
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 6, 2020

Ms. Donna M. DiRocco, Senior Environmental Advisor
Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC
Tesoro LA Basin Marine Terminals
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Long Beach, CA 90813

Via Email Only

REVISED RESPONSE TO COMMENTS – REVISED-REVISED TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT – TESORO LOGISTICS OPERATIONS, LLC, TESORO CARSON CRUDE TERMINAL, 24696 SOUTH WILMINGTON AVENUE, WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0060232, CI NO. 6810)

Dear Ms. DiRocco:

On September 25, 2020, the Response to Comments and revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC (Discharger) – Tesoro Carson Crude Terminal were sent out to all interested parties. On October 1, 2020, Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger had a conference call regarding the Response to Comments and the revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit. The Discharger reiterated their concerns about the monthly average limits for copper and the bacteria limitations. The Discharger also added that they plan to utilize temporary treatment on the discharge if the effluent from the pond exceeds the NPDES permit limits when discharge to surface water is needed. Regional Water Board staff considered all comments submitted, made appropriate revisions to the revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit accordingly, and prepared the revised Response to Comments.

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. Revised Response to Comments; and
2. Revised-Revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit, Order R4-2020-XXXX.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider the enclosed revised-revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit and comments thereon, at a public hearing to be held at 9:00 AM on October 8, 2020, via a video and teleconference meeting and live webcast. The Regional Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and consider the revised-revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit.

Copies of the revised-revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit and revised Response to Comments are also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at Cris.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov or Rosario Aston at Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Cris Morris, PE, PMP
Watershed Regulatory Section Chief

Enclosures:

- 1) Revised-Revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit, Order No. R4-2020-XXXX
- 2) Revised Response to Comments

cc: Ms. Elizabeth Sablad, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch
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Mr. Kenneth Wong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ms. Loni Adams, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5
Mr. Kurt Souza, State Water Resource Control Board, Drinking Water Division
Mr. Charles Posner, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
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Mr. Theodore Johnson, Water Replenishment District of Southern California
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