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Renee Klimczak
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Dear Ms. Klimczak:

On June 5, 2007, the Maritime Administration took final action on the application of BHP Billiton LNG International Inc. for a deepwater port license for construction and operation of Cabrillo Port deepwater port by denying the deepwater port license, based upon the timely disapproval by Governor Schwarzenegger. EPA has proposed air and water permits for Cabrillo Port. Under federal law, the Maritime Administration is the lead agency for this project, and denial of a license by the Maritime Administration makes construction of Cabrillo Port as described in the air and water permit applications impossible.

The denial of the deepwater port license by Maritime Administration makes further consideration of the current Cabrillo Port air and water permit applications, and the comments we received on the draft permits, moot. In light of the final action by the Maritime Administration, EPA is closing its files on the air and water permits for Cabrillo Port and will take no further action on these applications.

Sincerely,



Wayne Nastri
Regional Administrator

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