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October 28, 2010

In reply refer to:
231219:adai

Mr. David Ostermann
Ramona Unified School District
720 Ninth Street
Ramona, CA 92065-2348

Dear Mr. Ostermann:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR HANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the April-June and July-September 2010 quarterly and January-June 2010 semiannual monitoring reports submitted by the Ramona Unified School District (District) in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. R9-2004-0409.

Violations of Order No. R9-2004-0409

The submitted monitoring reports document the following violations of Order No. R9-2004-0409 occurred during the period:

Performance Requirement B.1, which prescribes a daily maximum limit of 18 mg/L for nitrate as NO₃ in the groundwater, was exceeded a total of 15 times as noted below:

DATE	MW3	MW4	MW5
4/5/2010	70.8	103.4	64.7
5/10/2010	73.9	103.4	73
6/7/2010	81.8	115.7	81.8
7/19/2010	67.7	156.6	
8/16/2010	75.7	133.3	
9/16/2010	69.5	125.8	

Note: all concentrations have units mg/L

Please be aware these violations subject the District to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the District to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;¹ and referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief.

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

Potential Violations of Order No. R9-2004-0409

In addition, the San Diego Water Board noted that the submitted monitoring reports are being signed by the contracted operator, Water Quality Specialists. The San Diego Water Board has no objection to the contracted operator signing the reports provided the contracted operator is a duly authorized representative of the Ramona Unified School District.² An individual is a duly authorized representative only if all of the following are true:

- i. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph (a) of Provision E.17.b,
- ii. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, and
- iii. The written authorization is submitted to the San Diego Water Board.

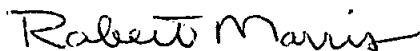
Please include the required authorization statement with the next self-monitoring report and include the following statement in the signature block, "*As a duly authorized representative of the Ramona Unified School District as of (Date of authorization statement)*" in all future reports signed by the authorized representative.

The next monitoring reports to be submitted are the October-December 2010 quarterly, July-December 2010 semiannual and January-December 2010 annual monitoring reports due by February 1, 2011.

For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Amanda Dai at (858) 627-3977 or via email at adai@waterboards.ca.gov.

PLEASE INCLUDE "231219:ADAI" IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF FUTURE CORRESPONDANCE.

Sincerely,



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Cleanup and Land Discharge Branch

cc: Steve Leech; Water Quality Specialists of San Diego, Inc.; P.O. Box 3028, Valley Center, CA 92082

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Enforcement ID 376366

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² See Standard Provision E.17.b on page 15 of Order No. R9-204-0409