

**STATUS UPDATE ON THE  
LAHONTAN REGIONAL WATER BOARD'S REGULATORY ACTION  
RELATED TO LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER'S  
LOWER OWENS RIVER PROJECT, INYO COUNTY**

The Regional Board mailed a letter dated December 29, 2004 to interested parties informing them of planned permitting actions for the [Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's \(LADWP\) Lower Owens River Project \(LORP\)](#). Because of delays in mail delivery during the holiday period, additional time is being granted for any interested person to respond to the December 29, 2004, letter if they wish to remain on the Regional Board's mailing list for the LORP.

On December 29, 2004, the Regional Board also sent a letter to [LADWP](#) requesting it to submit (1) a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit application, (2) an application for waste discharge requirements, and (3) additional information needed to complete a Water Quality Certification application for the project. You may review [LADWP's January 14, 2005](#), response letter.

In its response letter, LADWP stated that it would not comply with the Regional Board's request for an individual NPDES permit application and an application for waste discharge requirements, and stated its preference and intention apply for several General Permits potentially applicable to the project.

Since the Regional Board has not received an NPDES permit application from the LADWP, the Regional Board cannot process an individual NPDES permit for the project. Therefore, the anticipated January 21, 2005 issuance of a draft permit for public review has been postponed. The Regional Board is considering issues that were raised in the letter from LADWP, and will provide a written response as soon as possible. Interested persons can periodically check the Regional Board's website for additional information concerning these matters. We will inform persons who have requested to remain on the Interested Parties list of these matters by U.S. mail.