CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R9-2003-0167

CERTIFICATION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SPECIFIED DISCHARGES OF WASTES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT OF GROUND WATER CONTAINING VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter, Regional Board) is considering the issuance of General Waste Discharge Requirements for discharges to land of effluent from the treatment of groundwater containing volatile organic compounds in the San Diego Region and for the direct injection or emplacement of remediation chemicals in groundwater to cleanup pollution from volatile organic compounds in the San Diego Region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board is required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with section 21100) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code prior to the adoption of any waste discharge requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board is functioning as the lead agency, which has the principal responsibility for approving the proposed projects and is responsible for preparation of environmental documents; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board prepared an Initial Study for these projects in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code, section 21000 et. seq.) and the State CEQA guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the environmental impacts of these projects will be less than significant; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board has prepared a Negative Declaration pertaining to the proposed general waste discharge requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Negative Declaration was sent to the State Clearinghouse and local responsible agencies for review; and

WHEREAS, comments were not received; and

WHEREAS, a notice that the Regional Board proposed to certify a Negative Declaration was published in the Orange County Register and Riverside Press Enterprise on May 6, 2003, and in the San Diego Union Tribune on May 7, 2003, in compliance with section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, hereby certifies that it has complied with CEQA, that the Negative Declaration reflects proper assessment of potential environmental impacts of the proposed general waste discharge requirements, and that the environmental impacts of the proposed general waste discharge requirements will be less than significant.

I, John H. Robertus, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on June 11, 2003.

JOHN H. ROBERTUS Executive Officer Date Signed: June 12, 2003