
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 10, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Oakes:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND REVISED PAGES IN REVISED TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRS) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT - STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED, STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES FACILITY, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0063070, CI NO. 7219)

On April 5, 2017, we transmitted the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the subject facility. Regional Board staff considered your comments submitted on May 4, 2017, and determined that the application of intake water credits to ammonia and total residual chlorine is appropriate. Enclosed is our Response to Comments and the revised pages (pages 4, 5, E-5, F-22, F-26 and F-28) related to the changes. Other portions of the revised tentative permit are not enclosed since they remain unchanged from the previous mailout. Changes on the revised page appear in the strikeout/underline format for deletions and insertions, respectively.

In the April 5, 2017 letter, you were informed that the Board Hearing would be held on June 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. 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.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Regional Board's website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml) approximately ten days prior to the meeting. Please check the Board's website as the date, time, and/or location of the hearing is subject to change.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Ms. Teresa Henry, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
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