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**Subject:** Task Force Draft White Paper of November 17, 2002.
(Revolting Grandma's Preliminary Remarks)

Dear Mr Mills:

Most of the time the paper uses the term "recycling" or "recycled water" without any distinction between potable and nonpotable reuse and comments are intended to apply to both. In some instances this is OK, such as the fact that both potable and nonpotable reuse replace water resources and help meet the demand for urban water supplies. But almost all other statements about reclamation are very different and it is essential to introduce the adjective, potable or non-potable, that applies.....

An example is on line 7 on page 6: "Public health issues should continue to be the top concern in dealing with recycled water." It is the top concern with potable reuse but not with nonpotable reuse. Comments of this type are found throughout the White Paper Draft.

We will submit further comments shortly.

In our opinion, it seems that southern California has a **water management** problem, which in part, is the causation of southern California's so-called **water shortage**. For example:

San Diego's proposed treatment of reclaimed sewer water did not explore nonpotable reuse adequately. <u>Potable water is wastefully used for irrigation in southern California</u>.....

When the Imperial Irrigation District contract is fully honored, management of our resources would be more forthright.....

Instead of using water from the Imperial Irrigation District to replenish the Salton Sea, Why not use nonpotable recycled water from San Diego?



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By the way, our research leads us to believe that the proposed treatment of reclaimed sewer water in the San Gabriel Valley and in the LA East Valley projects have no engineered process for removing trace chemical contaminants from the reclaimed waters.

Respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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