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Mr. Roger Phillips
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Dear Mr. Phillips:

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR DISCHARGES INTO AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE (ASBS)

Thank you for your application package dated August 31, 2006, requesting an exception from the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) waste discharge prohibition for your discharges into the Pacific Grove ASBS. This letter is to inform you that we have deemed your application complete. The receipt of your completed application supports the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) consideration of an exception to the Ocean Plan for discharges to ASBS. As a responsible party with a complete application, you will be considered for coverage under an exception.

The exception is likely to include minimizing or eliminating pollutants discharged to the ASBS to maintain natural water quality in the receiving waters. In the meantime, you must continue to plan for and institute best management practices to reduce pollutants. If the exception is granted, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) may allow your discharges to be covered under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Regardless, it is the Central Coast Water Board which will enforce the mitigation measures to be described in the exception granted by the State Water Board.

State Water Board staff will keep you informed as the review of your submitted information progresses. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 341-5458 (dpolhemus@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dominic Gregorio, Chief of the Ocean Unit, at (916) 341-5488 (dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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