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November 19, 2008

Mr. Darrell Maxey, Director Engineering and Construction Southern California Regional Rail Authority 700 South Flower Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPTREQUESTED 7007 2560 0001 7889 2066

Dear Mr. Maxey:

REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE, SECTION 13260, FOR TRAIN TUNNEL 26 LOCATED IN THE VENTURA SUBDIVISION, CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH, OFF OF DEVONSHIRE STREET, CHATSWORTH (FILE NO. 08-156)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including Tunnel 26 maintained by Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

On October 22, 2008, during dry weather, Regional Board staff made an inspection of Tunnel 26 located in the Ventura Subdivision, Chatsworth Park South, off of Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, and determined that you are discharging waste (dewatering water) collected from sumps along Tunnel 26 to land without a Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) from this Region Board. Section 13260 of the California Water Code (CWC) provides the Regional Board with the authority to require a discharger to furnish information about that discharge. An application package, including Form No. 200 (Application/Report of Waste Discharge), Form 200 Appendix and Instructions and the Annual Fee Schedule, is attached. Please note that the owner or operator of any facility having discharges to land/subsurface must obtain WDR from the Regional Board.

Our determination that your discharge is subject to Section 13260 of the CWC is based on the assumption that your discharge does not reach a surface water. Should this not be correct, your discharge may also be subject to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Pursuant to Section 13260 of the CWC, by December 19, 2008, you shall complete and return the enclosed Form 200, Application/Report of Waste Discharge with the appropriate fee and supporting documents, including but not limited to water quality data from sump water, volume of discharge, discharge area and route, regional and local hydrogeology and geology, depth to groundwater, and any potential adverse impacts on groundwater. These documents shall be submitted to the attention of Dr. Rebecca Chou, Groundwater Permitting Unit, Regional Water Quality Control Board, 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California, 90013.

California Environmental Protection Agency

Failure to submit the required technical report by the due date specified may results in the imposition of civil liability penalties by this Regional Board of up to \$1,000.00 per day for each day the report is not received pursuant to Section 13261 of the California Water Code. These civil liabilities can be assessed by the Regional Board any time after December 19, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Dr. Rebecca Chou at (213) 620-6156.

Sincerely,

Tracy J Egoscue Executive Officer

Enclosures: Form 200, Form 200 Appendix and Instructions & Annual Fee Schedule

cc: Tom Seckington, Department of Toxic Substances Control
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