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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 12, 2017

Mr. Mike Ahmar  
721 North Crescent Drive  
Beverly Hills CA 90210

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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE NPDES PERMIT ENROLLMENT—GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—121 NORTH SAN VICENTE LLC, 119, 121 & 123 NORTH SAN VICENTE BLVD, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-9953)**

Dear Mr. Ahmar:

On April 18, 2017, we received your request to terminate the General NPDES permit enrollment issued to your facility located at 119, 121 & 123, Beverly Hills under Order R4-2013-0095, CI-9953. In response to your permit termination request, on May 9, 2017, Regional Board staff inspected the facility. Based on the observed facts at your facility your request for termination of the permit coverage is hereby denied at this time due to following reasons.

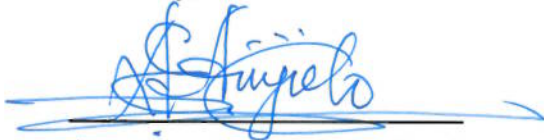
1. Staff observed the sump located in the basement of the building from where the seeping groundwater was pumping to the storm drain system was capped. However, in the same basement you constructed two separate sumps located in front of the elevator entrance. The building contractor informed the staff that any rainwater infiltrated at the basement of the building along with vehicle wash water if any, from the garage will be collected in these two sumps and pumped to the storm drain system via a filtration system.
2. Review of discharge monitoring report submitted to Regional Water Board showed that discharges occurred from the facility in the month of February 2017, after building construction was completed. These discharges indicate that rising groundwater at the basement needing dewatering is occurring.
3. Moreover, during the inspection, staff had also observed discharges in front of the building alongside the street curb that leads to the storm drain inlet.

Where wastewater and groundwater are commingled and discharged from a facility to storm drain system that discharge has to be covered under an appropriate NPDES permit issued by Regional Water Board. You are encouraged to explore alternative discharges of wastewater from your facility including discharging to sanitary sewer system.

Your current requirements under the General NPDES Permit, and its Monitoring and Reporting Program, CI No. 9953, for 119, 121 and 123 N. San Vicente Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA remains in effect. In future when can verify that wastewater or groundwater are not being discharged to storm drain from your facility we may reconsider your request for termination of the General NPDES permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Augustine Anijiello at (213) 576-6657 or Namiraj Jain at (213) 620-6003.

Sincerely,



Augustine Anijiello, P.E., Chief  
General Permitting Unit

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)  
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