CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) NO. R4-2013-0026-AX REQUIRING CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY EL SEGUNDO REFINERY TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ORDER NO. R4-2013-0025 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0000337)

DISCHARGER Chevron Products Company El Segundo Refinery DISCHARGE LOCATION 324 W. El Segundo Blvd. El Segundo, California RECEIVING WATER Santa Monica Bay

Chevron Products Company (hereinafter, Chevron or Discharger) owns and operates a petroleum-refinery known as the El Segundo Refinery (hereinafter, Facility). The Facility converts crude oil and other intermediates into refined petroleum products, including: motor gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, fuel oils, gas oils, liquefied petroleum gases, fuel blending components, coke, ammonia and molten sulfur. Chevron discharges waste from the Facility under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2013-0025, adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) on February 7, 2013. Order No. R4-2013-0025 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0000337).

Order No. R4-2013-0025 authorized Chevron to discharge up to 27 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated wastewater (including refinery wastewater, petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated shallow well groundwater, intermittent sources and rainfall runoff) into Santa Monica Bay, a water of the United States, at Dockweiler Beach. The discharge occurs through an extended outfall line located approximately 2,200 feet south of Grand Avenue that extends approximately 3,500 feet offshore with a terminus at a depth of 42 feet. A diffuser is attached at the end of the outfall line. The extended outfall provides a minimum dilution ratio of 80 parts of seawater to one part of effluent (80:1).

Concurrent with the adoption of Order No. R4-2013-0025, the Regional Water Board also adopted Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R4-2013-0026, which prescribed interim effluent limits for acute toxicity at Discharge Point 001. TSO No. R4-2013-0026 also established certain tasks that the Discharger would complete to come into compliance with Order No. R4-2013-0025. These tasks were scheduled to be completed by May 9, 2017, the expiration date of the TSO.

On February 1, 2016, Chevron submitted to the Regional Water Board a "Request for Compliance Schedule Extension for Acute Toxicity Time Schedule Order, which included an update on progress made to complete the tasks required by TSO No. R4-2013-0026. The request indicated that after the selection and design of a treatment system, an unanticipated additional task of obtaining a South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Permit

to Construct was identified. The process of obtaining the SCAQMD permit takes from twelve to twenty-four months to complete. Construction of the treatment system cannot begin until the SCAQMD permit is obtained. Hence, the TSO requires modification to update the tasks and schedule.

Regional Water Board staff has prepared a tentative TSO amendment No. R4-2013-0026-AX which includes the new tasks and schedule required to achieve compliance with the final effluent limitations contained in Order No. R4-2013-0025. The TSO amendment provides a limited eight-month extension that terminates on the same day as the associated permit, Order No. R4-2013-0025. In the event that that the activities are not completed during the term of the TSO amendment, the Discharger may make a request to the Regional Water Board for an amended or new TSO and provide the required information to support the request.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Executive Officer, pursuant to his delegated authority from the Regional Water Board, tentatively proposes to issue an amendment to TSO No. R4-2013-0026 by modifying the tasks and schedule used to comply with the final effluent limitations in Order R4-2013-0025. No changes to the NPDES permit are being proposed at this time.

Please be advised that the Executive Officer intends to issue the amendment to the TSO without a public hearing. Because interested persons may not have an opportunity to make oral comments, interested persons must submit all comments in writing as described below. The Executive Officer will consider the tentative TSO amendment and all timely comments prior to administratively issuing the TSO amendment.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on and/or submit evidence regarding the tentative TSO amendment for the Executive Officer to consider must submit written comments. Written comments must be *received* by the Regional Water Board by **5:00 pm on October 14, 2016**. Written comments submitted electronically must be emailed to <u>losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov</u> with a copy to <u>Thomas.Siebels@waterboards.ca.gov</u>. Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments electronically in either a Word or Portable Document File (PDF). The Regional Water Board will neither consider nor respond to untimely written comments.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The tentative TSO amendment, documents relied upon, comments received, and other information on file are available on the Regional Water Board website at waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles, or for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

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Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600.

STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Thomas Siebels at (213) 576-6756 or via email at <u>Thomas.Siebels@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

Date: September 14, 2016