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Dear Mr. Weir:

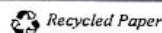
RESPONSE TO "SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FROM THE RECENT TOTAL RESIDUAL CHLORINE POLICY WORKSHOP AND PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S COMPLETION OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT"

Thank you for your letter of October 21, 2005, summarizing your understanding of the proposed approaches being taken to develop a statewide chlorine residual policy. We appreciate your offer to aid in the development of the proposed policy by providing resources for further data collection. However, a workplan to begin gathering further data is not necessary.

Due to the pending expiration of the current chlorine contract with Science Applications International Corporation, the scope of work must be addressed and finalized by the beginning of 2006. Since 2002, the State Water Resources Control Board has applied numerous resources to the development of a practicable chlorine policy. From the beginning, a stakeholder process was put into place and all relevant information was accepted.

With the conclusion of the last two stakeholder meetings held in September 2005, we were able to reach agreement on almost all issues surrounding the proposed policy. Supplementary data was requested by staff during those meetings to help clarify an appropriate quantification level for use in the proposed policy. All parties agreed that a three-week data solicitation period was appropriate. Several stakeholders have already fulfilled that request and staff feels the data provided thus far is adequate to produce a final draft policy that is both protective and appropriate. As discussed at the last stakeholder meeting an informal draft will be released shortly so that affected parties will have an opportunity to "test drive" the proposed draft policy prior to the public commenting period.

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We will contact you if it becomes necessary to obtain further information to support a statewide chlorine residual policy. In the mean time, staff will continue working toward an appropriate draft policy using the data we have already received. Your continued support with this effort is appreciated, and we look forward to working with you in the near future.

If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at (916) 341-5500 or (email kharris@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Dena McCann of the Planning, Standards, and Implementations Unit at (916) 323-9690 or (email dmccann@waterboards.ca.gov) who is lead staff on this matter.

Sincerely



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