



## California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

December 7, 2012

Adrian De La Cerda Copart 7847 Airway Road San Diego, CA 92154 Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested Article Number: 7011 0470 0002 8961 7517 Article Number: 7011 0470 0002 8961 7524

In reply refer to:

Application ID 431493: wghoram

John J. Allen Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP 515 South Figueroa, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071-3309

# SECOND NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO ENROLL UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL STORM WATER GENERAL PERMIT

Mr. De La Cerda, Mr. Allen:

#### NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) Section 13399.30, you continue to be in violation of the statewide General Industrial Storm Water Permit Order No. 97-03-DWQ (Order) for failure to enroll as directed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) in the first notice of violation sent to you October 5, 2012.

By letter dated October 24, 2012, Mr. John Allen, on behalf of Copart, responded to the October 5, 2012 San Diego Water Board letter, contesting the requirement for Copart to enroll in the permit on the basis that the applicable SIC Code for your facility is not 5015. The San Diego Water Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in your October 24, 2012 letter and continues to assert that your facility requires industrial storm water general permit coverage. In your letter, you ask for San Diego Water Board records that indicate that coverage is mandatory. The reference intended by "our records" is Attachment 1 of the Industrial Storm water General Permit<sup>1</sup> which indicates which industries are required to enroll. And, although you assert that your facility is not operating as SIC code 5015, Copart has a facility with similar operations already enrolled in the Industrial Storm Water General Permit in the San Francisco Bay region. This facility has a Mandatory SIC Code 4226 (special warehousing

<sup>1</sup> http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/induspmt.pdf

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and storage not elsewhere classified). The Copart facility at 7847 Airway Road in San Diego conducts similar business and thus also requires permit coverage.

Copart's activities have discharged and threaten to discharge pollutants to waters of the U.S. and State. Any discharge of pollutants from Copart's facility to waters of the U.S./Waters of the State is a violation of CWC Section 13385(a), and subjects Copart to monetary penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation of unauthorized discharge.

This is your second and final notice that, pursuant to CWC section 13399.30, you are subject to a **minimum** mandatory penalty of not less than \$5,000 per year of noncompliance (pursuant to CWC Section 13399.30 and 13399.33) if you fail to submit a Notice of Intent to enroll within **60 days from the date that the first notice was sent to you.** 

### REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE

Prompt submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI), fee, and site map is required in order to avoid monetary penalties. The NOI, fee, and site map should be mailed to the State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento at the address noted on the enclosed Checklist for submitting an NOI. We recommend that you send a copy to the San Diego Water Board.

All other written correspondence pertaining to this matter shall be directed to the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

Attention: Industrial Storm Water Unit, App ID 431493

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego, CA 92123

If you wish to meet with us to discuss this issue, please do so prior to 30 days of this notice, so as to avoid mandatory and discretionary penalties. In the subject line of any response, please include the reference number indicated under "In Reply Refer To" on the first page of this letter. For questions or comments, please contact Ms. Whitney Ghoram by phone at 858-467-2967, or by email at <a href="WGhoram@waterboards.ca.gov">WGhoram@waterboards.ca.gov</a>, or Staff Counsel Laura Drabandt at 916-341-5180 or LDrabandt@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

ERIC S. BECKER, P.E.

Senior Water Resources Control Engineer

Southern Watershed Unit

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Enclosure: NOI and Checklist

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#### cc: without enclosures

Mr. Vincent Barnese, Storm Water Inspector II, Enforcement & Inspection Section, Storm Water Department, 9370 Chesapeake Drive, Suite 100, MS1900, San Diego, CA 92123

Ms. Anne Ekker, Hazardous Substances Scientist, Cal/EPA-DTSC, Enforcement- San Diego, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150, San Diego, CA 92123

Mr. Danny Martinez, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, County of San Diego, Dept. of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division, PO Box 129261, San Diego, CA 92112-9261

Mr. Rick Hulker, Regional Manager, Copart, 12167 Arrow Route, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

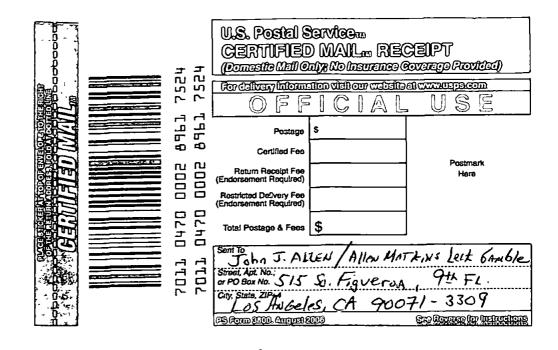
Mr. Paul Styer, Senior V.P. General Counsel, Copart, 14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas, 75254

Mr. Donald Sturgeon, Strom Water Manager, Whitson CM Contracting & Management, Inc., 11021 Via Frontera, Suite E, San Diego, CA 92127

[via email]: Andre Sonksen, City of San Diego Storm Water Dept., ASonksen@sandiego.gov

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