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Burton Fleischer, R.E.A., R.E.P.
Director, Environmental Affairs
Hilmar Cheese Company
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Hilmar, CA 95324

Re: Minor Permit Modification
Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit No. CA10500001
Merced County, CA

Dear Mr. Fleischer:

Enclosed is a Minor Modification to UIC Permit No. CA10500001, issued to Hilmar Cheese Company for operation of several Class I-NH injection wells. This minor permit modification is issued in accordance with EPA's UIC regulations at 40 CFR §144.41. The permit modifications are effective immediately.

This minor modification clarifies requirements for notification and approval of well stimulation treatments as discussed in EPA's letter to you dated February 2, 2011, and includes several other minor modifications pertaining to monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements.

As we have discussed with you, to help clarify the multiple minor modifications which have been issued for this permit, we intend to provide separately a modified permit which incorporates all minor modifications issued to date. However, such an overall compilation will be for reference only and as such unsigned. Accordingly, the signed original permit with all signed modifications to the permit must continue to be retained as formal records in Hilmar's files.

If you have any questions regarding the revised permit conditions, please call Dave Basinger at (415) 972-3506, or email: basinger.david@epa.gov

Sincerely,

[original signed July 7, 2011]

David Albright,
Manager, Ground Water Office

cc w/Enclosures: Minor Modification, with Appendix A inserts: WD-2, WD-1P, and WD-3 final well schematics and location surveys

cc w/enclosures:

Glenn Muggelberg, CA DOGGR

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Michael Kummer, EHS Coordinator, Hilmar Cheese Company