
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 29, 2016

Mr. Joseph P. Kwan
Corporate Director, Environmental Remediation
Northrup Grumman Systems Corporation
2980 Fairview Park Drive,
Falls Church, VA 22042-4511

Dear Mr. Kwan:

TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEM CORPORATION, NORTHROP GRUMMAN-HAWTHORNE SITE (FORMERLY TRW, INC), HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0063916, CI-7698)

Reference is made to the WDRs and NPDES permit adopted by this Regional Water Board for the discharge of treated groundwater and non-process wastewater from the Northrop Grumman System Corporation (hereinafter, the Discharger), Northrop Grumman-Hawthorne Site (Formerly TRW Inc) (hereinafter, the Facility), located at 14520 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California. The discharge of treated groundwater and non-process wastewater from the Facility to the Dominguez Channel is currently regulated by the NPDES permit (NPDES No. CA0063916), Order No. R4-2013-0169. Order No. R4-2013-0169 was adopted on November 7, 2013, and is scheduled to expire on December 7, 2018. Your letter dated August 10, 2016, requested termination of the NPDES permit because the Discharger ceased operation of the groundwater extraction and treatment system (GWETS) on December 29, 2015, and the discharge to surface water from the Facility was thereby eliminated. The Regional Water Board concluded that the NPDES permit regulating the discharge is no longer needed based on the following:

- The Discharger ceased operation of the groundwater extraction and treatment system (GWETS) on December 29, 2015; effluent from the GWETS previously discharged to the NPDES discharge point has been eliminated.
- Piping from the GWETS to the NPDES discharge point has been disconnected and capped, which was confirmed during the site inspection conducted by Regional Water Board staff on January 19, 2016.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Water Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate the requirements in Order No. R4-2013-0169. The hearing will be held on **February 2, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. The Board members will hear any testimony pertinent to this matter. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written comments regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Regional Water Board office by the close of business on **January 2, 2017**, in order to be evaluated by Regional Water Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Water Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. The Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date (See California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4.).

Should any future activities at the subject Facility result in new discharges of any wastewater to any surface waters of the United States, you are required to file a Report of Waste Discharge with this Regional Water Board and secure a permit prior to discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Ching Yin To at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,



Cassandra D. Owens, Chief
Industrial Permitting Unit

Enclosure

cc: **(Via Email Only)**

Mr. David Smith, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)
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Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ms. Sutida Bergquist, State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Division
Mr. William Paznokas, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5
Mr. Nathaniel Cox, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Teresa Henry, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
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