

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
DISCHARGE PERMIT**

Rhodia Inc., Martinez Plant  
100 Mococo Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

The above discharger has filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger, containing limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Rhodia Inc. operates a sulfuric acid regeneration plant that discharges treated process wastewater to Carquinez Strait and stormwater to Peyton Slough. Rhodia Inc. uses spent sulfuric acid from petroleum refineries and molten sulfur as raw materials to manufacture approximately 300,000 tons per year of sulfuric acid, primarily for use in gasoline manufacturing at petroleum refineries. Process wastewaters consist of cooling tower blowdown, acidic process water, boiler blowdown, and scrubber and washdown waters. The plant's maximum discharge flow rate is about 600,000 gallons per day.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date:	9:00 a.m., March 10, 2010
Location:	Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

**The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2010.** Comments must be sent to the **attention of Adrienne Miller**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after the deadline. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Regional Water Board will hear oral testimony but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Regional Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under California Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections raised before the Regional Water Board at the hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The tentative permit and supporting documents, including comments received, may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit and additional information regarding this matter are also available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay). A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Adrienne Miller at (510) 622-2415 or by e-mail at [AMiller@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:AMiller@waterboards.ca.gov), or Bill Johnson at (510) 622-2354 or by e-mail at [WJohnson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WJohnson@waterboards.ca.gov), with any questions on this matter.