



BISHOP TRIBAL COUNCIL

Environmental Management Office

August 07, 2008

Eugene Bromley
USEPA—WTR-10
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Vessel General Permit (VGP) and Recreational Vessel Permit (RGP) Request for Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification

Dear Mr. Bromley,

Thank you for notifying the Bishop Paiute Tribe of the proposed issuance of two NPDES general permits: The Vessel General Permit for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of Commercial and Large Recreational Vessels (VGP), and the Recreational Vessel General Permit for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Vessel (RGP). The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Environmental Management Office staff has reviewed the proposed VGP and RGP and has determined that compliance with the terms and conditions of the VGP and RGP will provide reasonable assurance that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner that will not violate applicable tribal water quality standards. Given this determination, the Bishop Paiute Tribe hereby issues Clean Water Act Section 401 certification with the following condition for the proposed VGP and RGP:

1. Copies of Notice of Intents for proposed VGP and RGP must be submitted to the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Environmental Management Office for review and comment.

In order to comply with the requirements of the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Ordinance No. 98-02 Tribal Environmental Policy, Ordinance No. 97-11 Prohibiting the Discharge of any Pollutant into the Waters of the Bishop Paiute Reservation, and water quality standards, the conditions cited in the VGP and RGP and the Bishop Paiute Tribe certification shall not be made less stringent.

If you have any questions, please contact our Water Quality Coordinator, Ms. Juliette Nabahe, at 760-873-3584 x 246.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. J. Bengochia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "J".

Monty Bengochia, Bishop Indian Tribal Council Chairman

CC: Glenn Hall, CEO
Honorable Tribal Council
Tribal Environmental Protection Agency
Brian Adkins, Environmental Manager
Juliette Nabahe, Environmental Specialist