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**SUBJECT: SHIPYARD SEDIMENT SITE 2005 TENTATIVE CLEANUP AND
ABATEMENT ORDER No. R9-2005-0126**

This is an updated status report on the preparation of the indexed electronic record of documents and other information from the San Diego Water Board's file records pertaining to the tentative Shipyard Sediment Site cleanup and abatement order (CAO) and the supporting technical report. For additional background information, see the July 19, October 9, and December 7, 2007 status reports as well as other project information posted on the San Diego Water Board website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/programs/shipyards/Shipyard%20Sediment%20Cleanup/intro%20r9-2005-0126.html>.

In early January 2008 the Board's contractor, D-M Information Systems Inc (D-M), finished digitizing and indexing all of the material to complete the indexed electronic record for the Shipyard Sediment Cleanup proceedings. In reviewing and discussing the proposed final deliverable with the contractor we became aware of page numbering and indexing anomalies within the electronic record. When record page numbers were assigned, inconsistencies resulted. For some items, each page was assigned a unique record page number, but for others only the first page of the item received a page number. For multi-page documents labeled with their own internal page numbers, this posed only a small inconvenience to those wishing to cite specific pages.

More serious, however, was the effect this inconsistency had on the index for multi-page documents. Where a document was numbered correctly, receiving a record page number for each page, the listing for the document would indicate that it consisted of multiple pages. (For example, a 50-page document might be listed as record pages "0001-0050.") In the case where the document was assigned only a single page number, however, the index would show only that one page number. Where the

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original document in question has internal page numbers, a reader who opened the document would know the document actually consisted of multiple pages. Several multi-page documents do not bear internal page numbers, however. A reader opening such documents could very conceivably (but erroneously) believe the document consisted of a single page.

We also noted some additional inconsistencies in the index where a single line item referred to a group of documents or electronic files. This would result in a reader not being able to directly access a specific document in a subsection of the document group. A reader accessing a document via the index line item link could also very conceivably ((but erroneously) believe that the link referred to a single document rather than a group of documents.

Because of the widespread interest in this matter, the multiple parties and members of the public involved, we concluded that the possibility of confusion was too great to leave these inconsistencies uncorrected. I have accordingly instructed the contractor to correct the page numbering deficiencies and ensure that all document images and other electronic files are linked to a line item in the index. The work on that is proceeding. The contractor anticipates completing this work and shipping the final deliverable portable hard drives housing the indexed electronic record to the San Diego Water Board by February 11, 2008. Based on these considerations the expected final distribution of the tentative cleanup and abatement order, the technical report, and the supporting indexed electronic record documents to designated parties documents is projected to be completed no later than February 15, 2008.

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