staff do not anticipate any conflict as a result of your dewatering activities. However, should Reliant Energy Inc. cease taking water from the Canal during the Study while the dewatering activity is taking place, you are required to cease discharge until such Study is completed or until Reliant Energy Inc. re-establishes its water intake.

Based on the information provided, the proposed discharge of groundwater meets the conditions specified in Order No. 97-045, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Discharges from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on May 12, 1997.

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Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. 97-045 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8282. The discharge limitations in Part E of Order No. 97-045 are applicable to your discharge. In addition, the discharge limitations in Attachment B are applicable to your discharge. The discharge limitations in Attachment A are not applicable to your discharge. Prior to discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall 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. 97-045. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit.

When submitting monitoring and technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8282 and NPDES No. CAG994001", 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. 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. 97-045 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 Thizar Tintut-Williams at (213) 576-6752.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Fact Sheet  
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 8282  
Board Order No. 97-045, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994001  
Appendix I

cc: See Mailing List

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