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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 5, 2017

Frank Oakes  
President  
Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc.  
322 East Scott Street  
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Dear Mr. Oakes:

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRS) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INC., FLOW-THROUGH FACILITY, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0063030, CI NO. 7219)**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) has completed the review of the application for a renewal of your permit to discharge waste under the NPDES Program.

Pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code, tentative waste discharge requirements have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative Requirements, consisting of:
  - a. Board Order;
  - b. Definitions (Attachment A);
  - c. Location Map (Attachment B);
  - d. Site Plan and Flow Diagram (Attachment C);
  - e. Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
  - f. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
  - g. Fact Sheet (Attachment F);
  - h. State Board Minimum Levels (Attachment G);
  - i. List of Priority Pollutants (Attachment H);
  - j. Summary of Ammonia Reasonable Potential Analysis (RPA) and WQBEL Calculations (Attachment I); and
  - k. Summary of RPA and WQBELs Calculations (Attachment J).
  
2. Publication package, consisting of:
  - a. Instruction Sheet for Public Notice;
  - b. Public Notice; and
  - c. Statement of Posting Notice.

Mr. Frank Oakes  
Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc.  
Flow-through Facility

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In accordance with administrative procedures, the Regional Water Board at a public hearing to be held on **June 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, will consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board members will also hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. 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 submissions pertaining to this proposed Board action must be submitted to the Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2017**, at [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with a copy to [Jauren.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jauren.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov), in order to be evaluated and included in the Board's agenda folder. 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.

With respect to the public notice, in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice no later than **April 10, 2017**.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date will force us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify Regional Water Board staff by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than **April 17, 2017**.

If you have any questions, please contact Jau Ren Chen at (213)576-6656 or at [Jauren.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jauren.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Cassandra D. Owens, Chief  
Industrial Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures

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Mr. Kenneth Wong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Mr. William Paznokas, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5  
Ms. Teresa Henry, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region  
Mr. Tim Smith, Los Angeles County, Department of public Works  
Mr. Angelo Bellomo, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health  
Mr. Rigoberto Vargas, Ventura County, Department of Public Health  
Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Ventura County Watershed Protection District  
Ms. Rita Kampalath, Heal the Bay  
Mr. Steven Johnson, Heal the Bay  
Ms. Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
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