SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY ORDER

ORDER NO.	WQ 2006-0010
DATE ADOPTED	December 13, 2006
PETITION TITLE	Petition of Curtis D. Quinones and Vapor Cleaners, Inc.
POPULAR NAME [if applicable]	
REGIONAL BOARD	Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
FILE NO.	SWRCB/OCC Files A-1740

PRECEDENTIAL DECISION

On December 13, 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted a precedential order considering a cleanup and abatement order (cleanup order) issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) to Curtis D. Quinones and Vapor Cleaners (Petitioners). The cleanup order required Petitioners to conduct a feasibility study, site characterization and continue associated monitoring requirements at a site that had been the subject of prior remediation efforts, with tetrachloroethylene remaining in groundwater beneath the site. Petitioners requested that the site be closed, with no further action required.

The Order finds that the Central Coast Water Board correctly applied the beneficial uses designated for groundwater beneath the site, including municipal and domestic water supply. The Order also notes that potential as well as actual uses must be protected, and that a Basin Plan amendment is the appropriate method for removing inappropriate beneficial uses. The Order requires that the Central Coast Water Board reconsider the beneficial use designation as well as alternatives to remediation action and continued monitoring, including deed restrictions or other institution controls. Pending review of beneficial use designations and consideration of institutional controls, the Order suspends remediation and monitoring requirements.