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To Whom It May Concern:

### SUBJECT: NEW REGULATIONS - ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has recently adopted and gained approval from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for regulations that require the electronic submittal of information (ESI) for groundwater cleanup programs including the Land Disposal Program (i.e., active and closed landfills, mines, land treatment units, surface impoundments, and waste piles). The text of the regulations can be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lust/cleanup/electronic\\_reporting/docs/final\\_electronic\\_regs\\_dec04.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lust/cleanup/electronic_reporting/docs/final_electronic_regs_dec04.pdf)

For several years, parties responsible for cleanup of leaks from underground storage tanks (LUST) have been required to submit groundwater analytical data, the surveyed locations of monitoring wells, and certain other data to the SWRCB's GeoTracker database over the internet. Beginning January 1, 2005, electronic submittal of these items and a portable data format (PDF) copy of the full report is being extended to include all SWRCB groundwater cleanup programs including the Land Disposal Program. The GeoTracker system is already capable of accepting this electronic information and currently has information submitted by responsible parties for over 10,000 LUST sites statewide. This information is available to the public at <http://www.geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov/>.

Beginning July 1, 2005, a paper copy of these reports will no longer be required for the Land Disposal Program upon submittal of the electronic copy unless the Regional Water Board specifically requires the paper copy to be submitted. The electronic copy is intended to replace the need for a paper copy and is expected to be relied upon for all public information requests, regulatory review, and compliance/enforcement activities.

#### Training and Outreach

A series of training and outreach sessions will be held for regulators and the public. In January 2005, a user outreach meeting will be held in Southern California to introduce the ESI program to new users and to discuss more detailed questions with experienced users:

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Date: Monday, January 24, 2005  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Location: Irvine Civic Center  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

locations if you plan to attend by e-mailing riamia r oolad at: [riamia@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:riamia@waterboards.ca.gov).

Additional user outreach meetings will be held in Northern and Southern California in the future based upon demand. The GeoTracker system will be announcing future sessions to all regulators, consultants and responsible parties who hold a GeoTracker password. You will also need a GeoTracker password for submitting data and reports. You can obtain instructions for receiving a GeoTracker password at our Electronic Submittal of Information (ESI) website:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic\\_reporting/index.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic_reporting/index.html)

Our ESI website also contains information that will aid your transition to electronic data and reporting submittal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me either by e-mail ([jmello@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jmello@waterboards.ca.gov)) or telephone (916-341-5622).

Sincerely,

/s/

Joseph Mello  
Land Disposal Program Manager