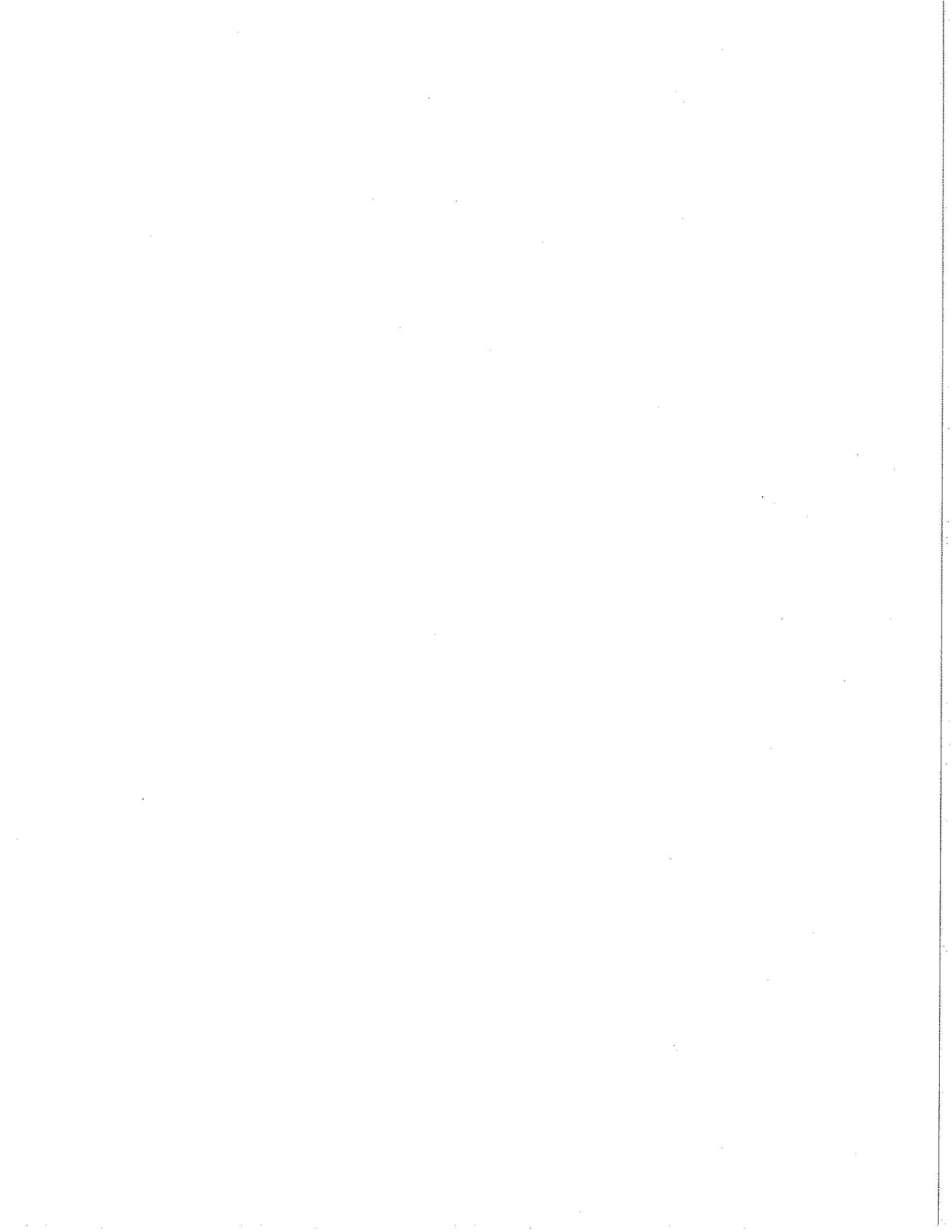


Central Marin Sanitation Agency  
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS  
September 9, 2009

- I-1 Letter dated 8/17/09 to CMSA Employees Re: 2008 NACWA Gold Peak Performance Award
- I-2 Letter dated 8/26/09 to California Regional Water Quality Control Board Re: Monthly Self-Monitoring Report (SMR)—Month of July 2009





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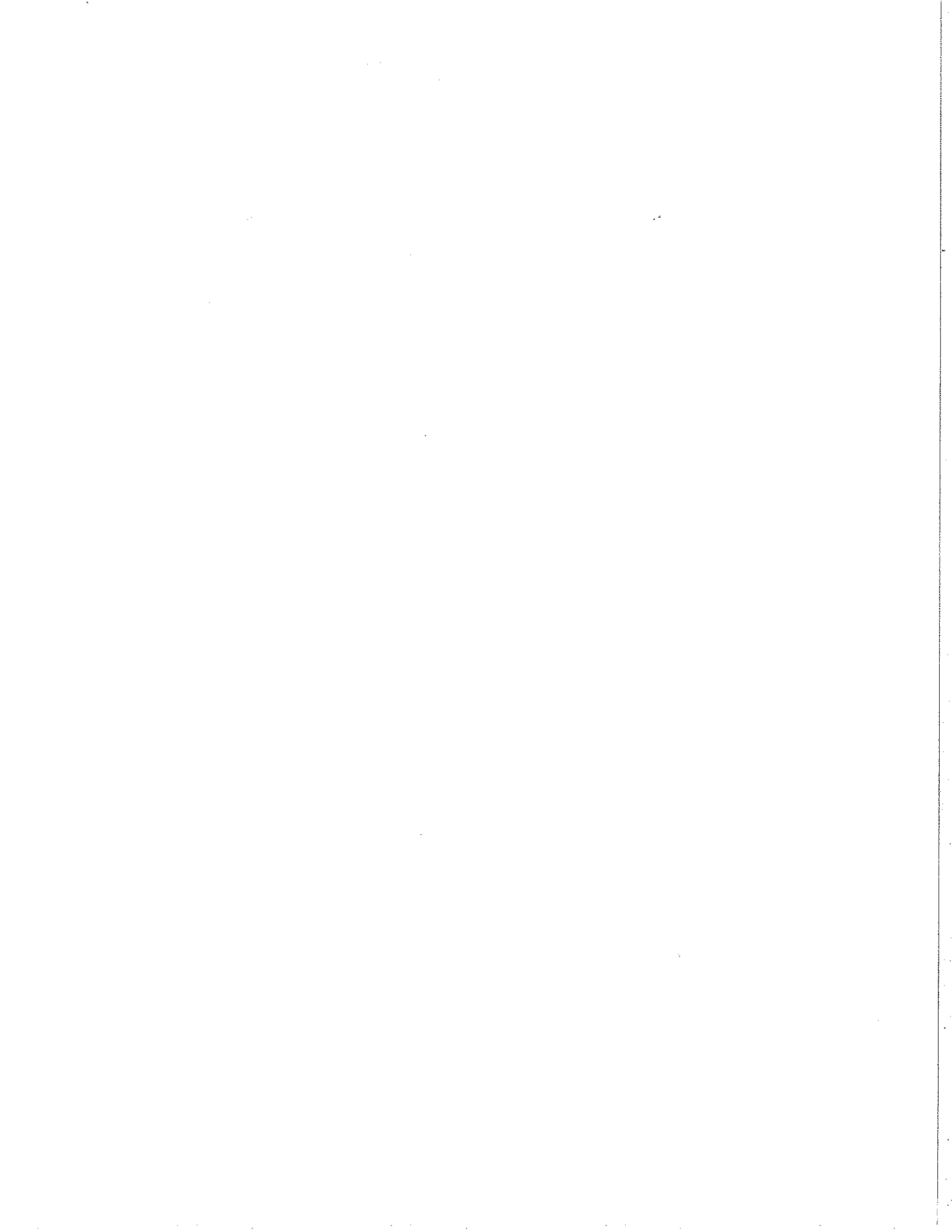
To: CMSA Employees  
From: Jason Dow, General Manager JD  
Subject: 2008 NACWA Gold Peak Performance Award

Congratulations! Once again, CMSA has received the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Award. The Peak Performance program recognizes those wastewater organizations that have exceptional compliance rates with performance-based requirements in their NPDES permits. For the *fourth* year in a row, CMSA has received the **GOLD** level award for consistently meeting and exceeding our permit requirements.

At the August 11 Board meeting, the CMSA Board of Commissioners recognized that receiving the NACWA GOLD award is a significant achievement that was made possible through dedication, teamwork, and attention to the many details associated with operating and maintaining a regional wastewater facility. They unanimously voted to award each CMSA employee \$300 as a "thank you" for the contributions made over the last year that have made the Gold award possible.

Thank you again for all your work. It is appreciated!







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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
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Attention: Vince Christian

**RE: Monthly Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) - Month of July 2009**

Enclosed please find the monthly report for the Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) treatment plant for July 2009. There were no NPDES Permit violations in July.

Effluent results for Cadmium, Lead, Selenium, and Silver have been "J-flagged" by Caltest Analytical Laboratory. This means these constituents were detected and the concentrations that were reported are Estimated Concentrations. Note that in the electronic reporting, numerical J-flagged values will be reported and commented as DNQ (Do Not Quantitate).

We had two events in July during which we temporarily stopped flow to our outfall:

1. On July 1 (0635-1525) our disinfected effluent was diverted to our effluent storage pond in order to install a backup Sodium Bisulfite (SBS) system that will continue to dose Sodium Bisulfite during a power outage to ensure the final effluent is always dechlorinated prior to discharge into the bay. Once the work was completed, the final effluent was pumped back to the chlorine mixing chamber where it was chlorinated a second time before passing into the chlorine contact tanks
2. On July 14 (0100-1117) we utilized excess capacity in our empty off-line grit tanks and primary clarifiers to continue work on removal of the wall in order to connect the two new chlorine contact tanks to the chlorine mixing basin as part of our Wet Weather Improvement Project (WWIP). We also made a repair to a minor leak in the new SBS supply line which was installed by our WWIP contractor. The tanks we used to contain the flow were then emptied during low flow periods throughout the day and night.

Biosolids testing results are included as required per 40 CFR Part 503, CA Title 22, and County Regulations for land application. We began land application of our biosolids on May 8 at the Lakeville site in Sonoma County and it is expected to continue through October unless early rains occur. Our biosolids hauling company, Total Waste Systems, Inc., and Synagro, our contract biosolids land application manager, received approval from Sonoma County for land application.



EPA Forms 3320-1 that reflect CMSA's NPDES Permit, Order #R2-2007-007 that went into effect on April 1, 2007 have been completed. As of the October 2004 monitoring period, EPA Forms 3320-1 have been submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board as requested in the letter sent out by USEPA Region 9, Alexis Strauss, dated October 7, 2004. The 3320-1 forms have been sent since the June 2006 reporting period to the new address that was emailed on July 7, 2006 from the DMR Processing Center. We received notification from the DMR processing center in January 2009 that forms will now be emailed in electronic format. The 2009 forms were emailed on February 18 and will be used for reporting for calendar year 2009. There is an error on the 3320-1 forms for Chromium and the only two choices available are Hexavalent and Trivalent Chromium. I have spoken to the DMR Processing center and they are aware of the error. We will continue to manually cross out Trivalent and hand write "Total Chromium" in the box on the forms until the error is corrected and new forms are sent. Total Chromium is specified as a monitoring requirement in our NPDES permit.

CMSA also plans to submit this report electronically.

If there are any questions please contact me at (415) 459-1455, ext.142. Quality assurance data are available for all test results cited in this report. Values reported are measured values and are each subject to analytical variability. CMSA reserves the right to question data in an enforcement proceeding.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments are prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who managed the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for known violations (40 CFR 122.22(d)).



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Environmental Services Manager

enclosures:

Caltest data  
Routine DMR data (map, spreadsheets, forms, graphs)

cc: EPA Forms 3320-1  
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