

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0082708**  
**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**  
**FOR**  
**ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**  
**AND**  
**PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GROUNDWATER CLEANUP SYSTEM**  
**TULARE COUNTY**

Rockwell International Corporation and Porterville Unified School District propose to continue to discharge treated groundwater from a groundwater cleanup system (GWCS) to the Pioneer Ditch under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The GWCS removes volatile organic compounds from polluted groundwater. The GWCS consists of two extraction wells, a scale inhibitor system, an air-stripper, and an outfall to the Pioneer Ditch. In accordance with the California Water Code, the Board will consider adoption of an NPDES Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements authorizing this discharge until 2010:

DATE: 23 and 24 June 2005  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Dr #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Rockwell International Corporation and the Porterville Unified School District

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **20 June 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **20 June 2005**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **20 June 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

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All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed permit renewal should contact Geoff Anderson at (559) 445-5919. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative>. If you do not have Internet access, you may request a written copy of the Order from Mr. Anderson. These documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/index.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

20 May 2005