

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 15-037
NPDES No. CA0063908**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE
OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Polynt Composites USA, Inc. Lynwood Facility	2801 Lynwood Road Lynwood, CA 90262	Compton Creek

Polynt Composites USA, Inc. discharges treated storm water runoff from the Lynwood Facility to Compton Creek, a water of the United States. The Discharger was formerly known as PCCR USA, Inc.; the name change for the Discharger was effective April 1, 2015. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2010-0161, which was adopted by this Regional Water Board on September 2, 2010, and expired on August 10, 2015. Order No. R4-2010-0161 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0063908) Program.

The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge treated storm water runoff from the Facility.

The Discharger owns and operates the Lynwood Facility, located at 2801 Lynwood Road, Lynwood, CA 90262. The Facility produces a variety of batch type resin products, including unsaturated polyester, saturated polyester, and synthetic alkyd. Operations at the Facility also include maintenance of aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) for raw materials and finished goods, resins loading operations, and storage of finished products within warehouses. Ancillary facility operations include quality assurance and research and development laboratories, administration, maintenance, and shipping and receiving.

The Facility's reactor vessels and all bulk raw materials storage tanks, with the exception of styrene tanks, have been temporarily shut down since 2009; the Facility has not manufactured resin or other raw materials except styrene since the shutdown, but is instead storing and mixing resin products (manufactured off-site) for distribution. However, the Facility may resume resin production at full capacity at any time.

All process water generated from the Facility, as well as storm water runoff accumulated in the process areas, is discharged to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts sewer system under an industrial wastewater permit. Storm water runoff from the non-process areas is routed

to the Facility's storm water treatment system, consisting of four sand filters, a backwash sand filter storage tank, an additive injection system, and a 300,000 gallon storage tank (for treated storm water storage). Discharges to Discharge Point 001 only occur when the storage tank is full and there is a continual influx of storm water into the treatment system.

Sludge from the sand filters and treated storm water from the storage tank are disposed offsite or to the sanitary sewer system when permitted after a rain event. The Discharger proposes to discharge up to 0.34 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated storm water runoff from the Facility into a storm drain that leads to Compton Creek, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.9261°N, Longitude 118.2217°W).

On the basis of a preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

The tentative permit is available for review online at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/individual/npdes/Polynt_Composites_USA_INC/index.shtml

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: October 8, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Water Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements are invited to present their testimony during the board hearing. Please contact the lead staff member for more information.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on November 5, 2015. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: September 8, 2015