CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER No. R2-2016-0016

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER No. R2-2000-0044 for:

USS-POSCO INDUSTRIES

for the property located at:

900 LOVERIDGE ROAD
PITTSBURG, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter the Water Board) finds that:

SITE HISTORY

1. USS-POSCO Industries (UPI) owns and operates a steel finishing facility at 900 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. The entire UPI site occupies approximately 460 acres along the southern shore of the New York Slough, as shown in Figure 1. Steel manufacturing and finishing operations have occurred at the site since 1909. The site's Waste Management Unit II (WMU-II), an onsite landfill that receives steel finishing wastes, is managed separately from the rest of the site.

REGULATORY HISTORY

2. On March 16, 1994, the Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R2-1994-0040, which regulates the construction and operation of WMU-II, a Class II Waste Management Unit for designated non-hazardous wastes, such as dewatered sludges from steel finishing processes, that are generated onsite. Order No. R2-1994-0040 remains in effect and applies only to WMU-II, not the remainder of the UPI site.

3. On June 21, 2000, the Water Board adopted WDR Order No. R2-2000-0044 for the portion of the UPI site exclusive of WMU-II. Order No. R2-2000-0044 updated WDRs adopted by the Water Board in the 1980s and reflected the following changes in facility operations and regulatory requirements:

   a) Final closure of unlined treatment and disposal areas;
   b) Initiation of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrective action oversight by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC); and
   c) Lead agency status for DTSC for all portions of the UPI site except WMU-II.

   Order No. R2-2000-0044 required UPI to submit the following technical documents:

   a) Annual monitoring reports for two closed disposal areas;
   b) A plan and schedule for implementing a monitoring program for the aboveground petroleum storage tank (APST) and piping; and

    c) A plan and schedule for implementation of APST bottom integrity and thickness testing requirements.

PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER

4. This Order recognizes that the tasks required by Order No. R2-2000-0044 have been completed. Because DTSC oversees monitoring and maintains lead agency status for all parts of the site to which Order No. R2-2000-0044 applies, there is no need for that order to remain in effect.

5. The Water Board will continue to regulate WMU-II separately under WDR Order No. R2-1994-0040. This Order does not rescind Order No. R2-1994-0040.

CEQA, NOTIFICATION, AND PUBLIC HEARING

4. This action to rescind Order No. R2-2000-0044 is not a project with the potential to cause a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15378). The rescission merely recognizes UPI's fulfillment of the tasks outlined in Order No. R2-2000-0044 and DTSC's continued management of the site. Therefore, the rescission is not subject to CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061(b)(3)).

5. The Water Board has notified UPI, interested agencies, and persons of its intent to rescind WDR Order No. R2-2000-0044 and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

6. The Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of waste discharge requirements for the site.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that WDR Order No. R2-2000-0044 is rescinded.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Region on April 13, 2016.

                                        Bruce H. Wolfe
                                        Executive Officer

Attachment: Figure 1- Site location map

SCALE 1:24,000

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Figure 1

Site Location Map
USS-POSCO Facility
Pittsburg, California

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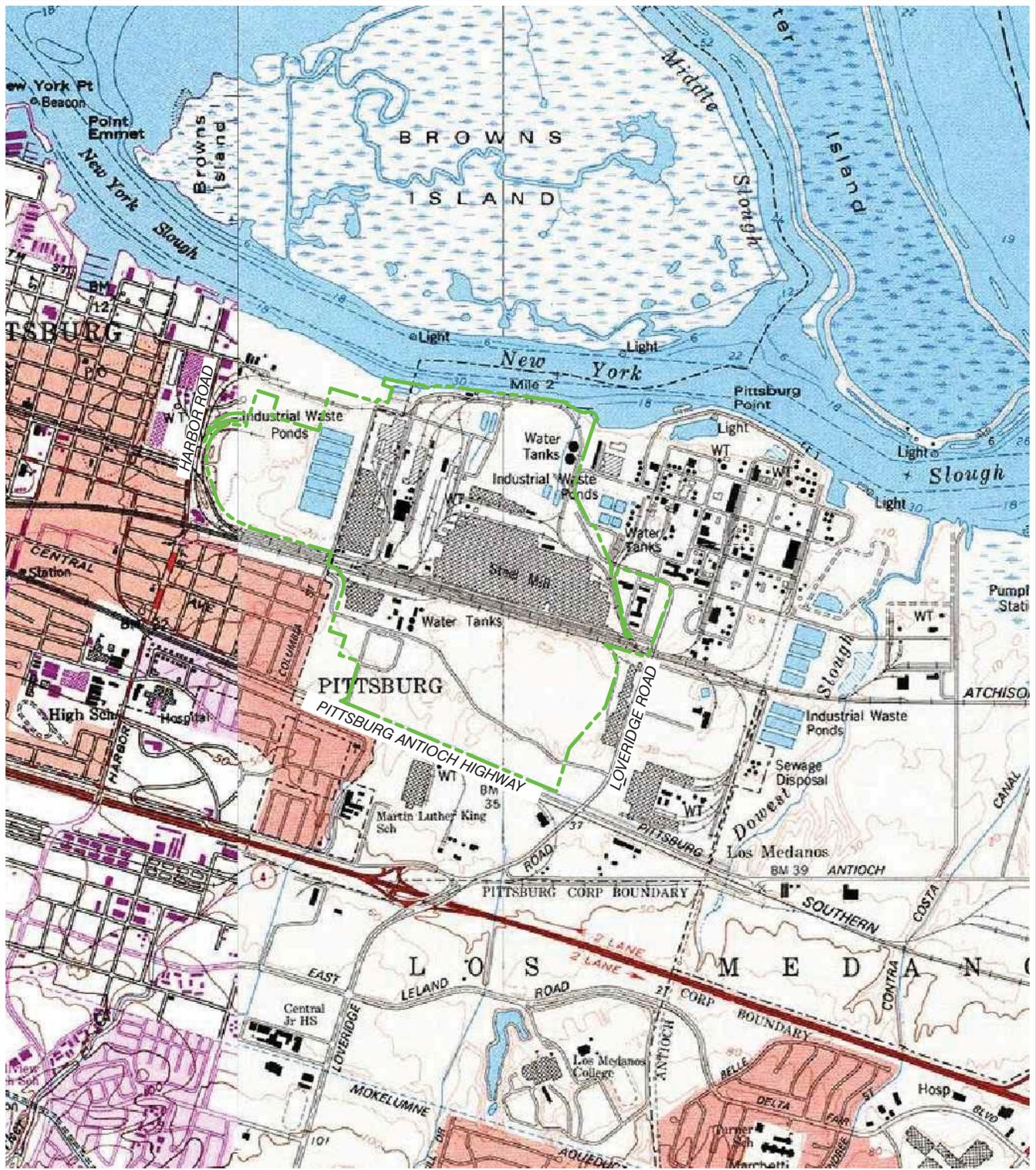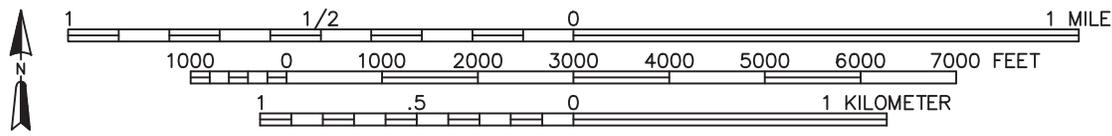
— · — · — · —   Approximate USS-POSCO Facility Boundary

References:
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic) Quadrangle,
Antioch North, California   Dated: 1978