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Mr. Roger Briggs
State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place Ste. 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906

Dear Mr. Briggs:

AQUIFER EXEMPTION PROPOSAL, CAT CANYON FIELD, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Please find enclosed an application by ERG Operating Company, LLC to obtain an aquifer exemption from the US EPA to allow injection into sands of the Sisquoc Formation in the East Area of Cat Canyon field, Santa Barbara County for the purpose of enhanced oil recovery. The proposed wells exemption area is shown on the map with the enclosure. Sisquoc sands in the area produce crude oil and water containing about 8500 mg/L TDS. The sands typically contain 55-65% oil.

Additional supportive data is available upon request. Please submit to this office any comments you may have regarding this aquifer exemption. Your comments are due within 14 calendar days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Patricia A. Abel
District Deputy
by R. Brunetti
Enclosures

RB:cb

cc: ERG w/o enc
Santa Barbara County Petroleum w/o enc
Chrono/Follow-up w/o enc
EPA Binder/Project File w/o enc