



SPECIAL HEARING
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January 27, 2005

Ms. Debbie Irvin, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Irvin,

RE: Support for draft General Industrial Storm Water Permit

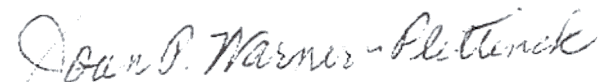
Our organization has 450+ members who employ a total of 9,950 in Downey, California, and we represent over 61,350 employees total in Downey.

We support the draft General Industrial Storm Water Permit as proposed because it provides a rational, cost-effective approach for businesses like our members to protect water supplies.

We understand, however, that some have asked for amendments requiring numeric limits for storm water discharges. Such an approach violates state and federal guidelines for storm water management, would be ineffective because of the nature of storm water and would cost companies like ours thousands of dollars.

Please keep me informed on future developments with this permit

Sincerely,


Joan P. Warner-Plettinck
Executive Director

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