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**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, SCR: 01-1541.02
TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R0-2007-0148,
TECATE TRUCK INSPECTION STATION, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Dear McCann:

The Department received Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0148, Waste Discharge Requirements, including monitoring, dated October 29, 2007, in response to the Tecate Truck Inspection Station (TIF), Application/Report of Waste Discharge Permit submitted on August 16, 2006. The following additional comments are being submitted by the Department for the Board to take into consideration and revise the tentative order.

B. Discharge Specifications, No. 2 and Groundwater Monitoring, Item C:

Comment: The Department requests the RWQCB to add additional bimonthly post treatment sump water and septic tank monitoring and eliminate the requirement for groundwater monitoring. The post treatment sump water and septic tank monitoring is significantly more effective and provides almost real time monitoring of discharges to the leach field. This monitoring will provide timely identification of disruptions to the treatment system or improper disposal of waste material. Alternatively, groundwater monitoring will only detect pollutants after the disposal and contamination of the groundwater.

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This alternative monitoring program will provide 3 times the number of monitoring events and more timely response and corrective action to monitoring data. This program will also reduce the monitoring capital costs to the Department by \$50,000 to \$100,000 depending on the depth of groundwater. The Department requests this modification due to the significant costs savings to the taxpayers and increase in sampling events to ensure protection of the groundwater.

Please let us know if there is any additional information the Department can provide for your approval of our request. If your staff would like to visit this facility please contact me at (916) 227-8526 or Laurie Vasquez, project engineer at (916) 227-8333.

Sincerely,



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