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State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

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Attention:

Ms. Debbie Irvin Clerk to the Board

Subject:

Support for Draft General Industrial Stormwater Permanent

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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.

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Sincerely,

John Sakamoto, P.E. Senior Vice President



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