



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

**75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**

September 9, 2009

**RE: Puna Geothermal Venture
Class V Geothermal Underground Injection Control Permit Modifications
Permit # HI596002**

Dear Commenter:

This is to inform you that the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (EPA) has made a final decision to issue the modified subject permit. The permit, which is enclosed, shall become effective on October 15, 2009. Prior to the effective date of the permit, any person who filed comments on the draft permit may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision. You can review the procedural requirements of the UIC permit appeal process at 40 C.F.R. Section 124.19. For your information, 40 C.F.R. Part 124 can be accessed online at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_05/40cfr124_05.html

The comment period for the subject permit closed on August 25, 2009. EPA's Ground Water Office received 2 comments on the draft permit during the public comment period. No changes to the draft permit were made as a result of the submitted comments. A Response to Comments has been prepared and is enclosed with this letter. The Response to Comments, as well as the final permit, can also be viewed online at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/groundwater/uic-permits.html>

Please call George Robin at (415) 972-3532 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Albright", is positioned above the printed name.

David Albright
Manager, Ground Water Office

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