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I. BACKGROUND

- A. The United States of America, on behalf of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, filed a complaint in this matter pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, as amended, seeking reimbursement of response costs incurred and to be incurred for response actions taken at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at and from the Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Disposal Site located in Santa Barbara County, California.
- B. The State of California does not admit any liability to the United States arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in the complaint.
- C. This Consent Decree provides for the State of California to pay a cash payment of \$14,958,120 specified in Section VII of the Consent Decree. As an additional consideration, the State of California agrees not to seek reimbursement from any person for \$1.4 million in response costs incurred by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control prior to September 30, 1999, relating to the Site. Except as specified herein, this Consent Decree will resolve the potential liability of the State of California and all of its entities, including those entities identified in Appendices A and B, for the site. Based on information known to date, the United States alleges that the State of California collectively disposed of or arranged for

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- D. The United States previously entered into a consent decree relating to the Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Disposal Site with the Casmalia Resources Site Steering Committee. The consent decree was entered by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on June 27, 1997 in United States v. ABB Vetco Gray, Inc. et al., Civ. No. 96-6518 KMW (JGx). This Consent Decree entered into by the United States and the State of California is not intended to amend or supercede the consent decree entered into by the United States and the Casmalia Resources Site Steering Committee.
- E. The United States and the State of California agree, and this Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the parties in good faith, that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, with the consent of the Parties to this Decree, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

# II. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b), and also has personal

jurisdiction over Settling Defendant. Settling Defendant consents to and shall not challenge entry of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree. The Settling Defendant's consent to the entry of this Consent Decree with the United States does not constitute a waiver of its immunity from actions or proceedings by any other person related to or arising out of the Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Disposal Site as embodied in the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution and related principles of sovereign immunity.

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# III. PARTIES BOUND

2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States and Settling Defendant, and upon their successors and assigns.

# IV. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- 3. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree which are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or in any appendix attached hereto, the following definitions shall apply:
- a. "CSC Consent Decree" shall mean the consent decree entered into by the United States and the CSC and entered by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on June 27, 1997 in <u>United States of America v. ABB Vetco Gray, Inc. et al.</u>, Civ. No. 96-6518-KMW (JGx).
  - b. "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive

- c. "Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree and all appendices attached hereto. In the event of conflict between this Consent Decree and any appendix, the Consent Decree shall control.
- d. "CSC" shall mean the "Settling Defendants" as defined in the CSC Consent Decree, and generally known as the Casmalia Resources Site Steering Committee.
- e. "Day" shall mean a calendar day. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the next working day.
- f. "DOJ" shall mean the United States Department of Justice and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the United States.
- g. "DTSC" shall mean the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the State of California.
- h. "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the United States.
- i. "Escrow Account" shall mean the escrow account for the Site, which was established pursuant to the CSC Consent Decree.
- j. "Escrow Trustee" shall mean the trustee of the Escrow Account.

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- 1. "Facility" shall mean the former permitted
  Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Disposal facility,
  encompassing approximately 252 acres, located approximately
  ten (10) miles southwest of Santa Maria and one and a half
  miles north of Casmalia in Santa Barbara County, California.
- m. "Interest" shall mean interest at the current rate specified for interest on investments of the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by 26 U.S.C. § 9507, compounded annually on October 1 of each year, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- n. "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by an arabic numeral or an upper or lower case letter.
- o. "Parties" shall mean the United States and Settling Defendant.
  - p. "Plaintiff" shall mean the United States.
- q. "Record of Decision" or "ROD" shall mean the EPA Record of Decision relating to the Site to be signed in the future by the Director, Superfund Division, EPA Region IX, or his/her delegatee, and all attachments thereto.
- r. "Response Costs" shall mean all costs relating to Response Actions taken and to be taken relating to the Site.
- s. "Response Action" shall mean those activities relating to the Site as defined in Section 101(25) of CERCLA.

- t. "RCRA" shall mean the Solid Waste Disposal Act (also known as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act), 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.
- u. "Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a roman numeral.
- v. "Settling Defendant" shall mean the State of California and all of its entities, departments, boards, offices, commissions, agencies, and instrumentalities, including those entities identified in Appendix A (de minimis Settling Defendant entities) and Appendix B (non-de minimis Settling Defendant entities).
- w. "Site" shall mean the Facility together with the areal extent of contamination that is presently located in the vicinity of the Facility and all suitable areas in very close proximity to the contamination necessary for the implementation of the response action and any areas to which such contamination migrates.
- x. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its departments, agencies and instrumentalities.

#### V. SITE BACKGROUND

- 4. Paragraphs 5 through 14 below contain a summary of the Facility background as alleged by the United States which, for purposes of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendant neither admits nor denies:
- 5. The Facility is the former Casmalia Resources
  Hazardous Waste Management facility, an inactive commercial
  hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility,

- 6. The Facility is located near the southern end of the Casmalia Hills in the Santa Maria Basin of coastal California. The Facility is situated within the Shuman Canyon drainage sub-basin on a southern facing slope traversed by three small canyons. Casmalia Creek, about 500 feet west, is the surface water body nearest to the Facility. This creek flows to the southwest to join Shuman Creek about one mile southwest of the town of Casmalia. Shuman Creek continues southward and westward, discharging eventually into the Pacific Ocean.
- 7. Hazardous substances within the definition of Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), have been, or are threatening to be, released into the environment at and from the Facility and the Site. These hazardous substances include a wide variety of organic and inorganic compounds.
- 8. During the Facility's sixteen (16) years of operation, the owner(s)/operator(s) accepted in excess of 5.5 billion documented pounds of liquid and solid wastes for disposal and treatment at the Facility.
- 9. From 1980 to 1989, the Facility had interim status pursuant to RCRA. Because of continuing deficiencies in the operations, no final RCRA permit was granted. The Facility has not been closed in accordance with the requirements of RCRA.

- 10. In late 1989, the owner(s)/operator(s) ceased accepting off-site waste shipments to the Facility and, in the early 1990s, the owner(s)/operator(s) stopped all active efforts to properly close and remediate the Facility and the Site.
- 11. After the Facility's owner(s)/operator(s) stopped all active efforts to properly close and remediate the Facility and the Site, conditions at the Facility and the Site deteriorated and became unstable.
- 12. As a result of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, EPA has undertaken Response Actions pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, and will undertake Response Actions in the future. In August 1992, EPA commenced a removal action under CERCLA to implement certain Site stabilization actions, prevent further deterioration of Site conditions, and control the most immediate threats. The Site continues to pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public and the environment.
- 13. In performing these Response Actions, the United States has incurred and will continue to incur Response Costs. As of October 31, 1999, the United States had incurred in excess of \$22 million in Response Costs at this Site.
- 14. Based on current information, EPA estimates that the total Response Costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States and by private parties is at least \$271.9 million.

# VI. PURPOSE

15. By entering into this Consent Decree, the mutual objectives of the Parties, as more precisely described in the

terms of this Consent Decree, are:

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to reach a final settlement that allows Settling Defendant to resolve its potential liability at the Site, subject to the reservations and reopeners described in this Consent Decree, by resolving the alleged civil liability of the Settling Defendant for claims in the Complaint, including: 1) the alleged civil liability of all de minimis Settling Defendant entities, including those entities identified in Attachment A (de minimis Settling Defendant entities), pursuant to Option "A" of the U.S. EPA's October 7, 1999, de minimis settlement offer and Administrative Order on Consent relating to Response Actions and Response Costs; and 2) the alleged civil liability of the California Department of Transportation ("CalTrans") and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board ("SARWQCB") for Response Actions and Response Costs, pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9607, Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or any other related federal or state laws;

- b. to resolve the claims of Settling Defendant that could have been asserted against the United States for Response Costs and Response Actions, pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9607, Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973; or any other related federal or state laws; and
- c. to provide for contribution protection for Settling Defendant with regard to the Site pursuant to Sections 113(f)(2) and 122(g)(5) of CERCLA,
  42 U.S.C. §§ 9613(f)(2) and 9622(g)(5).

#### VII. PAYMENT

# 16. Payment by Settling Defendant

a. Deadline for Payment. Within thirty (30) days after the lodging of the Consent Decree, Settling Defendant shall remit \$14,958,120 into a Court Registry Account ("Court Registry Account") provided for by the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The payment shall be made by state warrant or certified or bank check payable to "Clerk, United States District Court." The payment shall include on its face a statement that it is a payment for this civil action that includes a reference to the Civil Action number and shall be sent to:

Office of the Clerk United States District Court for the Central District of California 312 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012-4793

This payment is in addition to the \$41,880 already paid to the Escrow Account by Settling Defendant. Any payments received by the Court Registry Account after 5:00 p.m. will be credited on the next business day. At the time of payment to the Court Registry Account, Settling Defendant shall submit written notice that payment has been made, which references this Site, the Consent Decree and the payment amount to:

Casmalia Case Team United States Environmental Protection Agency Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street (SFD-7-1) San Francisco, California 94105-3901

b. The Registry of Court shall administer the Court Registry Account as provided in an Order Directing the

Deposit of Settlement Amounts in the Registry of Court ("Deposit Order") issued by this Court pursuant to Rule 67 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 28 U.S.C. Section 2041, and Local Rule 22 of the Local Rules for the Central District of California. The Deposit Order shall be lodged concurrently with the lodging of this Consent Decree and shall be entered by the Court prior to entry of the Consent Decree. All funds and all interest accrued thereon in the Court Registry Account shall be held in the name of the "Clerk, United States District Court" for the benefit of the United States as set

forth in this Consent Decree.

c. Transfer of Funds to Escrow Account. After entry of the Consent Decree, upon the application of the Settling Defendant and the United States and without additional hearing, the amount held in the Court Registry Account, including the \$14,958,120 deposited in the account together with any interest accrued thereon minus any associated fees or expenses, shall be transferred to the Escrow Account by wire transfer or other means to:

Bankers Trust Co. c/o Mr. Thomas Hacker 4 Albany Street New York, New York 10006

The Clerk of the Court will include the following information with the transfer of such funds:

ABA/Locator#: 021-001-033
Acct #: 01-419-647
REF: Casmalia Resources Site Custodial
Agreement
Payor: The State of California, Department of
Toxic Substances Control

The Clerk of the Court shall notify the United States when

these proceeds have been transferred from the Court Registry
Account to the Escrow Account.

- d. Alternate Account. Although this Consent Decree is not intended to amend or supercede the CSC Consent Decree, in the event the CSC Consent Decree is declared invalid or otherwise determined not to be binding upon the United States by the Court prior to the transfer of funds from the Court Registry Account in Paragraph (c), above, the Clerk of the Court will transfer the funds in the Court Registry Account to an alternate account that will be specified in the future by the United States which shall be used to fund Response Costs or Response Actions at the Site.
- e. Refunds from the Court Registry Account. In the event that the Consent Decree is not entered by the Court, the amount held in the Court Registry Account shall be returned to Settling Defendant upon application by and pursuant to directions of the Settling Defendant without hearing. Any refunds made under this Paragraph shall include the interest accrued on the payment, if any, minus any administrative costs or other expenses, if any, associated with the Court Registry Account.
- f. Appropriation of Payment Amount: Payment of the amount specified in Paragraph 16(a) is contingent upon an appropriation of such amount by the California Legislature and the signing into law of such appropriation by the Governor of the State of California pursuant to the California Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Interest on Late Payments

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a. In the event that the fiscal year 2001-2002
California Budget Act provides funds for this agreement, but
Settling Defendant fails to make the payment into the Court
Registry Account the amount specified above, Settling
Defendant shall be liable to the United States for interest on
the unpaid amount accruing at 1.5 times the Superfund Interest
Rate beginning on the date that payment is due and that
accrues through the date of the payment.

b. Any interest due by operation of Paragraph 17(a) shall be paid by a separate check and shall be sent simultaneously with the payment amount required by Paragraph 16 (Payment by Settling Defendant). Payment of this interest shall be made to the Court Registry Account and a copy of the cashier's or certified check shall be sent to the Casmalia Case Team as provided in Paragraph 16(a).

# IX. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY THE UNITED STATES

Settling Defendant Entities Other Than CalTrans and SARWOCB.

Except as specifically provided in Paragraphs 19, 20 and 21 and other provisions of this Consent Decree, and in consideration of the payment that will be made by Settling Defendant and DTSC's waiver of certain past costs, the United States covenants not to sue or to take administrative action against Settling Defendant entities, including those entities

listed in Appendix A (De Minimis Settling Defendant entities) excluding CalTrans and SARWQCB, for Response Actions and Response Costs and for damages to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of natural resource assessments, pursuant to Sections 106, 107, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, or 9613, and Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or any other related federal or state laws. The United States also covenants not to sue or to take administrative action against Settling Defendant entities, excluding CalTrans and SARWQCB, for any claim asserting a "takings" or similar claim. With respect to present and future liability, this covenant not to sue shall take effect upon the payments required by Paragraph 16 (Payment by Settling Defendant) and Paragraph 17 (Interest on Late Payments), if any, and the entry of this Consent Decree by the Court. With respect to each individual de minimis Settling Defendant entity, this covenant is conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by that individual de minimis Settling Defendant entity of all obligations under this Consent Decree.

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19. United States' Covenant Not to Sue as to CalTrans and SARWOCB. Except as specifically provided in Paragraphs 20, 22, and 23 and other provisions of this Consent Decree and in consideration of the payment that will be made by Settling Defendant and DTSC's waiver of certain past costs, the United States covenants not to sue or to take administrative action against CalTrans and the SARWQCB pursuant to Sections 106, 107, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, or 9613, and

Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or any other related federal or state laws, for Response Costs and Response Actions. The United States also covenants not to sue or to take administrative action against CalTrans and SARWQCB for any claim asserting a "takings" or similar claim. This covenant not to sue shall take effect upon the payments required by Paragraph 16 (Payment by Settling Defendant) and Paragraph 17 (Interest on Late Payments), if any, and the entry of this Consent Decree by the Court. The covenant not to sue CalTrans is conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by CalTrans of its obligations under this Consent Decree. The covenant not to sue SARWQCB is conditioned upon the satisfactory performance by SARWQCB of its obligations under this Consent Decree.

- 20. United States' Reservation of Rights as to Settling Defendant: The covenants not to sue set forth in Paragraphs 18 and 19 do not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein. The United States reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, all rights against Settling Defendant with respect to all other matters, including but not limited to:
- a. liability for failure of Settling Defendant to meet a requirement of this Consent Decree;
  - b. criminal liability;
- c. liability arising from any future arrangement for disposal or treatment of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant at the Site by Settling Defendant;
  - d. liability arising from the past, present, or

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e. solely as to CalTrans and SARWQCB, liability for damages to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of natural resource assessments.

Except as otherwise stated in this Consent Decree, Settling Defendant reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, all of the defenses of Settling Defendant with respect to all other matters.

# 21. <u>United States' Reservations Concerning De Minimis</u> Settling Defendant Entities:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Consent Decree, the United States reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, the right to institute judicial or administrative proceedings against any de minimis Settling Defendant entity seeking to compel that de minimis Settling Defendant entity to perform Response Actions relating to the Site, and/or to reimburse the United States for additional Response Costs if information not currently known to the U.S. EPA is discovered that indicates any such de minimis Settling Defendant entity no longer qualifies as a de minimis party because that entity arranged for disposal or treatment of more than 8.5 million pounds of material containing hazardous substances to the Site or such de minimis Settling Defendant arranged for disposal or treatment of hazardous substances that are significantly more toxic or are of significantly greater hazardous effect than other hazardous substances at the Site. Except as otherwise stated in this

judicial or administrative action.

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- 22. United States' Pre-certification Reservations

  Concerning CalTrans and SARWOCB. As to CalTrans and SARWQCB, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Consent

  Decree, the United States reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, the right to institute proceedings in this action or in a new action, or to issue an administrative order seeking to compel CalTrans and SARWQCB:
- a. to perform further Response Actions relating to the Site, or
- b. to reimburse the United States for additional costs of response,
- if (as to a. and b. above) prior to Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action:
- i. conditions at the Site, previously unknown to EPA, are discovered, or
  - ii. information, previously unknown to EPA, is
    received, in whole or in part,
- and these previously unknown conditions or information together with any other relevant information indicates that the Remedial Action is not protective of human health or the environment. Except as otherwise stated in this Consent Decree and notwithstanding Paragraph 25, CalTrans and SARWQCB

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reserve, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, each of their rights to defend against or make claims relating to any claim brought by the United States pursuant to this Paragraph, in any further judicial or administrative action.

- 23. <u>United States' Post-certification Reservations</u>

  <u>Concerning CalTrans and SARWOCB</u>. As to CalTrans and SARWQCB, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Consent

  Decree, the United States reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, the right to institute proceedings in this action or in a new action, or to issue an administrative order seeking to compel CalTrans and SARWQCB:
- a. to perform further Response Actions relating to the Site or
- b. to reimburse the United States for additional costs of response if, subsequent to Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action:
- i. conditions at the Site, previously unknown
   to EPA, are discovered, or
  - ii. information, previously unknown to EPA, is received, in whole or in part,

and these previously unknown conditions or this information together with other relevant information indicate that the Remedial Action is not protective of human health or the environment. Except as otherwise stated in this Consent Decree and notwithstanding Paragraph 25, CalTrans and SARWQCB reserve, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, each of their rights to defend against or make claims relating to any claim brought by the United States pursuant to this

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For purposes of Paragraph 22 (United States' Pre-Certification Reservations), the information and the conditions known to EPA shall include only that information and those conditions known to EPA as of the date the ROD is signed as set forth in the ROD for the Site and the administrative record supporting the ROD. At this time there is no ROD for the Site. For purposes of Paragraph 23 (United States' Post-Certification Reservations), the information and the conditions known to EPA shall include only that information and those conditions known to EPA as of the date of Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action and set forth in the ROD, the administrative record supporting the ROD, the post-ROD administrative record, or in any information received by EPA pursuant to the requirements of the CSC Consent Decree or subsequent consent decree prior to Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action.

# X. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY SETTLING DEFENDANT

- 25. Settling Defendant covenants not to sue and agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States, or its contractors or employees, with respect to the Site or this Consent Decree including, but not limited to:
- a. any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund based on Sections 106(b)(2), 107, or 112 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, or 9612, any related state law, or any other provision of law;

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- c. any claim against the United States pursuant to Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613, and Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or any other related federal or state laws, except as provided in Paragraph 30;
- d. any claim relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, as amended; and

sections 104(c)(2),(3) and 121 and related provisions.

e. any claim asserting a "takings" or similar claim.

For the purpose of this Paragraph, "contractors" do not include any person or entity who would otherwise be liable under Section 106 or 107 of CERCLA for Response Costs incurred

at the Site.

- 26. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute approval or preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. 300.700(d).
- 27. Settling Defendant covenants not to sue and agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action seeking reimbursement or contribution for its \$14,958,120 payment made pursuant to this Consent Decree against any persons that EPA may in the future designate as "de micromis" consistent with EPA's Revised Guidance on CERCLA Settlements with De Micromis Waste Contributors (June 3, 1996) and/or other applicable guidance.
- 28. Except as provided in this paragraph, Settling
  Defendant covenants not to sue or assert against any person
  any claims or causes of action seeking reimbursement or
  contribution for \$1.4 million in Response Costs incurred by
  DTSC prior to September 30, 1999 for which Settling Defendant
  has received credit in this Consent Decree. This covenant
  does not apply to any other Response Costs which have been
  incurred by the California Department of Toxic Substances
  Control or Settling Defendant prior to September 13, 1999.
  Furthermore, this Consent Decree does not affect the rights of
  the California Department of Toxic Substances Control or
  Settling Defendant to recover Response Costs incurred after
  September 31, 1999, which are costs separate from the
  settlement payment made pursuant to Paragraph 16. In the
  event this Consent Decree is not entered by the Court, then

Settling Defendant shall not be deemed to have waived its right to seek reimbursement for \$1.4 million in response costs incurred by DTSC prior to September 30, 1999.

Unless all or a portion of the CSC, and the United States enter into a future consent decree ("Future Consent Decree") subsequent to the CSC Consent Decree that requires all or a portion of the CSC to perform all work related to the Site, the waiver provided by this Paragraph 28 does not include the CSC or any member thereof (including persons or entities that became or become affiliated or related to the CSC or any member after the effective date of the CSC Consent Decree) listed on Appendix C of the CSC Consent Decree.

In the event only a portion of the CSC, and the United States enter into a Future Consent Decree, only those CSC members (including persons or entities that became or become affiliated or related to such CSC members after the effective date of the CSC Consent Decree and that are included in the Future Consent Decree) that enter into the Future Consent Decree shall receive Settling Defendant's covenant not to sue or assert against any person any claims or causes of action seeking reimbursement or contribution for \$1.4 million in Response Costs incurred by DTSC referenced in Paragraph 28.

29. Settling Defendant covenants not to sue or assert against any person that has entered or in the future enters into a full settlement agreement with EPA relating to the Site, any claims or causes of action seeking reimbursement or contribution for its \$14,958,120 payment made pursuant to this Consent Decree.

Unless all or a portion of the CSC and the United States enter into a Future Consent Decree subsequent to the CSC Consent Decree that requires the all or a portion of the CSC to perform all work related to the Site, the waiver provided by this paragraph does not include the CSC or any member thereof (including persons or entities that became or become affiliated or related to the CSC or any member after the effective date of the CSC Consent Decree) listed on Appendix C of the CSC Consent Decree.

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30. Notwithstanding Paragraphs 25, 27, 28 and 29 of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendant reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, any right that Settling Defendant may have relating to any claims arising from damages to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of natural resource assessments or related costs incurred by natural resource trustees of the State of California for the Site. Such costs are not Response Costs

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Settling Defendant reserves, and this Consent Decree 31. is without prejudice to, claims against the United States, subject to the provisions of Chapter 171 of Title 28 of the United States Code, for money damages for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the United States while acting within the scope of his office or employment under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. However, any such claim shall not include a claim for any damages caused, in whole or in part, by the act or omission of any person, including any contractor, who is not a federal employee as that term is defined in 28 U.S.C. § 2671; nor shall any such claim include a claim based on EPA's selection of response actions, or the oversight or approval of the Settling Defendant's plans or activities. The foregoing applies only to claims which are brought pursuant to any statute other than CERCLA and for which the waiver of sovereign immunity is found in a statute other than CERCLA.

32. Regulatory responsibilities between EPA and the state regulatory agencies are not resolved or addressed by

this settlement. Except as otherwise stated in Section IX and Section X of this Consent Decree, the Consent Decree does not affect or limit Settling Defendant's or the United States' regulatory obligations or sovereign rights, including, but not limited to, those obligations and rights set forth in CERCLA.

# XI. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT/CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

- 33. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a Party to this Consent Decree. Except as otherwise provided in this Consent Decree, each of the Parties expressly reserves any and all rights (including, but not limited to, any right to contribution), defenses, claims, demands, and causes of action which each Party may have with respect to any matter, transaction, or occurrence relating in any way to the Site against any person not a Party hereto.
- 34. The Parties agree, and by entering this Consent Decree this Court finds, that Settling Defendant is entitled, as of the effective date of this Consent Decree, to protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2), for "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree. The "matters addressed" in this Consent Decree are all Response Costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States or any other person, and except as to CalTrans and SARWQCB, damages to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of natural resource assessments at or relating to the Site.
- 35. Settling Defendant agrees that, with respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought by it for matters

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- 36. EPA agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notice to Settling Defendant of the lodging of any proposed administrative or judicial settlement with any potentially responsible party related to the Site. This Paragraph is not a material paragraph and the failure of EPA to provide such notice is not a violation of this Consent Decree.
- 37. In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by either Party against the other for injunctive relief; recovery of Response Costs; recovery of damages to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of natural resource assessments; or other relief relating to the Site not otherwise precluded by this Consent Decree; each Party shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claim based upon the principles of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses based upon any contention that the claims raised by the other Party in the subsequent

proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case; provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of the Covenant Not to Sue by Plaintiff set forth in Section IX or the Covenant Not to Sue by Settling Defendant set forth in Section X. Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, the Parties reserve to themselves all substantive and procedural defenses they may have to any such subsequent claims.

#### XII. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, 38. notice is required to be given or a document is required to be sent by one Party to another, it shall be directed to the individuals at the addresses specified below, unless those individuals or their successors give notice of a change to the other Party in writing. Written notice as specified herein shall constitute complete satisfaction of any written notice requirement of the Consent Decree with respect to the United States, EPA, DOJ, and Settling Defendant, respectively.

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As to the United States:

As to DOJ: 21

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section 22 Environment and Natural Resources Division 23 U.S. Department of Justice (DJ # 90-7-1-611A) P.O. Box 7611

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As to EPA:

Chief, Hazardous Waste Branch 26 Office of Regional Counsel 75 Hawthorne Street (RC-3) San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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# As to Settling Defendant:

Senior Assistant Attorney General Environment Section Attorney General's Office State of California 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90013-1230

# XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

39. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of interpreting and enforcing the terms of this Consent Decree.

# XIV. INTEGRATION/APPENDICES

the final, complete and exclusive agreement and understanding among the Parties with respect to the settlement embodied in this Consent Decree. The Parties acknowledge that there are no representations, agreements or understandings relating to the settlement other than those expressly contained in this Consent Decree. The following appendices are attached to and incorporated into this Consent Decree: "Appendix A" is the complete list of the <u>de minimis</u> Settling Defendant entities; and "Appendix B" is a list of all non-<u>de minimis</u> Settling Defendant entities.

#### XV. LODGING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

41. This Consent Decree shall be lodged with the Court for a period of not less than thirty (30) days for public notice and comment and may also be subject to the public notice and comment provisions contained in Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973. The United States reserves the right

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 to withdraw or withhold its consent if the comments regarding the Consent Decree disclose facts or considerations which indicate that this Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Settling Defendant consents to the entry of this Consent Decree without further notice.

42. If for any reason this Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of any Party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any litigation.

## XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE

43. The effective date of this Consent Decree shall be the date upon which it is entered by the Court.

# XVII. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

- 44. Each undersigned Settling Defendant' representative to this Consent Decree and the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of DOJ certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and bind legally such Party to this document.
- 45. Settling Defendant hereby agrees not to oppose entry of this Consent Decree by this Court or to challenge any provision of this Consent Decree, unless the United States has notified Settling Defendant in writing that it no longer supports entry of the Consent Decree.
- 46. Settling Defendant shall identify, on the attached signature page, the name and address of an agent who is authorized to accept service of process by mail with respect

to all matters arising under or relating to this Consent Decree. Settling Defendant hereby agrees to accept service in that manner and to waive the formal service requirements set forth in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules of this Court, including but not limited to, service of a summons.

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so ordered this 22d day of November , 2002.

Honorable Christina A. Snyder United States District Court Judge

Acting Director, Superfund Division

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Thomas A. Bloomfield Assistant Regional Counsel

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California Air Resources Board

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Department of Fish and Game

Department of Water Resources

Department of Food and Agriculture

Department of Corrections

Department of Youth Authority

Department of Mental Health

Board of Trustees of the California State University

Department of General Services

The Regents of the University of California

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, San Francisco

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

California Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory

California Conservation Corps

Department of Parks and Recreation

## State of California non-de minimis Settling Defendants

Department of Transportation

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

## PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAILING

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. I am employed by the Office of United States Attorney, Central District of California. My business address is 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 7516, Los Angeles, California 90012.

On December 26, 2001, I served <u>CONSENT DECREE</u> on each person or entity named below by enclosing a copy in an envelope addressed as shown below and placing the envelope for collection and mailing on the date and at the place shown below following our ordinary office practices. I am readily familiar with the practice of this office for collection and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

Date of mailing: <u>December 26, 2001.</u> Place of mailing: <u>Los</u>

<u>Angeles, California.</u> Person(s) and/or Entity(ies)

to Whom mailed:

Reed Sato, Esq.
Deputy Attorney General
State of CA Department of Justice
1300 I Street, Ste. 125
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on: December 26, 2001 at Los Angeles, California.

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