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RE: Support for draft General Industrial Stormwater Permit

Dear Ms. Irvin:

My business employs more than 500 people in Maritnez , California. Our company's business is Electrical Contracting.

We support the draft General Industrial Stormwater Permit as proposed because it provides a rational, cost-effective approach for businesses like mine to protect water supplies.

We understand, however, that some have asked for amendments requiring numeric limits for stormwater discharges. Such an approach violates state and federal guidelines for stormwater management, would be ineffective because of the nature of stormwater and would cost companies like mine thousands of dollars.

Please keep me informed on future developments with this permit.

Sincerely,
Contra Costa Electric, Inc.

Mark Sheeley
Utility Department Manager