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### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0081; DEWATERING AND OTHER LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS; REDEVELOPMENT OF INJECTION WELLS AT THE FORMER MATHER AIR FORCE BASE PROJECT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Our office received a Notice of Intent (NOI) on 27 May 2008 from the Department of the Air Force (Discharger) for the Redevelopment of Injection Wells at the former Mather AFB Project. Based on the information in the submittal, we have determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Dewatering and other Low Threat Discharges To Surface Waters (General Order No. R5-2008-0081). This project is hereby assigned General Order No. R5-2008-0081-002 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001.

### **CALIFORNIA TOXIC RULE/ STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY SAMPLING**

General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (enclosed) prescribes mandatory discharge monitoring requirements. The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order and with the information submitted in the Notice of Intent (NOI). This General Order incorporates the requirements of the *California Toxic Rule (CTR)* and the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB), *Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, 2005*, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP). Screening levels for CTR constituents or Priority Pollutants are found in Attachment B of General Order No. R5-2008-0081.

### **SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO SPECIFIC WATERBODIES**

Direct discharge into three specific waterbodies are noted in Attachment C in General Order No. R5-2008-0081. This project does not propose to discharge into any of these specific waterbodies.

Review of your data showed no Reasonable Potential to impact the receiving waters. Therefore, no additional Effluent Limitations or additional Monitoring Requirements will be required for this project.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project, located at the former Mather Air Force Base, involves discharging groundwater from four injection wells from redevelopment activities. The two wells, IW-502 and IW-503, are located northeast of the intersection of Old Placerville Road and Macready Avenue. Well redevelopment for these two wells will begin in summer 2008. The other two wells, IW-501 and IW-504, will be redeveloped at a later date. The maximum flow rate will be 0.5 million gallons per day for a period of 10 to 20 days for each well. The dewatering discharge will enter into a nearby ditch named West Ditch. The West Ditch discharges into Morrison Creek a tributary of the Sacramento River.

The project is proposed to start on 24 July 2008 and be completed by 24 July 2009.

## **REPORTING**

Quarterly Reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board by the first day of the second month following each calendar quarter. Reporting requirements are found in Attachment E.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Discharger will be required to follow their Pollution Prevention and Monitoring and Reporting Plan. Effluent and receiving water monitoring of this dewatering/low threat discharge shall be conducted and submitted to the Regional Water Board, quarterly, until completion of the project. The Regional Water Board shall be notified immediately if any violation, nuisance or detriment to the receiving water is observed during implementation of the project.

Failure to comply with the conditions of the Effluent Limitations and Receiving Water Monitoring found in the General Order No. R5-2008-0081 could result in an enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code. Discharge of material other than what is described in the Notice of Intent is prohibited.

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water Resource Control Board) shall be submitted until this notice of Applicability is officially terminated. Please notify this office in writing when the project has been completed and the discharge is no longer necessary, so we may terminate applicability of this general order.

Effective as of January 2004, any NPDES effluent monitoring report received more than 30 days after its due date is subject to a \$3,000 mandatory minimum penalty [Water Code Section 13385]. An additional \$3,000 penalty is required for each additional 30 days a report is late. If you have no discharge, you must still submit a report indicating that no discharge occurred, or you will be subject to the \$3,000 penalties.

If you have any question or comments regarding this notification, please contact Mike Negrete at (916) 464-4662 or [mnegrete@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mnegrete@waterboards.ca.gov).



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Enclosures: General Order No. R5-2008-0081

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