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AMENDMENT OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BERTHS 145-147 WHARF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ORDER NO. R4-2008-0061, CASE FILE 08-081)

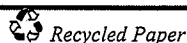
Dear Mr. Gioiello:

We received your letter of November 13, 2008, requesting an amendment to the previously adopted waste discharge requirements (Order No. R4-2008-0061) for dredging to upgrade an existing wharf and construct a new wharf at Berths 145-147 and to seismically upgrade the existing wharf at Berths 136-139 within Los Angeles Harbor.

Specifically, the Port proposes to shift the disposal location for 28,600 cubic yards of dredged material from ocean disposal at the LA-2 Ocean Disposal Site to upland disposal at Anchorage Road Upland Soil Storage Site. The 28,600 cubic yards of dredge material in question are from the Lower Stratum of the shoreline area, as defined in the Berths 145-147 Dredge Material Characterization Testing Final Report (March 2008). As a result of this proposed change, the total volume of dredged material to be disposed of at the LA-2 Ocean Disposal Site would decrease to 131,200 cubic yards and the total volume to be disposed of at the Anchorage Road Upland Site would increase to 129,300 cubic yards. However, the total volume to be dredged and discharged remains unchanged from the amount authorized by the waste discharge requirements.

The Port's proposal does represent a material change in the character, location or volume of the discharge, as defined in Section 13260(c) of the Porter Cologne Water Quality Act. However, the revised volumes and discharge locations are authorized under the existing language in the waste discharge requirements. The Executive Officer of the Regional Board finds that the proposed revisions are consistent with the existing waste discharge requirements and hereby approves the changes outlined above. Since the discharge locations remain unchanged, no modifications to the monitoring and reporting program are proposed.

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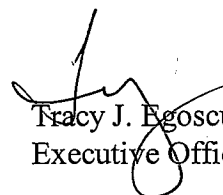


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Please note that any subsequent modifications to the character, location or volume of the discharge also would be subject to section 13260(c). The Port would need to submit a new Report of Waste Discharge in the event that any additional revisions to the waste discharge requirements are proposed.

Should you have any questions, please telephone Michael Lyons, the staff person most familiar with this project, at (213) 576-6718.

Sincerely,


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