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NOTICE OF EXCLUSION (NOE) FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD GENERAL 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER NO. SB12002GN FOR US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 2012 CERTIFIED NATIONWIDE PERMITS.

FILE : SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, LINE 2000 EXPOSURE REPAIR PROJECT (SARWQCB PROJECT NO. 332015-04, CIWQS #:813149)

Dear Mr. Kuennen:

On February 12, 2015, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a 2012 Certified Nationwide Permit Notification Form, Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits (General 401 Order) for the Southern California Gas Company, Line 2000 Exposure Repair Project (Project).

The proposed project site is located within an unnamed dry wash tributary to the Perris Valley Storm Drain and the San Jacinto River, east of Lasselle Street and between Alessandro Boulevard and Cactus Avenue in the city of Moreno Valley, Riverside County, California. The proposed project site is within Section 16 of Township 3 South, Range 3 West, as mapped on the Sunnymead, California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute series topographic map. Approximate coordinates of the Project location are latitude 33° 55' N, and longitude -117° 12' W.

Santa Ana Regional Water Board staff has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15301 (b) – Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services). Also applicable to the proposed project is Section 15304, minor alterations to land. Southern California Gas has

determined that the project meets the requirement of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number 12. However, Regional Board Staff have determined that the proposed project does not meet the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for 2012 Certified Nationwide Permits (SB12002GN). The project application stated that the project would have 0.12 acres of permanent impacts. Condition 14 from SB12002GN states that "permanent impacts due to any activities under this certification of NWP 12 are prohibited."

The details of this letter were discussed with Mr. Justin Meyer on telephone on the afternoon of February 18, 2014. Also discussed was the intention of Southern California Gas to submit a standard 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project and that the \$200 fee submitted with the NOI would be applied to the fee needed for the consideration of the Water Quality Certification.

Should there be any questions, please contact Jason Bill at (951) 782-3295.

Sincerely,



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cc (via electronic mail):

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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District - James Mace
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Weblink: The State Water Resources Control Board the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits can be found here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_401.pdf