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In reply refer to:
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Mr. Ryan Armstrong
Armstrong Farms

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP SITE INSPECTION - ARMSTRONG FARMS, VALLEY CENTER, CA

Enclosed is a copy of the Inspection Report for Armstrong Farms, located in Valley Center, CA. The inspection was conducted on December 22, 2008 by Ms. Amy Grove and Mr. Fisayo Osibodu of the Groundwater Basins Branch from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board). This inspection was a follow-up to the inspection conducted by Staff on October 14, 2008 and to the Notice of Violation No. R9-2008-0149 issued on November 21, 2008.

In summary, the inspection report states that temporary best management practices (BMPs) and management measures (MMs) have been implemented at the site since the previous inspection in mid-October. Controls have been installed to divert storm water runoff and waste waters back onto the site, in order to prevent discharges from flowing onto adjacent properties or to the storm water conveyance system. Staff did not observe any illicit discharges during the course of the inspection despite the rainy conditions. Several permanent BMPs and MMs being considered for use at the site were discussed at length. Staff has agreed to meet to discuss the measures under consideration, in January 2009.

As discussed during the inspection, the Regional Board is considering issuing individual waste discharge requirements for the site in early 2009. If the Regional Board determines that this is the most appropriate course of action for Armstrong Farms, then a letter requesting a revised Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Management Plan will be forthcoming.

The heading portion of this letter includes a Regional Board code number noted after "In reply refer to." In order to assist us in the processing of your correspondence please

include this code number in the heading or subject line portion of all correspondence and reports to the Regional Board pertaining to this matter.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Ms. Amy Grove at (858) 637-7136, or via e-mail at agrove@waterboards.ca.gov, or Mr. Bob Morris at (858) 467-2962, or via e-mail at bmorris@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Julie Chan

Julie Chan
Supervising Engineering Geologist
Groundwater Basins Branch

JC:rwm:alg

Enclosure: December 22, 2008 Site Inspection Report with Photos

cc: Ms. Nancy Appel, Water Quality and Hazardous Materials Supervisor, County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, 5555 Overland Avenue, Suite 3101, San Diego, CA 92123

Ms. Maureen Stapleton, General manager, San Diego County Water Authority, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

Mr. Clay Phillips, City Manager, City of Escondido, City Hall, Second Floor, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

Ms. Katelyn Kinn, San Diego Coastkeeper, 5053 ½ Mission Blvd., San Diego, CA 92109

Mr. Ramon Hernandez, 27431 N. Lake Wohlford Road, Valley Center, CA 92082

Ms. Jessica Culpepper, Mr. Peter Brandt, The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L. Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD - SAN DIEGO REGION

FACILITY INSPECTION DATA ENTRY FORM

INSPECTION DATE: 12/22/08 TIME: 9:30am WDID: 9000001871 ORDER NO. W-3 FILE NO. 731059

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT DURING INSPECTION: Mr. Ryan Armstrong

Ryan & Alan Armstrong
NAME OF OWNER, AGENCY OR PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCHARGE

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OWNER CONTACT NAME AND PHONE #

Armstrong Farms
FACILITY OR DEVELOPER NAME (if different from owner)

Same
FACILITY OR DEVELOPER CONTACT NAME AND PHONE #

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FACILITY STREET ADDRESS

Valley Center, CA
FACILITY CITY AND STATE

APPLICABLE WATER QUALITY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ MS4 URBAN RUNOFF REQUIREMENTS NPDES NOS. CAS0108758, CAS0108740 or CAS0108766
- ☐ CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT ORDER NO. 99-08-DWQ, NPDES NO. CAS000002
- ☐ CALTRANS GENERAL PERMIT ORDER NO. 99-06-DWQ, NPDES NO. CAS000003
- ☐ INDUSTRIAL GENERAL PERMIT ORDER NO. 97-03-DWQ, NPDES NO. CAS000001
- ☐ GENERAL OR INDIVIDUAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS OR NPDES
- ☑ GENERAL OR INDIVIDUAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
- ☐ SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
- ☐ CWC SECTION 13264

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INSPECTION FINDINGS

N Were violations noted during this inspection? (Yes/No/Review Sample Results)

N Were samples taken? (N=no) If YES then, G= grab or C= Composite and attach a copy of the sample results/chain of custody form

I. COMPLIANCE HISTORY:

NOV. R9-2008-0149 issued 11/21/08 for Violations of Conditional Waiver No. 3, Resolution No. R9-2007-0104

II. FINDINGS

Staff did not observe Stormwater or process water leaving the site - it was raining at the time of the inspection. Temporary BMPs and management measures are in place to divert Stormwater & process water back onto the site, and to prevent run-off from leaving

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the site. The owners have consulted with several engineers regarding the design of permanent BMPs and specifically, detention ponds to collect stormwater + process water; and for the design of permanent management measures ~~of~~ for composting areas.

Staff informed the owners of its intent to issue site-specific waste discharge requirements, as composting is no longer covered under the Regional Board waivers.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR FOLLOWUP

Temporary BMPs should be updated to more permanent BMPs. Regional Board staff will meet with owners in January 2009 to discuss plans for permanent BMPs and water detention ponds.

SWPPP Reviewed: YES___ NO ✓

COPY PROVIDED TO OPERATOR? YES___ NO ✓ COPY TO BE MAILED? YES ✓ NO___

COMMENTS REGARDING INSPECTION (**FOR ENTRY INTO SWIM**, such as notes on photos, file locations and/or samples):

RESPONSIBLE PARTY	SIGNATURE	INSPECTION DATE
		Dec. 22, 2008
STAFF INSPECTOR	SIGNATURE	INSPECTION DATE

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cc: City _____ Contact _____

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Photo shows some of the temporary best management practices installed by the owners to prevent the discharge of waste water from the site. This inspection occurred on a rainy day, and staff did not observe any runoff or discharges of waste water from the site.

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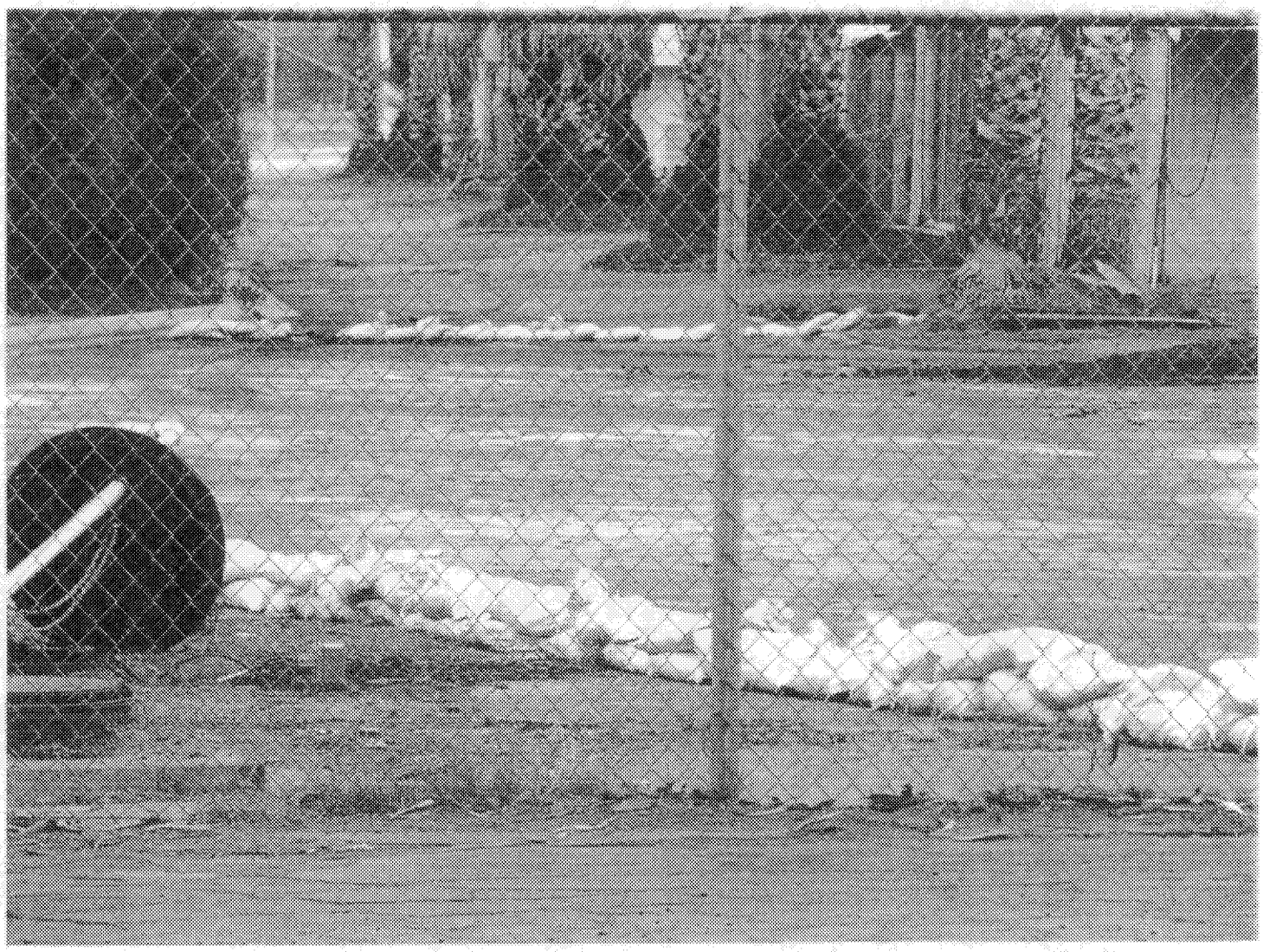
This is the same photo shown above at a closer range. The owners installed sand bags as temporary controls for runoff. According to the owners, these temporary measures will remain in place until the permanent best management practices or management measures can be installed.



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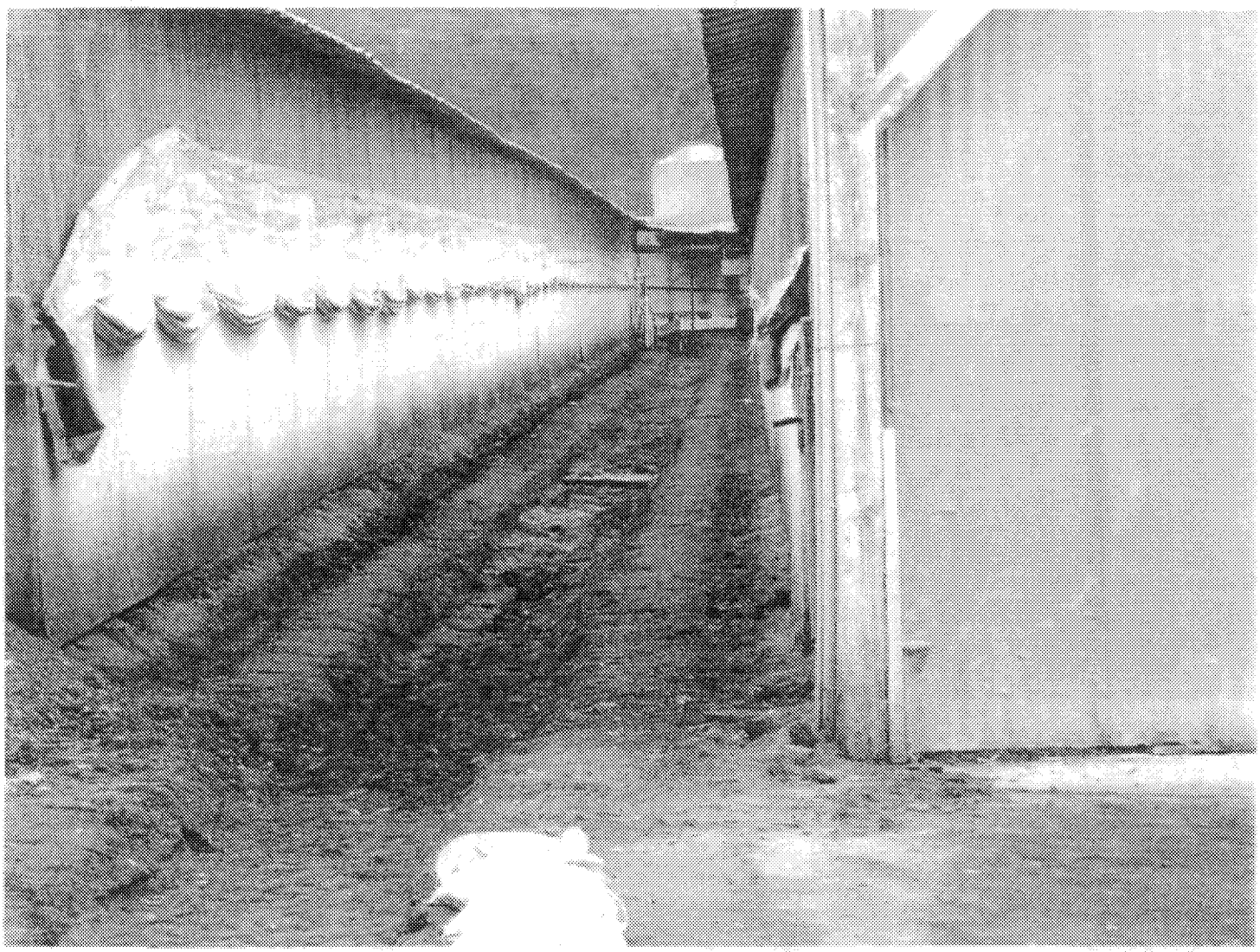
This photos depicts as earthen trench constructed by the owners to divert storm water and/or waste water back onto the site, and to prevent the illicit discharge of these waters from the site. Staff recommended the owners line the trench to help prevent sediment build-up, and to make this a more permanent management measure.



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This photo depicts one of the composting areas. The photo shows that the area is lined with asphalt, preventing infiltration of nutrients into groundwater in this area. Permanent best management practices have not yet been installed in this area due to issues with the machinery used in composting. More permanent measures will be installed once a decision is made regarding the number of detention ponds appropriate for this site.

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