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REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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Docket No. CWA 309(a)-09-016

Steve Kroeker  
Public Works Director  
City of Corcoran  
1033 Chittenden Ave.  
Corcoran, CA 93212

Re: Findings of Violation and Order for Compliance under Sections 308  
and 309(a) of the Clean Water Act, EPA Docket No. CWA 309(a)-09-016

Dear Mr. Kroeker:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing the enclosed Findings of Violation and Order for Compliance pursuant to Sections 308 and 309(a) of the Clean Water Act. The Order requires the City of Corcoran to perform sampling to assess the levels of arsenic at the Corcoran State Prison fields where the City applied sewage sludge in late 2008. The Order also requires the City of Corcoran to notify EPA in the future prior to removing sewage sludge from the treatment plant for use or disposal, and to submit its annual sewage sludge report for 2008.

In January and February 2009, EPA received information from the City of Corcoran and its contractor indicating that, in late 2008, the City had applied its sewage sludge to fields at the Corcoran State Prison. Based on data provided by the City, EPA has determined that the land applied sewage sludge contained arsenic in concentrations exceeding EPA's standards for the use and disposal of sewage sludge. In addition, the City failed to collect the proper number of samples and submit the required annual report related to land application of sewage sludge.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed Finding of Violation and Order, please contact Lauren Fondahl of the Clean Water Act Compliance Office at (415) 972-3514.

Sincerely,

<Original  
signed by>

Alexis Strauss  
Director  
Water Division

Enclosure: Findings of Violation and Order for Compliance

cc: Doug Patteson, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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