STATE OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (KEITH ROBERSON) MEETING DATE: April 14, 2010

ITEM: 5.A

SUBJECT: UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION, PRATT & WHITNEY

ROCKETDYNE SAN JOSE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY - Rescission of

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 95-190

CHRONOLOGY: Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) adopted in 1995

DISCUSSION: This Tentative Order (Appendix A) rescinds the WDRs for the former United

Technologies Corporation (UTC) rocket motor manufacturing facility located at 600 Metcalf Road, southeast of San Jose. The facility operated from 1959 until 2003, and closed permanently in 2004. Most buildings and related industrial infrastructure at the site are being dismantled under an extensive decontamination, decommissioning, and demolition program. Environmental conditions at the site are being restored through soil and groundwater remediation efforts under the Site

Cleanup Requirements (SCR) the Board issued in 2004.

The WDRs are being rescinded because they are no longer needed. The facility is closed, and almost all waste discharges covered under the WDRs have been terminated. The WDRs regulated discharges from an onsite wastewater treatment plant, a potable water treatment plant, and various septic tanks and leach fields, which have been closed with Water Board approval, and a former open burning facility that is being closed by the Department of Toxic Substances Control. The only ongoing discharges are from the onsite groundwater treatment units, which are required by, and regulated under, the SCR.

No comments were received during the public comment period, and the discharger has indicated its acceptance of the Tentative Order.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of the Tentative Order

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APPENDICES: A –Tentative Order

Appendix A TENTATIVE ORDER