
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR

BIOLOGICAL AND RESIDUAL PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM VECTOR CONTROL APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Executive Director is proposing to amend the existing Statewide General NPDES Permit for Biological and Residual Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Vector Control Applications.¹ The proposed permit amendment adds:

- The active ingredient of pyriproxyfen, identified as 2-[1-methyl-2-(4-phenoxyphenoxy)ethoxy] pyridine; and
- Corresponding findings, receiving water monitoring and reporting requirements.

The State Water Board Executive Director will accept written comments that are limited to the proposed permit amendment as described above.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the statewide permit on March 1, 2016. Section III.Q of the permit delegates State Water Board authority to the Executive Director to amend the permit, specifically to:

- Add new active ingredients currently registered by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for vector control, and the applicable receiving water limitations; and
- Grant a regulatory exception to dischargers from complying with receiving water limitations for pesticide active ingredients that are priority pollutants per the State Water Board:
 - California Ocean Plan, and
 - Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California.

¹ Water Quality Order 2016-0039-DWQ; General Permit No. CAG990004

Over time, invasive pests (vectors, etc.) become pesticide resistant. Agencies applying pesticides for vector control must change the pesticide active ingredients to effectively control the pest population and prevent impacts to public health.

The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, representing over 65 special districts and local governments responsible for mosquito and vector control, requests that the State Water Board add a Department of Pesticide Regulations-registered active ingredient known as Pyriproxyfen to the permit to assist in reducing mosquito and vector threats to public health.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed permit amendment and related documents are available on the [State Water Board NPDES Vector Control Program Page](#):

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/vector_control.html.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board Executive Director will only accept written comments regarding the proposed addition of the active ingredient Pyriproxyfen and the applicable receiving water monitoring trigger. Comments that address other components of the permit will not be accepted. Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, August 22, 2022**. Written comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Proposed Amendment to Statewide Vector Control Permit.”**

Any person wishing to request a public hearing on this matter may submit the request in writing to the above contact, with a subject line indicating: “Request for Public Hearing – Proposed Amendment to Statewide Vector Control Permit.”

FUTURE NOTICES

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Vector Control Permit, including any changes to this public notice, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list as follows:

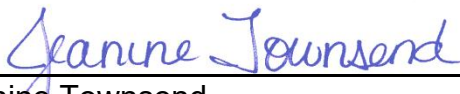
- 1) Access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed below: [State Water Board email subscription page](#)
(www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml)
- 2) Click the “Water Quality” tab,
- 3) Check the box for “Pesticide Vector Control”,
- 4) Fill in the required information, and
- 5) Press the “Subscribe.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice or requests for a paper copy of the proposed permit amendment, and related documents, to Renan Jauregui at (916) 341-5505 or Renan.Jauregui@waterboards.ca.gov.

July 20, 2022

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board