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## **TENTATIVE ORDER R2-2009-XXXX**

### **AMENDMENT OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGERS**

**WHEREAS** the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter “Regional Water Board”), finds that:

1. The Regional Water Board issued waste discharge requirements that serve as National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the dischargers listed in Table 1 (hereinafter “Dischargers”). These permits authorize the Dischargers to discharge treated effluent from their respective facilities to waters of the United States under specific conditions.
2. This Order amends the orders listed in Table 1 to replace the regional standard provisions, and monitoring and reporting requirements, contained in an attachment or attachments to those orders (often but not always labeled as Attachment G) with the revised version of Attachment G attached to this Order (hereinafter “new Attachment G”).
3. The Regional Water Board developed this Order’s requirements based on available information. The Fact Sheet attached to this Order as Attachment F contains background information and rationale for this Order’s requirements. It is hereby incorporated into this Order and therefore constitutes part of the findings for this Order.
4. This Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Water Code §13389.
5. The Regional Water Board notified the Dischargers and interested agencies and persons of its intent to consider adoption of this Order, and provided an opportunity to submit written comments.
6. In a public meeting, the Regional Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to this Order.

**TABLE 1**  
**DISCHARGERS SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER**

Discharger	Permit Number	Order Number	Adoption Date
Allied Defense Recycling	CA0030171	R2-2008-0062	7/9/08
American Canyon, City of	CA0038768	R2-2006-0036	6/14/06
Benicia, City of	CA0038091	R2-2008-0014	3/12/08
Bottling Group, LLC	CA0030058	R2-2008-0056	7/9/08
Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI)	CA0029947	R2-2007-0062	8/8/07
Burlingame, City of, and North Bayside System Unit	CA0037788	R2-2008-0008	1/30/08
C&H Sugar Company Inc. and Crockett Community Services District	CA0005240	R2-2007-0032	4/11/07
California Department of Transportation	CA0038831	R2-2006-0049	7/12/06
Calistoga, City of	CA0037966	R2-2006-0066	10/11/06
Cedar Fair Entertainment Company	CA0030180	R2-2009-0052	7/8/09
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	CA0037648	R2-2007-0008	1/23/07
Central Marin Sanitary Agency	CA0038628	R2-2007-0007	1/23/07
Chevron U.S.A. INC., Richmond Refinery, Chevron Chemical Company LLC, Richmond Plant, and General Chemical Corporation, Richmond Works	CA0005134	R2-2006-0035	6/14/06
ConocoPhillips	CA0005053	R2-2005-0030	6/15/05
Crockett Cogeneration, LP and Pacific Crockett Energy, Inc.	CA0029904	R2-2004-0026	5/19/04
Crockett Community Services District	CA0037885	R2-2008-0005	1/23/07
Delta Diablo Sanitation District	CA0038547	R2-2009-0018	3/11/09
Dow Chemical Company	CA0004910	R2-2008-0030	5/14/08
Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA)	CA0037613	R2-2006-0054	8/9/06
East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA), including its member agencies: City of Hayward, City of San Leandro, Oro Loma Sanitary District, Castro Valley Sanitary District, Union Sanitary District, and Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA)	CA0037869	R2-2006-0053	8/9/06
East Bay Municipal Utilities District (Orinda Water Treatment Plant)	CA0038342	R2-2009-0067	10/14/09
East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Special District No. 1 (Water Pollution Control Plant)	CA0037702	R2-2001-0072	6/20/01
East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Special District No. 1 (wet weather facilities)	CA0038440	R2-2009-0004	1/14/09

<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Order Number</b>	<b>Adoption Date</b>
East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Union Sanitary District (USD), and East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) (Hayward Shoreline Marsh)	CA0038636	R2-2006-0031	5/10/06
East Brother Light Station, Inc.	CA0038806	R2-2004-0079	9/15/04
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	CA0038024	R2-2009-0039	4/8/09
GFW Power Systems, LP, Site I	CA0029106	R2-2005-0018	5/18/05
GFW Power Systems, LP, Site V	CA0029122	R2-2005-0019	5/18/05
Kobe Precision, Inc.	CA0030112	R2-2005-0040	9/21/05
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	CA0037851	R2-2009-0070	10/14/09
Livermore, City of, Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), and East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA)	CA0038008	R2-2006-0055	8/9/06
Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), and City of Livermore	CA0038679	R2-2006-0026	4/12/06
Marin County, Sanitary District No. 5 of (Paradise Cove)	CA0037427	R2-2006-0037	6/14/06
Marin County, Sanitary District No. 5 of (Tiburon)	CA0037753	R2-2008-0057	8/9/06
Millbrae, City of, and North Bayside System Unit	CA0037532	R2-2008-0071	8/13/08
Mirant Delta, LLC	CA0004880	R2-2002-0072	6/19/02
Mirant Potrero, LLC	CA0005657	R2-2006-0032	5/10/06
Morton International, Inc.	CA0005185	R2-2005-0010	4/20/05
Mt. View Sanitary District	CA0037770	R2-2006-0063	9/13/06
Napa Sanitation District	CA0037575	R2-2005-0008	4/20/05
North San Mateo County Sanitation District	CA0037737	R2-2006-0068	10/11/06
Novato Sanitary District	CA0037958	R2-2004-0093	11/17/04
		R2-2008-0026	5/14/08
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)	CA0030082	R2-2006-0010	2/8/06
Pacifica, City of	CA0038776	R2-2006-0067	10/11/06
Palo Alto, City of	CA0037384	R2-2009-0032	4/8/09
Petaluma, City of	CA0037810	R2-2005-0058	10/19/05
Pinole, City of	CA0037796	R2-2007-0024	3/14/07
Potable Water Supply Dischargers (various surface water treatment facilities for potable supply)	CAG382001	R2-2009-0033	4/8/09
Rhodia, Inc.	CA0006165	R2-2004-0042	6/16/04
Rodeo Sanitary District	CA0037826	R2-2006-0062	9/13/06

<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Permit Number</b>	<b>Order Number</b>	<b>Adoption Date</b>
Saint Helena, City of	CA0038016	R2-2005-0025	6/15/05
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Drinking Water Transmission System)	CA0038857	R2-2008-0102	12/10/08
San Francisco, City and County of (Oceanside Plant)	CA0037681	R2-2009-0062	8/12/09
San Francisco, City and County of (Southeast Plant)	CA0037664	R2-2008-0007	1/30/08
San Francisco, City and County of, and North Bayside System Unit (SF International Airport, Industrial Plant)	CA0028070	R2-2007-0060	8/8/07
San Francisco, City and County of, and North Bayside System Unit (SF International Airport, Sanitary Plant)	CA0038318	R2-2007-0058	8/8/07
San Jose and Santa Clara, Cities of, San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant	CA0037842	R2-2009-0038	4/8/09
San Mateo, City of	CA0037541	R2-2007-0075	11/1/07
Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District	CA0038067	R2-2007-0054	8/8/07
Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside	CA0038598	R2-2007-0003	1/23/07
Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin	CA0037711	R2-2007-0056	8/8/07
Shell Oil Products US and Equilon Enterprises, LLC	CA0005789	R2-2006-0070	10/11/06
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	CA0037800	R2-2008-0090	10/8/08
South Bayside System Authority	CA0038369	R2-2007-0006	1/23/07
South San Francisco and San Bruno, Cities of	CA0038130	R2-2008-0094	11/12/08
Sunnyvale, City of	CA0037621	R2-2009-0061	8/12/09
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co.	CA0004961	R2-2005-0041	9/21/05
Union Sanitary District (Intermittent Wet Weather)	CA0038733	R2-2004-0002	1/21/04
US Naval Support Activity, Treasure Island	CA0110116	R2-2004-0036	5/19/04
USS-Posco Industries	CA0005002	R2-2006-0029	5/10/06
Valero Refining Company	CA0005550	R2-2009-0075	11/18/09
Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District	CA0037699	R2-2006-0056	8/9/06
West County Agency (West County Wastewater District, City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1)	CA0038539	R2-2008-0003	1/30/08
Yountville, Town of	CA0038121	R2-2004-0017	3/17/04

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to the provisions of California Water Code Division 7 and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, that the Dischargers listed in Table 1 shall comply with their respective orders listed in Table 1, as amended by this Order.

**1. The provisions of the new Attachment G attached to this Order shall replace the attachments listed below for the orders listed in Table 1.**

For the orders listed in Table 1 adopted through June 2009, the attachments include the following documents:

- *Self Monitoring Program Part A* (August 1993);
- *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for NPDES Surface Water Discharger Permits* (August 1993);
- August 6, 2001, letter from Loretta K. Barsamian to Bay Area Permitted Wastewater Dischargers titled, “Requirement for Monitoring of Pollutants in Effluent and Receiving Water to Implement New Statewide Regulations and Policy”; and
- Regional Water Board Resolution Number 74-10.

For the orders listed in Table 1 adopted after June 2009, there is a single attachment:

- *Attachment G, Regional Standard Provisions, and Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (Supplement to Attachment D) for NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permits* (July 2009).

**2. In the orders listed in Table 1, references to the new Attachment G shall replace all references to the attachments listed in Provision 1, above.**

References to existing attachments containing regional standard provisions appear in various places within each permit subject to this Order. The specific wording varies with each reference. The Fact Sheet (page F-6) identifies where these references typically appear and provides examples. All these references shall henceforth be considered references to the new Attachment G.

**3. In the orders listed in Table 1, modifications to the attachments listed in Provision 1, including *Self Monitoring Program Part A* (August 1993), shall be rescinded.**

**4. The following provisions currently in effect for specific facilities remain in effect and shall modify the new Attachment G for the orders specifically identified below.**

- a. *Crockett Community Services District (Order Number R2-2008-0005):*

The Discharger shall monitor the perimeter of the fence line surrounding the treatment facilities at the corners and midpoints for odors weekly.

b. *Delta Diablo Sanitation District (Order Number R2-2009-0018):*

The Discharger shall collect composite influent samples on varying days selected at random and shall not include any plant recirculation or other side stream wastes unless the flows originate from the Recycled Water Facility. The Executive Officer must approve any deviation.

c. *East Bay Regional Park District, Union Sanitary District, and East Bay Dischargers Authority (Hayward Shoreline Marsh) (Order Number R2-2006-0031):*

- i. With respect to standard observations at the periphery of waste treatment and/or disposal facilities, the Dischargers shall pay special attention to observations for vector nuisance and signs of waterfowl botulism per the Marsh Management Plan.
- ii. The Dischargers may file separate self monitoring reports detailing permit compliance.
- iii. The Dischargers shall collect receiving water samples during the higher slack water period. The Dischargers shall collect samples within the discharge plume and down current of the discharge point so as to be representative, unless otherwise stipulated.

d. *Novato Sanitary District (Order Numbers R2-2004-0093 and R2-2008-0026):*

- i. Influent samples for the Novato Plant may include side-streams from sludge storage pond supernatant, digester supernatant, filter backwash, and DAF supernatant.
- ii. Monthly self monitoring reports shall be due 30 days after the end of each calendar month. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than the permit requires, it shall include the results of this monitoring in the calculations and reporting of the data submitted in the self monitoring report. Annual self monitoring reports shall be due February 1 of each year, covering the previous calendar year.

e. *City of American Canyon (Order Number R2-2006-0036)*  
*Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County (Paradise Cove) (Order Number R2-2006-0037)*  
*City of Petaluma (Order Number R2-2005-0058)*  
*City of St. Helena (Order Number R2-2005-0025)*  
*Cities of South San Francisco and San Bruno (Order Number R2-2008-0094)*  
*Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District (Order Number R2-2006-0056)*  
*Town of Yountville (Order Number R2-2004-0017):*

When any type of bypass occurs, except for bypasses consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit, the Discharger shall collect composite samples on a daily basis for all constituents at all affected discharge points with effluent limits for the duration of the bypass. When bypassing occurs from any treatment process (i.e., primary, secondary, chlorination, dechlorination, etc.) within the treatment facility consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit during high wet weather inflow, the self monitoring

program shall include the following sampling and analyses, in addition to the schedule given in the Monitoring and Reporting Program:

- i. When bypassing occurs from any primary or secondary treatment unit, the Discharger shall collect discharge samples for the duration of the bypass, monitor them for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids (TSS) with 24-hour composite or smaller increments, monitor flow and chlorine residual continuously, and monitor pH and bacteria daily using grab samples. (The City of St. Helena, the Cities of South San Francisco and San Bruno, and the **Town of Yountville** need not monitor chlorine residual, pH, and bacteria; the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District need not monitor BOD.) For all other pollutant parameters for which the permit imposes limits, the Discharger shall collect and retain samples in accordance with proper sampling techniques for later analysis if necessary. If BOD or TSS exceeds the weekly average effluent limits, the Discharger shall analyze the retained samples for all the pollutant constituents with effluent limits for the duration of the bypass (the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District need not conduct acute or chronic whole effluent toxicity tests), or until the BOD and TSS values comply with the weekly effluent limitations. The Discharger shall comply with holding times for retained samples.
  - ii. When bypassing the chlorination process, the Discharger shall collect and analyze grab samples for bacteria at least daily and monitor flow continuously.
  - iii. When bypassing the dechlorination process, the Discharger shall collect and analyze grab samples for chlorine residual hourly and monitor flow continuously.
- f. *Central Marin Sanitary Agency (Order Number R2-2007-0007)*  
*Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County (Tiburon) (Order Number R2-2008-0057)*  
*Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District (Order Number R2-2007-0054):*

When any type of bypass occurs, except for bypasses consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit, the Discharger shall collect composite samples on a daily basis for all constituents at all affected discharge points with effluent limits for the duration of the bypass. When bypassing occurs from any treatment process (i.e., primary, secondary, chlorination, dechlorination, etc.) within the treatment facility consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit during high wet weather inflow, the self monitoring program shall include the following sampling and analyses, in addition to the schedule given in the Monitoring and Reporting Program:

When bypassing occurs from any primary or secondary treatment unit, the Discharger shall collect discharge samples for the duration of the bypass, monitor them for TSS with 24-hour composite or smaller increments, monitor flow and pH continuously, monitor chlorine residual every two hours (or, for Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin County [Tiburon], either continuously or every two hours), and analyze grab samples for bacteria daily. The Discharger shall collect and retain samples for all other pollutant parameters for which the permit imposes limits, except bacteria, in



accordance with proper sampling techniques for later analysis if necessary. If a daily TSS value exceeds the weekly average effluent limit, the Discharger shall analyze the retained samples for all pollutant constituents that have limits, except acute and chronic whole effluent toxicity and oil and grease, for the duration of the bypass. The Dischargers shall comply with holding times for the retained samples.

- g. *West County Agency (West County Wastewater District, City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1) (Order Number R2-2008-0003):*

When any type of bypass occurs, except for bypasses consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit, the Dischargers shall collect composite samples on a daily basis for all constituents at all affected discharge points with effluent limits for the duration of the bypass. When bypassing occurs from any treatment process (i.e., primary, secondary, chlorination, dechlorination, etc.) within the treatment facility consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit during high wet weather inflow, the self monitoring program shall include the following sampling and analyses, in addition to the schedule given in the Monitoring and Reporting Program:

When bypassing occurs from any primary or secondary treatment unit, the Dischargers shall collect representative samples for each 24-hour increment of the bypass for the duration of the bypass for all pollutants with effluent limits. The Dischargers shall monitor flow and pH continuously. The Dischargers shall monitor residual chlorine every two hours and collect and monitor grab samples for temperature and total coliform daily. The Dischargers shall use monitoring location E-001 for flow measurements, monitoring location E-001-DC for toxic substances and chlorine residual measurements, and monitoring location E-001-D2 for pH, temperature, and total coliform measurements.

- h. *City of Benicia (Order Number R2-2008-0014):*

During bypasses, except those consistent with the Discharge Prohibitions in the permit, the Discharger shall collect composite samples of the discharge for the day during which the bypass occurred and analyze the samples for oil and grease, pH, TSS, BOD, total chlorine residual (hourly), fecal coliform and enterococcus bacteria, copper, selenium, cyanide, and ammonia. The Discharger shall monitor flow continuously.

- i. *Napa Sanitation District (Order Number R2-2005-0008):*

When any type of bypass occurs, except for bypasses consistent with Prohibition 2 of the permit, the Discharger shall estimate flow volume and collect samples for constituents listed in Table 1 E-001-P of the permit at all affected discharge points for the duration of the bypass. The Discharger shall follow the requirements for sample type (grab or composite) and frequency in Table 1 of the permit.



**5. If conflicts exist between this Order's provisions and those of the orders listed in Table 1, this Order's provisions shall prevail.**

Apparent conflicts may include, but may not necessarily be limited to, existing text that specifies the dioxin and furan minimum levels for analysis and the dioxin-TEQ calculation methodology. The minimum levels and calculation methodology in the new Attachment G shall supersede similar requirements in the permits amended by this Order.

**6. This Order shall become effective on **March 1, 2010**.**

I, Bruce Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on **February 10, 2010**.

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Bruce H. Wolfe  
Executive Officer

## ATTACHMENT F

### FACT SHEET

This Fact Sheet describes the legal requirements and technical rationale that serve as the basis for this Order's requirements.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this amendment is to apply consistent standard requirements through NPDES wastewater permits and to provide new direction concerning calculation of dioxin and furan toxic equivalents (hereinafter "dioxin-TEQ"). This Order amends the NPDES permits listed in Table 1 of the Order, as follows:

- a. Replaces existing standard provisions with new revised standard provisions;
- b. Replaces references to existing standard provisions with references to the new standard provisions;
- c. Rescinds exceptions to the existing standard provisions; and
- d. Modifies the new standard provisions to retain some existing exceptions for specific permits.

This amendment revises and updates existing standard provisions and other existing requirements by consolidating them into one document that reflects current requirements. It also revises the method for calculating dioxin-TEQ for those permits that require dioxin-TEQ monitoring and reporting as follows:

- Incorporates bioaccumulation equivalency factors (BEFs) into dioxin-TEQ calculations;
- Revises minimum levels (MLs) to match default values specified in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Method 1613; and
- Instructs Dischargers to exclude estimated values below MLs when calculating dioxin-TEQ.

#### **Background**

Almost all individual NPDES wastewater permits contain standard provisions that define terms, specify general sampling and analytical protocols, and set out requirements for reporting spills, violations, and routine monitoring data. Federal regulations require some of these standard provisions. Others reflect region-specific requirements. The regional standard provisions ensure permit compliance through preventative planning; monitoring; recordkeeping; reporting; and review, characterization, and response to problems encountered. Most NPDES permits contain the federal standard provisions as Attachment D and the regional standard provisions as Attachment G. In some cases, these provisions may appear as attachments other than Attachments D and G. This Order replaces the existing regional standard provisions in the permits listed in Table 1 of the Order. Table F-2 at the end of this Fact Sheet provides additional information regarding the facilities these permits cover.

For the permits listed in Table 1 of the Order adopted through June 2009, the regional standard provisions include the following documents, incorporated into those permits by reference and posted on the Regional Water Board's Web site ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/npdes\\_wastewater\\_permit.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/npdes_wastewater_permit.shtml)):

- *Self Monitoring Program Part A* (August 1993);
- *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for NPDES Surface Water Discharger Permits* (August 1993);
- August 6, 2001, letter from Loretta K. Barsamian to Bay Area Permitted Wastewater Dischargers titled, "Requirement for Monitoring of Pollutants in Effluent and Receiving Water to Implement New Statewide Regulations and Policy"; and
- Regional Water Board Resolution Number 74-10.

For the orders listed in Table 1 of the Order adopted after June 2009, the regional standard provisions are provided as a single document included verbatim with the permit:

- *Attachment G, Regional Standard Provisions, and Monitoring and Reporting Requirements (Supplement to Attachment D) for NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permits* (July 2009).

This Order replaces the existing regional standard provisions (including all the attachments listed above, as applicable) with the new Attachment G attached to the Order. The new Attachment G differs little from the existing version attached to permits adopted after June 2009. As with those recently adopted permits, the new Attachment G updates the older regional standard provisions by consolidating them into one document with other existing requirements. The new Attachment G better delineates how its provisions relate to those required under federal law. The new Attachment G also contains something new: It changes how dioxin-TEQ is to be calculated and reported (see Attachment G pages G-16 and G-17).

### **Rationale for Revised Dioxin-TEQ Requirements**

Many NPDES wastewater permits, particularly those for facilities discharging to San Francisco Bay, contain dioxin-TEQ effluent limits. Dioxin-TEQ values reflect the combined effect of numerous dioxin and furan compounds (congeners). The effluent limits implement the *San Francisco Bay Basin (Region 2) Water Quality Control Plan's* (Basin Plan's) bioaccumulation objective:

Many pollutants can accumulate on particulates, in sediments, or bioaccumulate in fish and other aquatic organisms. Controllable water quality factors shall not cause a detrimental increase in concentrations of toxic substances found in bottom sediments or aquatic life. Effects on aquatic organisms, wildlife, and human health will be considered.

According to 40 CFR 122.44(d), where reasonable potential exists for a discharge to cause or contribute to violations of water quality objectives, water quality-based effluent limits must be established. If the potentially violated objective is narrative, the narrative objective must be

translated into an effluent limit. The dioxin-TEQ effluent limits in the permits are numeric translations of the Basin Plan narrative bioaccumulation objective.

The translations are based on relevant scientific information used to weight the congener concentrations with respect to their relative toxicities compared to the toxicity of a particular dioxin congener: 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD). The World Health Organization developed toxicity equivalency factors (TEFs) to convert congener concentrations into equivalent concentrations of 2,3,7,8-TCDD, which when added together are expressed as dioxin-TEQ. The *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California* (State Implementation Policy) specifies that the World Health Organization's 1998 TEFs are to be used to calculate dioxin-TEQ. To complete the translation of the Basin Plan's narrative bioaccumulation objective into a numeric effluent limit, dioxin-TEQ limits are derived from the California Toxic Rule (40 CFR 131) numeric water quality objective for 2,3,7,8-TCDD (numeric objectives do not exist for the other congeners).

In February 2008, the San Francisco Estuary Institute convened an expert panel to provide an unbiased review and analysis of available information regarding San Francisco Bay dioxins and furans. Representatives of the Regional Water Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, and others with expertise in the field participated. The panel's recommendations included the following:

- Apply both TEFs and BEFs to dioxin and furan concentrations when calculating dioxin-TEQ; and
- Do not use dioxin and furan congener concentrations reported below MLs when computing dioxin-TEQ.

The new Attachment G reflects these recommendations as discussed further below.

### **Bioaccumulation Equivalency Factors**

Just as the different dioxin and furan congeners exhibit different levels of toxicity, they also exhibit different levels of bioaccumulation potential. To account for the different levels of bioaccumulation potential, each congener may be assigned a bioaccumulation equivalency factor (BEF) relative to 2,3,7,8-TCDD. This is comparable to the TEFs that account for relative differences in toxicities. The BEFs shown in Table F-1 correspond to the differences in biological uptake from the water column for the various dioxin congeners. They come from the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative.

In 1995, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted the approach of using both TEFs and BEFs to calculate dioxin-TEQ for the Great Lakes System (40 CFR 132, Appendix F). In the absence of site-specific BEFs, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency supports the use of national BEFs, stating, "...EPA believes that national bioaccumulation factors are broadly applicable to sites throughout the United States and can be applied to achieve an acceptable degree of accuracy when estimating bioaccumulation potential at most sites." In its *Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative Technical Support Document for the Procedure to Determine Bioaccumulation Factors* (EPA-820-B-95-005), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

states, “Limited comparison to BEFs calculated from data obtained for other ecosystems confirms these bioaccumulation potential differences for [dioxins and furans] for fish in ecosystems outside the Great Lakes.” Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Regional Water Board incorporated the national BEFs into the dioxin-TEQ calculations required for the NPDES permit for the City and County of San Francisco’s Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant (Order Number R2-2009-062).

The San Francisco Estuary Institute’s expert panel concluded that, if suitable data are unavailable to derive site-specific BEFs for the San Francisco Bay Region, use of the BEFs derived for the Great Lakes System is preferable to omitting BEFs altogether. The panel concluded that, because BEFs for the congeners most commonly detected in wastewater can be as low as 0.01, calculating dioxin-TEQ without BEFs (the current practice) may mischaracterize the significance of dioxin and furan discharges by as much as two orders of magnitude. Therefore, for the purpose of determining compliance with effluent limits, this Order requires the Dischargers to calculate and report dioxin-TEQ using the following formula, where the TEFs and BEFs are as listed in Table F-1:

$$\text{Dioxin-TEQ} = \Sigma (C_x \times \text{TEF}_x \times \text{BEF}_x)$$

**TABLE F-1  
TOXICITY EQUIVALENCY FACTORS AND  
BIOACCUMULATION EQUIVALENCY FACTORS**

<b>Dioxin or Furan Congener</b>	<b>Toxicity Equivalency Factor (TEF)</b>	<b>Bioaccumulation Equivalency Factor (BEF)</b>
2,3,7,8-TCDD	1.0	1.0
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	1.0	0.9
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	0.1	0.3
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	0.1	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	0.1	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	0.01	0.05
OCDD	0.0001	0.01
2,3,7,8-TCDF	0.1	0.8
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	0.05	0.2
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	0.5	1.6
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	0.1	0.08
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	0.1	0.2
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	0.1	0.6
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	0.1	0.7
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	0.01	0.01
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	0.01	0.4
OCDF	0.0001	0.02

where:

$C_x$  = concentration of dioxin or furan congener x

$TEF_x$  = TEF for congener x

$BEF_x$  = BEF for congener x

This Order supersedes existing requirement to use only TEFs in dioxin-TEQ calculations for purposes of determining compliance with dioxin-TEQ effluent limits.

### Minimum Levels

For purposes of laboratory analysis, reporting, and compliance, the minimum level (ML) is the concentration at which the entire analytical system gives a recognizable signal and acceptable calibration point. Below the ML, detected concentrations can sometimes be estimated, but not with sufficient analytical confidence for regulatory compliance purposes. Currently, the Dischargers analyze dioxin and furan congeners in wastewater using the latest version of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Method 1613 (*Tetra- through Octa-Chlorinated Dioxins and Furans by Isotope Dilution HRGC/HRMS*, USEPA 1994). Many permits set forth the dioxin and furan MLs for reporting and compliance purposes as equal to one half the default MLs specified in Method 1613. This Order revises the dioxin and furan MLs to be consistent among all permits and with Method 1613.

This Order also requires the Dischargers to exclude estimated congener concentrations below MLs when calculating dioxin-TEQ for the purpose of determining compliance with effluent limits. When a dioxin or furan congener is detected below its ML, its concentration could be as high as the ML or as low as zero. Dioxin and furan concentrations measured in effluent using high-volume screening techniques have often been orders of magnitude lower than Method 1613's default MLs. Therefore, the San Francisco Estuary Institute's expert panel concluded that assuming congeners detected below MLs are present at concentrations equal to the MLs (or one half the MLs) probably mischaracterizes the significance of dioxin and furan discharges by orders of magnitude. Moreover, when calculating dioxin-TEQ, the errors associated with adding multiple estimated values compound, resulting in values too uncertain for regulatory compliance purposes. Excluding values below MLs when adding multiple data points is consistent with how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency directs dischargers to calculate averages when some data are below practical quantitation limits (comparable to MLs). When adding values to determine averages, data points below the practical quantitation limit are to be treated as zeros ("Instructions for Completing EPA Form 3320-1" [Rev. 01/06]).

Although this Order revises the dioxin and furan MLs, the Dischargers must continue to report all measured and estimated congener concentrations with appropriate data qualifiers.

## **Rationale for Specific Provisions**

### **1. The provisions of the new Attachment G shall replace those of existing regional standard provisions.**

This provision replaces all the existing attachments containing regional standard provisions with the new Attachment G attached to this Order. With the new Attachment G in place, the existing attachments are no longer necessary. The rationale for the substantive revisions regarding dioxin-TEQ calculations is presented above.

Although the new Attachment G does not incorporate Regional Water Board Resolution Number 74-10 as some older permits did, that resolution remains in effect; this Order does not supersede it. The new Attachment G is consistent with Resolution Number 74-10 in that it implements Resolution Number 74-10 so inclusion of the resolution is no longer necessary.

### **2. References to the new Attachment G shall replace references to existing regional standard provisions.**

This provision replaces references to existing attachments containing regional standard provisions with references to the new Attachment G. It clarifies that, where the permits refer to existing attachments containing regional standard provisions, such references should now be construed to refer to the new Attachment G.

References to regional standard provisions appear in the main body of the permits and in monitoring and reporting programs (sometimes called “Self Monitoring Program Part B,” often in Attachment E of the permits). These references are located primarily in the sections indicated below. Section numbers are not provided since they vary among the permits. The specific language also varies. Therefore, the text below provides only illustrative examples of the modified references. These examples generally refer the regional standard provisions as Attachment G, as is typical for most permits listed in Table 1 of the Order.

#### ***References to Regional Standard Provisions in the Main Body of the Permits:***

- a. Discharge Prohibition (bypasses): The bypass of untreated or partially treated wastewater to waters of the United States is prohibited, except as provided for in 40 CFR 122.41(m)(4) and Attachment G (including *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for NPDES Surface Water Discharger Permits*, August 1993, if applicable).
- b. Provisions (standard provisions): The Discharger shall comply with Regional Standard Provisions (Attachment G) and any amendments thereto. Duplicative requirements in the federal Standard Provisions (Attachment D) and the Regional Standards Provisions (Attachment G) are not separate requirements. A violation of a duplicative requirement does not constitute two separate violations.



- c. Provisions (monitoring and reporting program requirements): The Discharger shall comply with the monitoring and reporting program, and any future revisions thereto. The Discharger shall also comply with the requirements contained in Attachment G (including *Self Monitoring Program Part A*, August 1993, if applicable).
- d. Provisions (special studies – effluent characterization for selected constituents): The Discharger shall continue to monitor and evaluate the discharge from specified discharge points for the constituents listed in Attachment G (including Enclosure A of the August 6, 2001, letter, if applicable) according to the sampling frequency listed in the monitoring and reporting program. Compliance shall be achieved in accordance with the specifications stated in Attachment G (including the August 6, 2001, letter, if applicable).
- e. Provisions (special provisions for POTWs – sludge/biosolids management practices requirements): Sludge/biosolids monitoring and reporting provisions of Attachment G apply to sludge/biosolids handling, disposal and reporting practices.

***References to Regional Standard Provisions in Monitoring and Reporting Programs:***

- a. General Monitoring Provisions: The Discharger shall comply with the monitoring and reporting program (or self monitoring program) for this order as adopted by the Regional Water Board, and with all the requirements contained in Attachment G (including *Self Monitoring Program Part A*, August 1993, if applicable).
- b. General Monitoring Provisions: Sampling and analysis of additional constituents is required pursuant to Attachment G (including Table 1 of the August 6, 2001, letter, if applicable).
- c. Effluent Monitoring Requirements (table text and footnotes): The sample type and analytical method should be as described in Attachment G (including the August 6, 2001, letter, if applicable).
- d. Reporting Requirements (general requirements): The Discharger shall comply with Attachment G (including *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for NPDES Surface Water Discharge Permits*, August 1993, and *Self Monitoring Program Part A*, August 1993, if applicable).
- e. Reporting Requirements (self monitoring reports): By February 1 of each year, the Discharger shall submit an annual report to the Regional Water Board covering the previous calendar year. The report shall contain the items described in Attachment G (including *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for NPDES Surface Water Discharge Permits*, August 1993, and *Self Monitoring Program Part A*, August 1993, if applicable).

**3. Modifications to existing regional standard provisions (including *Self Monitoring Program Part A, August 1993*) shall be rescinded.**

This provision rescinds modifications to the existing regional standard provisions. Since the new Attachment G replaces those provisions, the modifications are no longer meaningful.

**4. Certain provisions shall modify the new Attachment G for specific orders.**

These provisions replace some of the modifications to the existing regional standard provisions rescinded through Provision 3 of the Order. They are not new requirements. They modify the new Attachment G requirements in the same way that the rescinded modifications had modified the regional standard provisions rescinded through Provision 1 of the Order. The Order includes these requirements to be clear that they still apply.

**5. If conflicts exist between this Order's provisions and those of the orders listed in Table 1, this Order's provisions shall prevail.**

This provision clarifies which provisions prevail if apparent conflicts exist between the provisions of this Order and those of the orders amended by this Order. For example, it clarifies that the new Attachment G provisions supersede any existing references the dioxin and furan MLs and to the dioxin-TEQ calculation method.

**6. The Order shall become effective on **March 1, 2010**.**

This provision specifies the effective date of the Order.

**Anti-Backsliding Requirements**

Clean Water Act sections 402(o)(2) and 303(d)(4), and 40 CFR 122.44(l), prohibit backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require revised effluent limitations to be at least as stringent as those previously in place, with some exceptions. Because this Order changes how dioxin-TEQ is to be calculated, most Dischargers will likely report lower dioxin-TEQ values, thus they may more readily comply with their dioxin-TEQ effluent limits. However, this Order does not change any dioxin-TEQ effluent limits. Moreover, the final water quality-based limits in most permits listed in Table 1 have not yet become effective. In most cases, only interim limits intended only to maintain the *status quo* are in effect. Because all the limits remain as stringent as existing requirements, this Order complies with anti-backsliding requirements.

**Antidegradation Policies**

Antidegradation policies require that the existing quality of waters be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. State Water Board Resolution Number 68-16 sets forth California's antidegradation policy. Consistent with 40 CFR 131.12, Resolution Number 68-16 incorporates the federal antidegradation policy. The Basin Plan implements, and incorporates by reference, both the State and federal antidegradation policies. Permitted discharges must be consistent with these antidegradation policies.

This Order is consistent with antidegradation policies because it will not result in any additional pollutant discharges and will not reduce receiving water quality. Because this Order changes how dioxin-TEQ is to be calculated, most Dischargers will likely report lower dioxin-TEQ values, thus they may more readily comply with their dioxin-TEQ effluent limits. However, this Order does not change any dioxin-TEQ effluent limits. Moreover, the final limits in most permits listed in Table 1 have not yet become effective. In fact, no Discharger has upgraded its treatment operations specifically to control dioxin-TEQ. Therefore, no Discharger will forego any existing treatment because of this Order. Furthermore, all pollution minimization requirements in existing permits related to dioxins and furans remain in place.

This Order reflects up-to-date scientific information and protects beneficial uses by ensuring that the Dischargers do not cause or contribute to violations of the Basin Plan's bioaccumulation objective with respect to dioxins and furans. Since no change in dioxin and furan discharges is expected, antidegradation requirements are satisfied.

### **Notification of Interested Parties**

The Regional Water Board encouraged public participation in this amendment process. It notified the Dischargers and other interested parties, and provided an opportunity to submit written comments between November 18 and December 21, 2009. On <DATE>, *The Recorder* published a notice that the Regional Water Board would consider this item during its February 10, 2009, meeting.

**TABLE F-2  
DISCHARGER FACILITY INFORMATION**

<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>Facility Design Flow (mgd)</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>
Allied Defense Recycling	Mare Island Shipyard	Southeast Corner of 9 <sup>th</sup> St and Nimitz Ave Vallejo, CA 94592 Solano County	N/A	Mare Island Strait
American Canyon, City of	Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility	151 Mezzeta Court American Canyon, CA 94503 Napa County	2.5	North Slough
Benicia, City of	Benicia Wastewater Treatment Plant	614 East Fifth Street Benicia, CA 94510 Solano County	4.5	Carquinez Strait
Bottling Group, LLC	Bottling Group Hayward Plant	29000 Hesperian Blvd Hayward, CA 94545 Alameda County	0.180 (max. daily discharge rate)	Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Flood Channel
Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI)	Corinda Los Trancos (Ox Mountain) Landfill	12310 San Mateo Road Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 San Mateo County	0.1152 (average daily flow)	Corinda Los Trancos Creek
Burlingame, City of, and North Bayside System Unit	Burlingame Wastewater Treatment Plant	1103 Airport Blvd Burlingame, CA 94010 San Mateo County	5.5	Lower San Francisco Bay
C&H Sugar Company Inc. and Crockett Community Services District	Phillip F. Meads Water Treatment Plant	830 Loring Avenue Crockett, CA 94525 Contra Costa County	35 (cooling water) 1.78 (secondary)	Carquinez Strait
California Department of Transportation	Devil's Slide Tunnel Project	State Route 1 (Post Miles 38.0 – 40.4) San Mateo County	1.15 (maximum flow)	Pacific Ocean
Calistoga, City of	Dunaweal Wastewater Treatment Facility	1185 Dunaweal Lane Calistoga, CA 94515 Napa County	0.84	Napa River
Cedar Fair Entertainment Company	California's Great America	4701 Great America Parkway Santa Clara, CA 95054 Santa Clara County	Episodic	San Tomas Aquino Creek

<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>Facility Design Flow (mgd)</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant	5019 Imhoff Place Martinez, CA 94553 Contra Costa County	53.8	Suisun Bay
Central Marin Sanitary Agency	Central Marin Sanitation Agency Wastewater Treatment Plant	1301 Andersen Drive San Rafael, CA 94901 Marin County	10	Central San Francisco Bay
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Richmond Refinery, Chevron Chemical Company LLC, Richmond Plant, and General Chemical Corporation, Richmond Works	Richmond Refinery	841 Chevron Way Richmond, CA 94801 Contra Costa County	7.6 (average flow in 2005)	San Pablo Bay
ConocoPhillips	San Francisco Refinery	1380 San Pablo Ave Rodeo, CA 94572-1354 Contra Costa County	varies	San Pablo Bay
Crockett Cogeneration, LP and Pacific Crockett Energy, Inc.	Crockett Cogeneration Plant	550 Loring Avenue Crockett, CA 94525-1232 Contra Costa County	0.243 (daily discharge rate from 2000 to 2002)	Carquinez Strait
Crockett Community Services District	Port Costa Wastewater Treatment Plant	End of Canyon Lake Drive Port Costa, CA 94569 Contra Costa County	0.033	Carquinez Strait
Delta Diablo Sanitation District	Wastewater Treatment Plant	2500 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway Antioch, CA 94509 Contra Costa Count	16.5	New York Slough
Dow Chemical Company	Pittsburg Plant	901 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, CA 94565 Contra Costa County	0.54	New York Slough
Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA)	Dublin San Ramon Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant	7399 Johnson Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 Alameda County	20.2	Lower San Francisco Bay
East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA),	EBDA Common Outfall	EBDA Common Outfall 14150 Monarch Bay Drive	105.8	Lower San Francisco

Discharger	Facility Name	Facility Address	Facility Design Flow (mgd)	Receiving Water
including its member agencies: City of Hayward, City of San Leandro, Oro Loma Sanitary District, Castro Valley Sanitary District, Union Sanitary District, and Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA)	Hayward Water Pollution Control Facility	San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County		Bay
	San Leandro Water Pollution Control Plant			
	Oro Loma/Castro Valley Sanitary Districts Water Pollution Control Plant			
	Raymond A. Boege Alvarado Wastewater Treatment Plant			
	Livermore-Amador Valley Water management Agency (LAVWMA) Export and Storage Facilities			
	Dublin San Ramon Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant			
	City of Livermore Water Reclamation Plant			
East Bay Municipal Utilities District	Orinda Water Treatment Plant	190 Camino Pablo Orinda, CA 94563 Contra Costa County	135 (average) 200 (max),	San Pablo Creek
East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Special District No. 1	Water Pollution Control Plant	2020 Wake Avenue, Oakland, CA 94607 Alameda County	120	Central San Francisco Bay
East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Special District No. 1 (wet weather facilities)	Point Isabel Wet Weather Facility	2755 Point Isabel Street Richmond, CA 94804 Contra Costa County	100	Richmond Inner Harbor, part of Central San Francisco Bay

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	San Antonio Creek Wet Weather Facility	225 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Oakland, CA 94606 Alameda County	51	Oakland Inner Harbor, part of Lower San Francisco Bay
	Oakport Wet Weather Facility	5597 Oakport Street Oakland, CA 94621 Alameda County	158	East Creek Slough, tributary to Lower San Francisco Bay
East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Union Sanitary District (USD), and East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) (Hayward Shoreline Marsh)	Hayward Shoreline Marsh	3010 West Winton Road Hayward, CA 94544 Alameda County	20	Lower San Francisco Bay
East Brother Light Station, Inc.	East Brother Light Station	117 Park Place Point Richmond, CA 94801 Contra Costa County	0.00025	San Pablo Bay, Boynton Slough, Ledgewood Creek, Miller Creek
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District	Fairfield-Suisun Wastewater Treatment Plant	1010 Chadbourne Road Fairfield, CA 94534 Solano County	17.5	Boynton Slough, Ledgewood Creek
GFW Power Systems, LP, Site I	GFW – Site I Power Plant	895 East 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Pittsburg, CA 94565 Contra Costa County	0.045 (average)	New York Slough
GFW Power Systems, LP, Site V	GFW – Site V Power Plant	555 Nichols Road Bay Point, CA 94565 Contra Costa County	0.047 (average)	New York Slough
Kobe Precision, Inc.	Kobe Precision	1510 Zephyr Ave Hayward, CA 94544 Alameda County	0.2 max.	Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Flood Channel



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Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Sewage Treatment Plant	300 Smith Ranch Road San Rafael, CA 94903 Marin County	2.92	Miller Creek
Livermore, City of, Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), and East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA)	City of Livermore Water Reclamation Plant	101 W. Jack London Blvd. Livermore, CA 94551 Alameda County	8.5	Lower San Francisco Bay
Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA), Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), and City of Livermore	LAVWMA Export and Storage Facilities	7176 Johnson Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 Alameda County	21.5	San Lorenzo Creek and Alamo Canal
Marin County, Sanitary District No. 5 of (Paradise Cove)	Paradise Cove Treatment Plant	3700 Paradise Drive Tiburon, CA 94920 Marin County	0.08	Central San Francisco Bay
Marin County, Sanitary District No. 5 of (Tiburon)	Wastewater Treatment Plant	2001 Paradise Drive Tiburon, CA 94920 Marin County	0.98	Raccoon Strait to Central San Francisco Bay
Millbrae, City of, and North Bayside System Unit	Water Pollution Control Plant	400 East Millbrae Avenue Millbrae, CA 94030 San Mateo County	3	Lower San Francisco Bay
Mirant Delta, LLC	Pittsburg Power Plant	696 W. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Pittsburg, CA 94565 Contra Costa County	676	Suisun Bay
Mirant Potrero, LLC	Potrero Power Plant	1201-A Illinois Street San Francisco, CA 94107 San Francisco County	205	San Francisco Bay
Morton International, Inc, Morton Salt Division, Newark Facility	Morton Salt Division, Newark Facility	7380 Morton Ave Newark, CA 94560 Alameda County	0.0432 (average flow)	Alameda County Flood Control Ditch, tributary to Plummer Creek

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Mt. View Sanitary District	Mt. View Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant	3800 Arthur Road Martinez, CA 94553 Contra Costa County	3.2	Peyton Slough, a tributary to Carquinez Strait
Napa Sanitation District	Soscol Water Recycling Facility	151 Soscol Ferry Road Napa, CA 94558 Napa County	15.4	Napa River
North San Mateo County Sanitation District	North San Mateo County Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant	153 Lake Merced Blvd Daly City, CA 94015 San Mateo County	8	Pacific Ocean
Novato Sanitary District	The Novato Treatment Plant, The Ignacio Treatment Plant	Novato Treatment Plant: 500 Davidson Street Novato, CA 94945 Ignacio Treatment Plant; 445 Bel Marin Keys Blvd. Novato, CA 94945 Both in Marin County	5.4	San Pablo Bay
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)	PG&E Shell Pond	½ Mile Northwest of North Broadway Street Bay Point, CA 94565 Contra Costa County	1 (max. average dry weather)	Suisun Bay
Pacifica, City of	Calera Creek Water Recycling Plant	700 Coast Highway Pacifica, CA 94044 San Mateo County	4	Calera Creek
Palo Alto, City of	Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant	2501 Embarcadero Way Palo Alto, CA 94303 Santa Clara County	39	Unnamed manmade channel, tributary to Lower San Francisco Bay
Petaluma, City of	Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	950 Hopper Street Petaluma, CA 94952 Sonoma County	5.2	Petaluma River
Pinole, City of	Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant	11 Tennent Avenue Pinole, CA, 94564 Contra Costa County	4.06	San Pablo Bay
Potable Water Supply Dischargers (various)	Surface Water Treatment Facilities for Potable Supply	various	various	various

<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>Facility Design Flow (mgd)</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>
Rhodia, Inc.	Sulfuric Acid Regeneration Martinez Plant	100 Mococo Road Martinez, CA 94553 Contra Costa County	0.779 (potential maximum daily rate)	Suisun Bay
Rodeo Sanitary District	Rodeo Sanitary District Water Pollution Control Facility	800 San Pablo Ave. Rodeo, CA 94572 Contra Costa County	1.14	San Pablo Bay
Saint Helena, City of	City of St. Helena Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Plant	1 Thomann Lane St. Helena, CA 94574 Napa County	0.05	Napa River
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Drinking Water Transmission System)	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Drinking Water Transmission System	Multiple Cities Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties	2 to 5	Various
San Francisco, City and County of (Oceanside Plant)	Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant and Collection System, Including the Westside Wet Weather Facilities	3500 Great Highway San Francisco, CA 94132 San Francisco County	43	Pacific Ocean
San Francisco, City and County of (Southeast Plant)	Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant	750 Phelps Street San Francisco, CA 94124 San Francisco County	110	Lower San Francisco Bay
San Francisco, City and County of, and North Bayside System Unit (SF International Airport, Industrial Plant)	Mel Leong Treatment Plant, Industrial Plant	676 McDonnell Road San Francisco, CA 94128 San Francisco County	1.2	Lower San Francisco Bay
San Francisco, City and County of, and North Bayside System Unit (SF International Airport, Sanitary Plant)	Mel Leong Treatment Plant	918 Clearwater Drive San Francisco International Airport San Francisco, CA 94128	2.2	Lower San Francisco Bay
San Jose and Santa Clara, Cities of, San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant	San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant	4245 Zanker Road San Jose, CA 95134 Santa Clara County	167	Artesian Slough, tributary to South San Francisco Bay via Coyote Creek

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San Mateo, City of	City of San Mateo Wastewater Treatment Plant	2050 Detroit Drive San Mateo, CA 94404 San Mateo County	15.7	Lower San Francisco Bay
Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District	Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant	#1 Fort Baker Road Sausalito, CA 94965 Marín County	1.8	Central San Francisco Bay
Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside	Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside WWTP and the Intertie Pipeline System	1000 North Cabrillo Highway Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 San Mateo County	4	Pacific Ocean
Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin	Wastewater Treatment Plant	450 Sycamore Ave Mill Valley, CA 94941 Marín County	3.6	Raccoon Strait to Central San Francisco Bay
Shell Oil Products US and Equilon Enterprises, LLC	Shell Martínez Refinery	3485 Pacheco Blvd Martínez, CA 94553 Contra Costa County	5.8 (average flow in 2005)	Carquinez Strait
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	22675 8th Street East Sonoma, CA 95476 Sonoma County	3	Schell Slough, tributary to San Pablo Bay
South Bayside System Authority	South Bayside System Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant	1400 Radio Road Redwood City, CA 94065 San Mateo County	29	Lower San Francisco Bay
South San Francisco and San Bruno, Cities of	South San Francisco and San Bruno Water Quality Control Plant	195 Belle Air Road South San Francisco, CA 94080 San Mateo County	13	Lower San Francisco Bay
Sunnyvale, City of	Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant	1444 Borregas Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 Santa Clara County	29.5	Moffett Channel, tributary to Guadalupe Slough and South San Francisco Bay
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co.	Golden Eagle Refinery	150 Solano Way Martínez, CA 94553 Contra Costa County	varies	Suisun Bay

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Union Sanitary District (Intermittent Wet Weather)	Alvarado Wastewater Treatment Plant	5072 Benson Road Union City, CA 94587 Alameda County	8.4 mg per event	Old Alameda Creek
US Naval Support Activity, Treasure Island	Wastewater Treatment Plant	681 Avenue M, Treasure Island San Francisco, CA 94130 San Francisco County	2	San Francisco Bay
USS-Posco Industries	Pittsburg Plant	900 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, CA 94565 Contra Costa County	28	Suisun Bay
Valero Refining Company	Valero Benicia Refinery	3400 East Second St Benicia, CA 94510-1005 Solano County	varies	Suisun Bay
Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District	Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District Wastewater Treatment Plant	450 Ryder Street Vallejo, CA 94590 Solano County	15.5	Carquinez Strait, Mare Island Strait (tributary to Carquinez Strait)
West County Agency (West County Wastewater District, City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1)	West County Agency Combined Outfall	601 Canal Blvd. Richmond, CA 94804 Contra Costa County	28.5	Central San Francisco Bay
Yountville, Town of	Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	7501 Solano Avenue Yountville, CA 94599 Napa County	0.55	Napa River

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

**ATTACHMENT G**  
REGIONAL STANDARD PROVISIONS, AND MONITORING  
AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
(SUPPLEMENT TO ATTACHMENT D)

For

NPDES WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

March 2010

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**REGIONAL STANDARD PROVISIONS, AND MONITORING AND  
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(SUPPLEMENT TO ATTACHMENT D)**

**FOR**

**NPDES WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS**

**APPLICABILITY**

This document applies to dischargers covered by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This document does not apply to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES permits.

The purpose of this document is to supplement the requirements of Attachment D, Standard Provisions. The requirements in this supplemental document are designed to ensure permit compliance through preventative planning, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting. In addition, this document requires proper characterization of issues as they arise, and timely and full responses to problems encountered. To provide clarity on which sections of Attachment D this document supplements, this document is arranged in the same format as Attachment D.

**I. STANDARD PROVISIONS - PERMIT COMPLIANCE**

**A. Duty to Comply – Not Supplemented**

**B. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense – Not Supplemented**

**C. Duty to Mitigate – This supplements I.C. of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

- 1. Contingency Plan** - The Discharger shall maintain a Contingency Plan as originally required by Regional Water Board Resolution 74-10 and as prudent in accordance with current municipal facility emergency planning. The Contingency Plan shall describe procedures to ensure that existing facilities remain in, or are rapidly returned to, operation in the event of a process failure or emergency incident, such as employee strike, strike by suppliers of chemicals or maintenance services, power outage, vandalism, earthquake, or fire. The Discharger may combine the Contingency Plan and Spill Prevention Plan into one document. Discharge in violation of the permit where the Discharger has failed to develop and implement a Contingency Plan as described below will be the basis for considering the discharge a willful and negligent violation of the permit pursuant to California Water Code Section 13387. The Contingency Plan shall, at a minimum, contain the provisions of a. through g. below.

- a. Provision of personnel for continued operation and maintenance of sewerage facilities during employee strikes or strikes against contractors providing services.

- b. Maintenance of adequate chemicals or other supplies and spare parts necessary for continued operations of sewerage facilities.
  - c. Provisions of emergency standby power.
  - d. Protection against vandalism.
  - e. Expeditious action to repair failures of, or damage to, equipment and sewer lines.
  - f. Report of spills and discharges of untreated or inadequately treated wastes, including measures taken to clean up the effects of such discharges.
  - g. Programs for maintenance, replacement, and surveillance of physical condition of equipment, facilities, and sewer lines.
- 2. Spill Prevention Plan** - The Discharger shall maintain a Spill Prevention Plan to prevent accidental discharges and minimize the effects of such events. The Spill Prevention Plan shall:
- a. Identify the possible sources of accidental discharge, untreated or partially treated waste bypass, and polluted drainage;
  - b. Evaluate the effectiveness of present facilities and procedures, and state when they became operational; and
  - c. Predict the effectiveness of the proposed facilities and procedures, and provide an implementation schedule containing interim and final dates when they will be constructed, implemented, or operational.

This Regional Water Board, after review of the Contingency and Spill Prevention Plans or their updated revisions, may establish conditions it deems necessary to control accidental discharges and to minimize the effects of such events. Such conditions may be incorporated as part of the permit upon notice to the Discharger.

**D. Proper Operation & Maintenance – This supplements I.D of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

- 1. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual** - The Discharger shall maintain an O&M Manual to provide the plant and regulatory personnel with a source of information describing all equipment, recommended operational strategies, process control monitoring, and maintenance activities. To remain a useful and relevant document, the O&M Manual shall be kept updated to reflect significant changes in treatment facility equipment and operational practices. The O&M Manual shall be maintained in usable condition and be available for reference and use by all relevant personnel and Regional Water Board staff.
- 2. Wastewater Facilities Status Report** - The Discharger shall regularly review, revise, or update, as necessary, its Wastewater Facilities Status Report. This report shall document how the Discharger operates and maintains its wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal facilities to ensure that all facilities are adequately staffed, supervised, financed, operated,

maintained, repaired, and upgraded as necessary to provide adequate and reliable transport, treatment, and disposal of all wastewater from both existing and planned future wastewater sources under the Discharger's service responsibilities.

3. **Proper Supervision and Operation of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) -** POTWs shall be supervised and operated by persons possessing certificates of appropriate grade pursuant to Division 4, Chapter 14, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

**E. Property Rights – Not Supplemented**

**F. Inspection and Entry – Not Supplemented**

**G. Bypass – Not Supplemented**

**H. Upset – Not Supplemented**

**I. Other – This section is an addition to Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of pollutants shall create pollution, contamination, or nuisance as defined by California Water Code Section 13050.
2. Collection, treatment, storage, and disposal systems shall be operated in a manner that precludes public contact with wastewater, except in cases where excluding the public is infeasible, such as private property. If public contact with wastewater could reasonably occur on public property, warning signs shall be posted.
3. If the Discharger submits a timely and complete Report of Waste Discharge for permit reissuance, this permit continues in force and effect until a new permit is issued or the Regional Water Board rescinds the permit.

**J. Storm Water – This section is an addition to Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

These provisions apply to facilities that do not direct all storm water flows from the facility to the wastewater treatment plant headworks.

**1. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP Plan)**

The SWPP Plan shall be designed in accordance with good engineering practices and shall address the following objectives:

- a. To identify pollutant sources that may affect the quality of storm water discharges; and
- b. To identify, assign, and implement control measures and management practices to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges.

The SWPP Plan may be combined with the existing Spill Prevention Plan as required in accordance with Section C.2. The SWPP Plan shall be retained on-site and made available upon request of a representative of the Regional Water Board.

## 2. Source Identification

The SWPP Plan shall provide a description of potential sources that may be expected to add significant quantities of pollutants to storm water discharges, or may result in non-storm water discharges from the facility. The SWPP Plan shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

- a. A topographical map (or other acceptable map if a topographical map is unavailable), extending one-quarter mile beyond the property boundaries of the facility, showing the wastewater treatment facility process areas, surface water bodies (including springs and wells), and discharge point(s) where the facility's storm water discharges to a municipal storm drain system or other points of discharge to waters of the State. The requirements of this paragraph may be included in the site map required under the following paragraph if appropriate.
- b. A site map showing the following:
  - 1) Storm water conveyance, drainage, and discharge structures;
  - 2) An outline of the storm water drainage areas for each storm water discharge point;
  - 3) Paved areas and buildings;
  - 4) Areas of actual or potential pollutant contact with storm water or release to storm water, including but not limited to outdoor storage and process areas; material loading, unloading, and access areas; and waste treatment, storage, and disposal areas;
  - 5) Location of existing storm water structural control measures (i.e., berms, coverings, etc.);
  - 6) Surface water locations, including springs and wetlands; and
  - 7) Vehicle service areas.
- c. A narrative description of the following:
  - 1) Wastewater treatment process activity areas;
  - 2) Materials, equipment, and vehicle management practices employed to minimize contact of significant materials of concern with storm water discharges;
  - 3) Material storage, loading, unloading, and access areas;
  - 4) Existing structural and non-structural control measures (if any) to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges; and
  - 5) Methods of on-site storage and disposal of significant materials.

- d. A list of pollutants that have a reasonable potential to be present in storm water discharges in significant quantities.

### 3. Storm Water Management Controls

The SWPP Plan shall describe the storm water management controls appropriate for the facility and a time schedule for fully implementing such controls. The appropriateness and priorities of controls in the SWPP Plan shall reflect identified potential sources of pollutants. The description of storm water management controls to be implemented shall include, as appropriate:

- a. Storm water pollution prevention personnel

Identify specific individuals (and job titles) that are responsible for developing, implementing, and reviewing the SWPP Plan.

- b. Good housekeeping

Good housekeeping requires the maintenance of clean, orderly facility areas that discharge storm water. Material handling areas shall be inspected and cleaned to reduce the potential for pollutants to enter the storm drain conveyance system.

- c. Spill prevention and response

Identify areas where significant materials can spill into or otherwise enter storm water conveyance systems and their accompanying drainage points. Specific material handling procedures, storage requirements, and cleanup equipment and procedures shall be identified, as appropriate. The necessary equipment to implement a cleanup shall be available, and personnel shall be trained in proper response, containment, and cleanup of spills. Internal reporting procedures for spills of significant materials shall be established.

- d. Source control

Source controls include, for example, elimination or reduction of the use of toxic pollutants, covering of pollutant source areas, sweeping of paved areas, containment of potential pollutants, labeling of all storm drain inlets with “No Dumping” signs, isolation or separation of industrial and non-industrial pollutant sources so that runoff from these areas does not mix, etc.

- e. Storm water management practices

Storm water management practices are practices other than those that control the sources of pollutants. Such practices include treatment or conveyance structures, such as drop inlets, channels, retention and detention basins, treatment vaults, infiltration galleries, filters, oil/water separators, etc. Based on assessment of the potential of various sources to contribute pollutants to storm water discharges in significant quantities, additional storm water management practices to remove pollutants from storm water discharges shall be implemented and design criteria shall be described.

f. Sediment and erosion control

Measures to minimize erosion around the storm water drainage and discharge points, such as riprap, revegetation, slope stabilization, etc., shall be described.

g. Employee training

Employee training programs shall inform all personnel responsible for implementing the SWPP Plan. Training shall address spill response, good housekeeping, and material management practices. New employee and refresher training schedules shall be identified.

h. Inspections

All inspections shall be done by trained personnel. Material handling areas shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering storm water discharges. A tracking or follow up procedure shall be used to ensure appropriate response has been taken in response to an inspection. Inspections and maintenance activities shall be documented and recorded. Inspection records shall be retained for five years.

i. Records

A tracking and follow-up procedure shall be described to ensure that adequate response and corrective actions have been taken in response to inspections.

**4. Annual Verification of SWPP Plan**

An annual facility inspection shall be conducted to verify that all elements of the SWPP Plan are accurate and up-to-date. The results of this review shall be reported in the Annual Report to the Regional Water Board described in Section V.C.f.

**K. Biosolids Management – This section is an addition to Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

Biosolids must meet the following requirements prior to land application. The Discharger must either demonstrate compliance or, if it sends the biosolids to another party for further treatment or distribution, must give the recipient the information necessary to ensure compliance.

1. Exceptional quality biosolids meet the pollutant concentration limits in Table III of 40 CFR Part 503.13, Class A pathogen limits, and one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 503.33(b)(1)-(b)(8). Such biosolids do not have to be tracked further for compliance with general requirements (503.12) and management practices (503.14).
2. Biosolids used for agricultural land, forest, or reclamation shall meet the pollutant limits in Table I (ceiling concentrations) and Table II or Table III (cumulative loadings or pollutant concentration limits) of 503.13. They shall also meet the general requirements (503.12) and management practices (503.14) (if not exceptional quality biosolids) for Class A or Class B pathogen levels with associated access restrictions (503.32) and one of the 10 vector attraction reduction requirements in 503.33(b)(1)-(b)(10).
3. Biosolids used for lawn or home gardens must meet exceptional quality biosolids limits.



4. Biosolids sold or given away in a bag or other container must meet the pollutant limits in either Table III or Table IV (pollutant concentration limits or annual pollutant loading rate limits) of 503.13. If Table IV is used, a label or information sheet must be attached to the biosolids packing that explains Table IV (see 503.14). The biosolids must also meet the Class A pathogen limits and one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 503.33(b)(1)-(b)(8).

## II. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT ACTION – Not Supplemented

## III. STANDARD PROVISIONS – MONITORING

### A. Sampling and Analyses – This section is a supplement to III.A and III.B of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)

#### 1. Use of Certified Laboratories

Water and waste analyses shall be performed by a laboratory certified for these analyses in accordance with California Water Code Section 13176.

#### 2. Use of Appropriate Minimum Levels

Table C lists the suggested analytical methods for the 126 priority pollutants and other toxic pollutants that should be used, unless a particular method or minimum level (ML) is required in the MRP.

For priority pollutant monitoring, when there is more than one ML value for a given substance, the Discharger may select any one of those cited analytical methods for compliance determination provided the ML is below the effluent limitation and the water quality objective. If no ML value is below the effluent limitation and water quality objective, then the Regional Water Board will assign the lowest ML value indicated in Table C, and its associated analytical method for inclusion in the MRP. For effluent monitoring, this alternate method shall also be U.S. EPA-approved (such as the 1600 series) or one of those listed in Table C. All monitoring instruments and equipment shall be properly calibrated and maintained to ensure accuracy of measurements.

#### 3. Frequency of Monitoring

The minimum schedule of sampling analysis is specified in the MRP portion of the permit.

##### a. Timing of Sample Collection

- 1) The Discharger shall collect samples of influent on varying days selected at random and shall not include any plant recirculation or other sidestream wastes, unless otherwise stipulated by the MRP.
- 2) The Discharger shall collect samples of effluent on days coincident with influent sampling unless otherwise stipulated by the MRP or the Executive Officer. The Executive Officer may approve an alternative sampling plan if it is demonstrated to be representative of plant discharge flow and in compliance with all other permit requirements.

- 3) The Discharger shall collect grab samples of effluent during periods of day-time maximum peak effluent flows (or peak flows through secondary treatment units for facilities that recycle effluent flows).
  - 4) Effluent sampling for conventional pollutants shall occur on at least one day of any multiple-day bioassay test the MRP requires. During the course of the test, on at least one day, the Discharger shall collect and retain samples of the discharge. In the event a bioassay test does not comply with permits limits, the Discharger shall analyze these retained samples for pollutants that could be toxic to aquatic life and for which it has effluent limits.
    - i. The Discharger shall perform bioassay tests on final effluent samples; when chlorine is used for disinfection, bioassay tests shall be performed on effluent after chlorination-dechlorination; and
    - ii. The Discharger shall analyze for total ammonia nitrogen and calculate the amount of un-ionized ammonia whenever test results fail to meet the percent survival specified in the permit.
- b. Conditions Triggering Accelerated Monitoring
- 1) If the results from two consecutive samples of a constituent monitored in a 30-day period exceed the monthly average limit for any parameter (or if the required sampling frequency is once per month and the monthly sample exceeds the monthly average limit), the Discharger shall, within 24 hours after the results are received, increase its sampling frequency to daily until the results from the additional sampling show that the parameter is in compliance with the monthly average limit.
  - 2) If any maximum daily limit is exceeded, the Discharger shall increase its sampling frequency to daily within 24 hours after the results are received that indicate the exceedance of the maximum daily limit until two samples collected on consecutive days show compliance with the maximum daily limit.
  - 3) If final or intermediate results of an acute bioassay test indicate a violation or threatened violation (e.g., the percentage of surviving test organisms of any single acute bioassay test is less than 70 percent), the Discharger shall initiate a new test as soon as practical, and the Discharger shall investigate the cause of the mortalities and report its findings in the next self monitoring report (SMR).
  - 4) The Discharger shall calibrate chlorine residual analyzers against grab samples as frequently as necessary to maintain accurate control and reliable operation. If an effluent violation is detected, the Discharger shall collect grab samples at least every 30 minutes until compliance with the limit is achieved, unless the Discharger monitors chlorine residual continuously. In such cases, the Discharger shall continue to conduct continuous monitoring as required by its permit.
  - 5) When any type of bypass occurs, the Discharger shall collect samples on a daily basis for all constituents at affected discharge points that have effluent limits for the duration of the bypass (including acute toxicity using static renewals), except chronic toxicity, unless otherwise stipulated by the MRP.

c. Storm Water Monitoring

The requirements of this section only apply to facilities that are not covered by an NPDES permit for storm water discharges and where not all site storm drainage from process areas (i.e., areas of the treatment facility where chemicals or wastewater could come in contact with storm water) is directed to the headworks. For storm water not directed to the headworks during the wet season (October 1 to April 30), the Discharger shall:

- 1) Conduct visual observations of the storm water discharge locations during daylight hours at least once per month during a storm event that produces significant storm water discharge to observe the presence of floating and suspended materials, oil and grease, discoloration, turbidity, and odor, etc.
- 2) Measure (or estimate) the total volume of storm water discharge, collect grab samples of storm water discharge from at least two storm events that produce significant storm water discharge, and analyze the samples for oil and grease, pH, TSS, and specific conductance.

The grab samples shall be taken during the first 30 minutes of the discharge. If collection of the grab samples during the first 30 minutes is impracticable, grab samples may be taken during the first hour of the discharge, and the Discharger shall explain in the Annual Report why the grab sample(s) could not be taken in the first 30 minutes.

- 3) Testing for the presence of non-storm water discharges shall be conducted no less than twice during the dry season (May 1 to September 30) at all storm water discharge locations. Tests may include visual observations of flows, stains, sludges, odors, and other abnormal conditions; dye tests; TV line surveys; or analysis and validation of accurate piping schematics. Records shall be maintained describing the method used, date of testing, locations observed, and test results.
- 4) Samples shall be collected from all locations where storm water is discharged. Samples shall represent the quality and quantity of storm water discharged from the facility. If a facility discharges storm water at multiple locations, the Discharger may sample a reduced number of locations if it establishes and documents through the monitoring program that storm water discharges from different locations are substantially identical.
- 5) Records of all storm water monitoring information and copies of all reports required by the permit shall be retained for a period of at least three years from the date of sample, observation, or report.

d. Receiving Water Monitoring

The requirements of this section only apply when the MRP requires receiving water sampling.

- 1) Receiving water samples shall be collected on days coincident with effluent sampling for conventional pollutants.

- 2) Receiving water samples shall be collected at each station on each sampling day during the period within one hour following low slack water. Where sampling during lower slack water is impractical, sampling shall be performed during higher slack water. Samples shall be collected within the discharge plume and down current of the discharge point so as to be representative, unless otherwise stipulated in the MRP.
- 3) Samples shall be collected within one foot of the surface of the receiving water, unless otherwise stipulated in the MRP.

**B. Biosolids Monitoring – This section supplements III.B of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

When biosolids are sent to a landfill, sent to a surface disposal site, or applied to land as a soil amendment, they must be monitored as follows:

**1. Biosolids Monitoring Frequency**

Biosolids disposal must be monitored at the following frequency:

<b>Metric tons biosolids/365 days</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
0-290	Once per year
290-1500	Quarterly
1500-15,000	Six times per year
Over 15,000	Once per month

(Metric tons are on a dry weight basis)

**2. Biosolids Pollutants to Monitor**

Biosolids shall be monitored for the following constituents:

Land Application: arsenic, cadmium, copper, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, lead, selenium, and zinc

Municipal Landfill: Paint filter test (pursuant to 40 CFR 258)

Biosolids-only Landfill or Surface Disposal Site (if no liner and leachate system): arsenic, chromium, and nickel

**C. Standard Observations – This section is an addition to III of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

**1. Receiving Water Observations**

The requirements of this section only apply when the MRP requires standard observations of the receiving water. Standard observations shall include the following:

- a. *Floating and suspended materials* (e.g., oil, grease, algae, and other macroscopic particulate matter): presence or absence, source, and size of affected area.
- b. *Discoloration and turbidity*: description of color, source, and size of affected area.
- c. *Odor*: presence or absence, characterization, source, distance of travel, and wind direction.
- d. *Beneficial water use*: presence of water-associated waterfowl or wildlife, fisherpeople, and other recreational activities in the vicinity of each sampling station.
- e. *Hydrographic condition*: time and height of corrected high and low tides (corrected to nearest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration location for the sampling date and time of sample collection).
- f. *Weather conditions*:
  - 1) Air temperature; and
  - 2) Total precipitation during the five days prior to observation.

## 2. Wastewater Effluent Observations

The requirements of this section only apply when the MRP requires wastewater effluent standard observations. Standard observations shall include the following:

- a. *Floating and suspended material of wastewater origin* (e.g., oil, grease, algae, and other macroscopic particulate matter): presence or absence.
- b. *Odor*: presence or absence, characterization, source, distance of travel, and wind direction.

## 3. Beach and Shoreline Observations

The requirements of this section only apply when the MRP requires beach and shoreline standard observations. Standard observations shall include the following:

- a. *Material of wastewater origin*: presence or absence, description of material, estimated size of affected area, and source.
- b. *Beneficial use*: estimate number of people participating in recreational water contact, non-water contact, or fishing activities.

## 4. Land Retention or Disposal Area Observations

The requirements of this section only apply to facilities with on-site surface impoundments or disposal areas that are in use. This section applies to both liquid and solid wastes, whether confined or unconfined. The Discharger shall conduct the following for each impoundment:

- a. Determine the amount of freeboard at the lowest point of dikes confining liquid wastes.

- b. Report evidence of leaching liquid from area of confinement and estimated size of affected area. Show affected area on a sketch and volume of flow (e.g., gallons per minute [gpm]).
- c. Regarding odor, describe presence or absence, characterization, source, distance of travel, and wind direction.
- d. Estimate number of waterfowl and other water-associated birds in the disposal area and vicinity.

#### **5. Periphery of Waste Treatment and/or Disposal Facilities Observations**

The requirements of this section only apply when the MRP specifies periphery standard observations. Standard observations shall include the following:

- a. *Odor*: presence or absence, characterization, source, and distance of travel.
- b. *Weather conditions*: wind direction and estimated velocity.

### **IV. STANDARD PROVISIONS – RECORDS**

#### **A. Records to be Maintained – This supplements IV.A of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

The Discharger shall maintain records in a manner and at a location (e.g., wastewater treatment plant or Discharger offices) such that the records are accessible to Regional Water Board staff. The minimum period of retention specified in Section IV, Records, of the Federal Standard Provisions shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the subject discharge, or when requested by the Regional Water Board or Regional Administrator of USEPA, Region IX.

A copy of the permit shall be maintained at the discharge facility and be available at all times to operating personnel.

#### **B. Records of monitoring information shall include – This supplements IV.B of Standard Provision (Attachment D)**

##### **1. Analytical Information**

Records shall include analytical method detection limits, minimum levels, reporting levels, and related quantification parameters.

##### **2. Flow Monitoring Data**

For all required flow monitoring (e.g., influent and effluent flows), the additional records shall include the following, unless otherwise stipulated by the MRP:

- a. Total volume for each day; and
- b. Maximum, minimum, and average daily flows for each calendar month.

### 3. Wastewater Treatment Process Solids

- a. For each treatment unit process that involves solids removal from the wastewater stream, records shall include the following:
  - 1) Total volume or mass of solids removed from each collection unit (e.g., grit, skimmings, undigested biosolids, or combination) for each calendar month or other time period as appropriate, but not to exceed annually; and
  - 2) Final disposition of such solids (e.g., landfill, other subsequent treatment unit).
- b. For final dewatered biosolids from the treatment plant as a whole, records shall include the following:
  - 1) Total volume or mass of dewatered biosolids for each calendar month;
  - 2) Solids content of the dewatered biosolids; and
  - 3) Final disposition of dewatered biosolids (disposal location and disposal method).

### 4. Disinfection Process

For the disinfection process, these additional records shall be maintained documenting process operation and performance:

- a. For bacteriological analyses:
  - 1) Wastewater flow rate at the time of sample collection; and
  - 2) Required statistical parameters for cumulative bacterial values (e.g., moving median or geometric mean for the number of samples or sampling period identified in this Order).
- b. For the chlorination process, when chlorine is used for disinfection, at least daily average values for the following:
  - 1) Chlorine residual of treated wastewater as it enters the contact basin (mg/L);
  - 2) Chlorine dosage (kg/day); and
  - 3) Dechlorination chemical dosage (kg/day).

### 5. Treatment Process Bypasses

A chronological log of all treatment process bypasses, including wet weather blending, shall include the following:

- a. Identification of the treatment process bypassed;
- b. Dates and times of bypass beginning and end;
- c. Total bypass duration;
- d. Estimated total bypass volume; and
- e. Description of, or reference to other reports describing, the bypass event, the cause, the corrective actions taken (except for wet weather blending that is in compliance with permit conditions), and any additional monitoring conducted.

#### **6. Treatment Facility Overflows**

This section applies to records for overflows at the treatment facility. This includes the headworks and all units and appurtenances downstream. The Discharger shall retain a chronological log of overflows at the treatment facility and records supporting the information provided in section V.E.2.

#### **C. Claims of Confidentiality – Not Supplemented**

### **V. STANDARD PROVISIONS – REPORTING**

#### **A. Duty to Provide Information – Not Supplemented**

#### **B. Signatory and Certification Requirements – Not Supplemented**

#### **C. Monitoring Reports – This section supplements V.C of Standard Provisions (Attachment D)**

##### **1. Self Monitoring Reports**

For each reporting period established in the MRP, the Discharger shall submit an SMR to the Regional Water Board in accordance with the requirements listed in this document and at the frequency the MRP specifies. The purpose of the SMR is to document treatment performance, effluent quality, and compliance with the waste discharge requirements of this Order.

- a. Transmittal letter

Each SMR shall be submitted with a transmittal letter. This letter shall include the following:

- 1) Identification of all violations of effluent limits or other waste discharge requirements found during the reporting period;
- 2) Details regarding violations: parameters, magnitude, test results, frequency, and dates;
- 3) Causes of violations;



- 4) Discussion of corrective actions taken or planned to resolve violations and prevent recurrences, and dates or time schedule of action implementation (if previous reports have been submitted that address corrective actions, reference to the earlier reports is satisfactory);
- 5) Data invalidation (Data should not be submitted in an SMR if it does not meet quality assurance/quality control standards. However, if the Discharger wishes to invalidate any measurement after it was submitted in an SMR, a letter shall identify the measurement suspected to be invalid and state the Discharger's intent to submit, within 60 days, a formal request to invalidate the measurement. This request shall include the original measurement in question, the reason for invalidating the measurement, all relevant documentation that supports invalidation [e.g., laboratory sheet, log entry, test results, etc.], and discussion of the corrective actions taken or planned [with a time schedule for completion] to prevent recurrence of the sampling or measurement problem.);
- 6) If the Discharger blends, the letter shall describe the duration of blending events and certify whether blended effluent was in compliance with the conditions for blending; and
- 7) Signature (The transmittal letter shall be signed according to Section V.B of this Order, Attachment D – Standard Provisions.).

b. Compliance evaluation summary

Each report shall include a compliance evaluation summary. This summary shall include each parameter for which the permit specifies effluent limits, the number of samples taken during the monitoring period, and the number of samples that exceed applicable effluent limits.

c. Results of analyses and observations

- 1) Tabulations of all required analyses and observations, including parameter, date, time, sample station, type of sample, test result, method detection limit, method minimum level, and method reporting level, if applicable, signed by the laboratory director or other responsible official.
- 2) When determining compliance with an average monthly effluent limitation and more than one sample result is available in a month, the Discharger shall compute the arithmetic mean unless the data set contains one or more reported determinations of detected but not quantified (DNQ) or nondetect (ND). In those cases, the Discharger shall compute the median in place of the arithmetic mean in accordance with the following procedure:
  - i. The data set shall be ranked from low to high, reported ND determinations lowest, DNQ determinations next, followed by quantified values (if any). The order of the individual ND or DNQ determinations is unimportant.
  - ii. The median value of the data set shall be determined. If the data set has an odd number of data points, then the median is the middle value. If the data set has an even number of data points, then the median is the average of the

two values around the middle unless one or both of the points are ND or DNQ, in which case the median value shall be the lower of the two data points where DNQ is lower than a value and ND is lower than DNQ.

If a sample result, or the arithmetic mean or median of multiple sample results, is below the reporting limit, and there is evidence that the priority pollutant is present in the effluent above an effluent limitation and the Discharger conducts a Pollutant Minimization Program, the Discharger shall not be deemed out of compliance.

- 3) Dioxin-TEQ Reporting: The Discharger shall report for each dioxin and furan congener the analytical results of effluent monitoring, including the quantifiable limit (reporting level), the method detection limit, and the measured concentration. The Discharger shall report all measured values of individual congeners, including data qualifiers. When calculating dioxin-TEQ, the Discharger shall set congener concentrations below the minimum levels (ML) to zero. The Discharger shall calculate and report dioxin-TEQs using the following formula, where the MLs, toxicity equivalency factors (TEFs), and bioaccumulation equivalency factors (BEFs) are as provided in Table A:

**Table A**

Minimum Levels, Toxicity Equivalency Factors,  
and Bioaccumulation Equivalency Factors

Dioxin or Furan Congener	Minimum Level (pg/L)	1998 Toxicity Equivalency Factor (TEF)	Bioaccumulation Equivalency Factor (BEF)
2,3,7,8-TCDD	10	1.0	1.0
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDD	50	1.0	0.9
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDD	50	0.1	0.3
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDD	50	0.1	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDD	50	0.1	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDD	50	0.01	0.05
OCDD	100	0.0001	0.01
2,3,7,8-TCDF	10	0.1	0.8
1,2,3,7,8-PeCDF	50	0.05	0.2
2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF	50	0.5	1.6
1,2,3,4,7,8-HxCDF	50	0.1	0.08
1,2,3,6,7,8-HxCDF	50	0.1	0.2
1,2,3,7,8,9-HxCDF	50	0.1	0.6
2,3,4,6,7,8-HxCDF	50	0.1	0.7
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HpCDF	50	0.01	0.01
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HpCDF	50	0.01	0.4
OCDF	100	0.0001	0.02

$$\text{Dioxin-TEQ} = \Sigma (C_x \times \text{TEF}_x \times \text{BEF}_x)$$

where:

$C_x$  = measured or estimated concentration of congener  $x$

$\text{TEF}_x$  = toxicity equivalency factor for congener  $x$

$\text{BEF}_x$  = bioaccumulation equivalency factor for congener  $x$

d. Data reporting for results not yet available

The Discharger shall make all reasonable efforts to obtain analytical data for required parameter sampling in a timely manner. Certain analyses require additional time to complete analytical processes and report results. For cases where required monitoring parameters require additional time to complete analytical processes and reports, and results are not available in time to be included in the SMR for the subject monitoring period, the Discharger shall describe such circumstances in the SMR and include the data for these parameters and relevant discussions of any observed exceedances in the next SMR due after the results are available.

e. Flow data

The Discharger shall provide flow data tabulation pursuant to Section IV.B.2.

f. Annual self monitoring report requirements

By the date specified in the MRP, the Discharger shall submit an annual report to the Regional Water Board covering the previous calendar year. The report shall contain the following:

- 1) Annual compliance summary table of treatment plant performance, including documentation of any blending events;
- 2) Comprehensive discussion of treatment plant performance and compliance with the permit (This discussion shall include any corrective actions taken or planned, such as changes to facility equipment or operation practices that may be needed to achieve compliance, and any other actions taken or planned that are intended to improve performance and reliability of the Discharger's wastewater collection, treatment, or disposal practices.);
- 3) Both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data for the previous year if parameters are monitored at a frequency of monthly or greater;
- 4) List of approved analyses, including the following:
  - (i) List of analyses for which the Discharger is certified;
  - (ii) List of analyses performed for the Discharger by a separate certified laboratory and copies of reports signed by the laboratory director of that laboratory shall not be submitted but retained onsite;
  - (iii) List of "waived" analyses, as approved;

- 5) Plan view drawing or map showing the Discharger's facility, flow routing, and sampling and observation station locations;
- 6) Results of annual facility inspection to verify that all elements of the SWPP Plan are accurate and up to date (only required if the Discharger does not route all storm water to the headworks of its wastewater treatment plant); and
- 7) Results of facility report reviews (The Discharger shall regularly review, revise, and update, as necessary, the O&M Manual, the Contingency Plan, the Spill Prevention Plan, and Wastewater Facilities Status Report so that these documents remain useful and relevant to current practices. At a minimum, reviews shall be conducted annually. The Discharger shall include, in each Annual Report, a description or summary of review and evaluation procedures, recommended or planned actions, and an estimated time schedule for implementing these actions. The Discharger shall complete changes to these documents to ensure they are up-to-date.).

g. Report submittal

The Discharger shall submit SMRs to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
 San Francisco Bay Region  
 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
 Oakland, CA 94612  
 Attn: NPDES Wastewater Division

h. Reporting data in electronic format

The Discharger has the option to submit all monitoring results in an electronic reporting format approved by the Executive Officer. If the Discharger chooses to submit SMRs electronically, the following shall apply:

- 1) *Reporting Method*: The Discharger shall submit SMRs electronically via a process approved by the Executive Officer (see, for example, the letter dated December 17, 1999, "Official Implementation of Electronic Reporting System [ERS]" and the progress report letter dated December 17, 2000).
- 2) *Monthly or Quarterly Reporting Requirements*: For each reporting period (monthly or quarterly as specified in the MRP), the Discharger shall submit an electronic SMR to the Regional Water Board in accordance with the provisions of Section V.C.1.a-e, except for requirements under Section V.C.1.c(1) where ERS does not have fields for dischargers to input certain information (e.g., sample time). However, until USEPA approves the electronic signature or other signature technologies, Dischargers that use ERS shall submit a hard copy of the original transmittal letter, an ERS printout of the data sheet, and a violation report (a receipt of the electronic transmittal shall be retained by the Discharger). This electronic SMR submittal suffices for the signed tabulations specified under Section V.C.1.c(1).

- 3) *Annual Reporting Requirements*: Dischargers who have submitted data using the ERS for at least one calendar year are exempt from submitting the portion of the annual report required under Section V.C.1.f(1) and (3).

**D. Compliance Schedules – Not supplemented**

**E. Twenty-Four Hour Reporting – This section supplements V.E of Standard Provision (Attachment D)**

**1. Spill of Oil or Other Hazardous Material Reports**

- a. Within 24 hours of becoming aware of a spill of oil or other hazardous material that is not contained onsite and completely cleaned up, the Discharger shall report by telephone to the Regional Water Board at (510) 622-2369.
- b. The Discharger shall also report such spills to the State Office of Emergency Services [telephone (800) 852-7550] only when the spills are in accordance with applicable reporting quantities for hazardous materials.
- c. The Discharger shall submit a written report to the Regional Water Board within five working days following telephone notification unless directed otherwise by Regional Water Board staff. A report submitted electronically is acceptable. The written report shall include the following:
  - 1) Date and time of spill, and duration if known;
  - 2) Location of spill (street address or description of location);
  - 3) Nature of material spilled;
  - 4) Quantity of material involved;
  - 5) Receiving water body affected, if any;
  - 6) Cause of spill;
  - 7) Estimated size of affected area;
  - 8) Observed impacts to receiving waters (e.g., oil sheen, fish kill, water discoloration);
  - 9) Corrective actions taken to contain, minimize, or clean up the spill;
  - 10) Future corrective actions planned to be taken to prevent recurrence, and schedule of implementation; and
  - 11) Persons or agencies notified.

## 2. Unauthorized Discharges from Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants<sup>1</sup>

The following requirements apply to municipal wastewater treatment plants that experience an unauthorized discharge at their treatment facilities and are consistent with and supercede requirements imposed on the Discharger by the Executive Officer by letter of May 1, 2008, issued pursuant to California Water Code Section 13383.

### a. Two (2)-Hour Notification

For any unauthorized discharges that result in a discharge to a drainage channel or a surface water, the Discharger shall, as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after becoming aware of the discharge, notify the State Office of Emergency Services (telephone 800-852-7550), the local health officers or directors of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water bodies, and the Regional Water Board. The notification to the Regional Water Board shall be via the Regional Water Board's online reporting system at [www.wbers.net](http://www.wbers.net), and shall include the following:

- 1) Incident description and cause;
- 2) Location of threatened or involved waterway(s) or storm drains;
- 3) Date and time the unauthorized discharge started;
- 4) Estimated quantity and duration of the unauthorized discharge (to the extent known), and the estimated amount recovered;
- 5) Level of treatment prior to discharge (e.g., raw wastewater, primary treated, undisinfected secondary treated, and so on); and
- 6) Identity of the person reporting the unauthorized discharge.

### b. 24-hour Certification

Within 24 hours, the Discharger shall certify to the Regional Water Board, at [www.wbers.net](http://www.wbers.net), that the State Office of Emergency Services and the local health officers or directors of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water bodies have been notified of the unauthorized discharge.

### c. 5-Day Written Report

Within five business days, the Discharger shall submit a written report, via the Regional Water Board's online reporting system at [www.wbers.net](http://www.wbers.net), that includes, in addition to the information required above, the following:

- 1) Methods used to delineate the geographical extent of the unauthorized discharge within receiving waters;

<sup>1</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 2250(b), defines an unauthorized discharge to be a discharge, not regulated by waste discharge requirements, of treated, partially treated, or untreated wastewater resulting from the intentional or unintentional diversion of wastewater from a collection, treatment or disposal system.

- 2) Efforts implemented to minimize public exposure to the unauthorized discharge;
  - 3) Visual observations of the impacts (if any) noted in the receiving waters (e.g., fish kill, discoloration of water) and the extent of sampling if conducted;
  - 4) Corrective measures taken to minimize the impact of the unauthorized discharge;
  - 5) Measures to be taken to minimize the chances of a similar unauthorized discharge occurring in the future;
  - 6) Summary of Spill Prevention Plan or O&M Manual modifications to be made, if necessary, to minimize the chances of future unauthorized discharges; and
  - 7) Quantity and duration of the unauthorized discharge, and the amount recovered.
- d. Communication Protocol

To clarify the multiple levels of notification, certification, and reporting, the current communication requirements for unauthorized discharges from municipal wastewater treatment plants are summarized in Table B that follows.

**F. Planned Changes – Not supplemented**

**G. Anticipated Noncompliance – Not supplemented**

**H. Other Noncompliance – Not supplemented**

**I. Other Information – Not supplemented**

**VI. STANDARD PROVISIONS – ENFORCEMENT – Not Supplemented**

**VII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS – NOTIFICATION LEVELS – Not Supplemented**

**Table B**

Summary of Communication Requirements for Unauthorized Discharges<sup>1</sup> from  
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants

<b>Discharger is required to:</b>	<b>Agency Receiving Information</b>	<b>Time frame</b>	<b>Method for Contact</b>
1. Notify	California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA)	As soon as possible, but not later than <b>2 hours</b> after becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge.	Telephone – (800) 852-7550 (obtain a control number from Cal EMA)
	Local health department	As soon as possible, but not later than <b>2 hours</b> after becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge.	Depends on local health department
	Regional Water Board	As soon as possible, but not later than <b>2 hours</b> after becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge.	Electronic <sup>2</sup> <a href="http://www.wbers.net">www.wbers.net</a>
2. Certify	Regional Water Board	As soon as possible, but not later than <b>24 hours</b> after becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge.	Electronic <sup>3</sup> <a href="http://www.wbers.net">www.wbers.net</a>
3. Report	Regional Water Board	Within <b>5 business days</b> of becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge.	Electronic <sup>4</sup> <a href="http://www.wbers.net">www.wbers.net</a>

- <sup>1</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 2250(b), defines an unauthorized discharge to be a discharge, not regulated by waste discharge requirements, of treated, partially treated, or untreated wastewater resulting from the intentional or unintentional diversion of wastewater from a collection, treatment or disposal system.
- <sup>2</sup> In the event that the Discharger is unable to provide online notification within 2 hours of becoming aware of an unauthorized discharge, it shall phone the Regional Water Board's spill hotline at (510) 622-2369 and convey the same information contained in the notification form. In addition, within 3 business days of becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge, the Discharger shall enter the notification information into the Regional Water Board's online system in electronic format.
- <sup>3</sup> In most instances, the 2-hour notification will also satisfy 24-hour certification requirements. This is because the notification form includes fields for documenting that OES and the local health department have been contacted. In other words, if the Discharger is able to complete all the fields in the notification form within 2 hours, certification requirements are also satisfied. In the event that the Discharger is unable to provide online certification within 24 hours of becoming aware of an unauthorized discharge, it shall phone the Regional Water Board's spill hotline at (510) 622-2369 and convey the same information contained in the certification form. In addition, within 3 business days of becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge, the Discharger shall enter the certification information into the Regional Water Board's online system in electronic format.
- <sup>4</sup> If the Discharger cannot satisfy the 5-day reporting requirements via the Regional Water Board's online reporting system, it shall submit a written report (preferably electronically in pdf) to the appropriate Regional Water Board case manager. In cases where the Discharger cannot satisfy the 5-day reporting requirements via the online reporting system, it must still complete the Regional Water Board's online reporting requirements within 15 calendar days of becoming aware of the unauthorized discharge.



### VIII. DEFINITIONS – This section is an addition to Standard Provisions (Attachment D)

More definitions can be found in Attachment A of this NPDES Permit.

#### 1. Arithmetic Calculations

- a. Geometric mean is the antilog of the log mean or the back-transformed mean of the logarithmically transformed variables, which is equivalent to the multiplication of the antilogarithms. The geometric mean can be calculated with either of the following equations:

$$\text{Geometric Mean} = \text{Anti log} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Log}(C_i) \right)$$

or

$$\text{Geometric Mean} = (C_1 * C_2 * \dots * C_N)^{1/N}$$

Where “N” is the number of data points for the period analyzed and “C” is the concentration for each of the “N” data points.

- b. Mass emission rate is obtained from the following calculation for any calendar day:

$$\text{Mass emission rate (lb/day)} = \frac{8.345}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i C_i$$

$$\text{Mass emission rate (kg/day)} = \frac{3.785}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i C_i$$

In which “N” is the number of samples analyzed in any calendar day and “Q<sub>i</sub>” and “C<sub>i</sub>” are the flow rate (MGD) and the constituent concentration (mg/L) associated with each of the “N” grab samples that may be taken in any calendar day. If a composite sample is taken, “C<sub>i</sub>” is the concentration measured in the composite sample and “Q<sub>i</sub>” is the average flow rate occurring during the period over which the samples are composited. The daily concentration of a constituent measured over any calendar day shall be determined from the flow-weighted average of the same constituent in the combined waste streams as follows:

$$C_d = \text{Average daily concentration} = \frac{1}{Q_t} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i C_i$$

In which “N” is the number of component waste streams and “Q” and “C” are the flow rate (MGD) and the constituent concentration (mg/L) associated with each of the “N” waste streams. “Q<sub>t</sub>” is the total flow rate of the combined waste streams.

- c. Maximum allowable mass emission rate, whether for a 24-hour, weekly 7-day, monthly 30-day, or 6-month period, is a limitation expressed as a daily rate determined with the

formulas in the paragraph above, using the effluent concentration limit specified in the permit for the period and the specified allowable flow.

- d. POTW removal efficiency is the ratio of pollutants removed by the treatment facilities to pollutants entering the treatment facilities (expressed as a percentage). The Discharger shall determine removal efficiencies using monthly averages (by calendar month unless otherwise specified) of pollutant concentration of influent and effluent samples collected at about the same time and using the following equation (or its equivalent):

$$\text{Removal Efficiency (\%)} = 100 \times [1 - (\text{Effluent Concentration} / \text{Influent Concentration})]$$

2. Biosolids means the solids, semi-liquid suspensions of solids, residues, screenings, grit, scum, and precipitates separated from or created in wastewater by the unit processes of a treatment system. It also includes, but is not limited to, all supernatant, filtrate, centrate, decantate, and thickener overflow and underflow in the solids handling parts of the wastewater treatment system.
3. Blending is the practice of recombining wastewater that has been biologically treated with wastewater that has bypassed around biological treatment units.
4. Bottom sediment sample is (1) a separate grab sample taken at each sampling station for the determination of selected physical-chemical parameters, or (2) four grab samples collected from different locations in the immediate vicinity of a sampling station while the boat is anchored and analyzed separately for macroinvertebrates.
5. Composite sample is a sample composed of individual grab samples collected manually or by an automatic sampling device on the basis of time or flow as specified in the MRP. For flow-based composites, the proportion of each grab sample included in the composite sample shall be within plus or minus five percent (+/-5%) of the representative flow rate of the waste stream being measured at the time of grab sample collection. Alternatively, equal volume grab samples may be individually analyzed with the flow-weighted average calculated by averaging flow-weighted ratios of each grab sample analytical result. Grab samples comprising time-based composite samples shall be collected at intervals not greater than those specified in the MRP. The quantity of each grab sample comprising a time-based composite sample shall be a set of flow proportional volumes as specified in the MRP. If a particular time-based or flow-based composite sampling protocol is not specified in the MRP, the Discharger shall determine and implement the most representative sampling protocol for the given parameter subject to Executive Officer approval.
6. Depth-integrated sample is defined as a water or waste sample collected by allowing a sampling device to fill during a vertical traverse in the waste or receiving water body being sampled. The Discharger shall collect depth-integrated samples in such a manner that the collected sample will be representative of the waste or water body at that sampling point.
7. Flow sample is an accurate measurement of the average daily flow volume using a properly calibrated and maintained flow measuring device.
8. Grab sample is an individual sample collected in a short period of time not exceeding 15 minutes. Grab samples represent only the condition that exists at the time the wastewater is collected.
9. Initial dilution is the process that results in the rapid and irreversible turbulent mixing of wastewater with receiving water around the point of discharge.

10. Overflow is the intentional or unintentional spilling or forcing out of untreated or partially treated wastes from a transport system (e.g., through manholes, at pump stations, and at collection points) upstream from the treatment plant headworks or from any part of a treatment plant facility.
11. Priority pollutants are those constituents referred to in 40 CFR Part 122 as promulgated in the Federal Register, Vol. 65, No. 97, Thursday, May 18, 2000, also known as the California Toxics Rule, the presence or discharge of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with maintaining designated uses.
12. Storm water means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. It excludes infiltration and runoff from agricultural land.
13. Toxic pollutant means any pollutant listed as toxic under federal Clean Water Act section 307(a)(1) or under 40 CFR 401.15.
14. Untreated waste is raw wastewater.
15. Waste, waste discharge, discharge of waste, and discharge are used interchangeably in the permit. The requirements of the permit apply to the entire volume of water, and the material therein, that is disposed of to surface and ground waters of the State of California.

**Table C**

## List of Monitoring Parameters and Analytical Methods

CTR No.	Pollutant/Parameter	Analytical Method <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Levels <sup>2</sup> (µg/l)											
			GC	GCMS	LC	Color	FAA	GFAA	ICP	ICP MS	SPGFAA	HYD RIDE	CVAA	DCP
1.	Antimony	204.2					10	5	50	0.5	5	0.5		1000
2.	Arsenic	206.3				20		2	10	2	2	1		1000
3.	Beryllium						20	0.5	2	0.5	1			1000
4.	Cadmium	200 or 213				10	0.5	10	0.25	0.5				1000
5a.	Chromium (III)	SM 3500												
5b.	Chromium (VI)	SM 3500				10	5							1000
6.	Copper	200.9					25	5	10	0.5	2			1000
7.	Lead	200.9					20	5	5	0.5	2			10,000
8.	Mercury	1631 (note) <sup>3</sup>												
9.	Nickel	249.2					50	5	20	1	5			1000
10.	Selenium	200.8 or SM 3114B or C						5	10	2	5	1		1000
11.	Silver	272.2					10	1	10	0.25	2			1000
12.	Thallium	279.2					10	2	10	1	5			1000
13.	Zinc	200 or 289					20		20	1	10			
14.	Cyanide	SM 4500 CN <sup>-</sup> C or I				5								
15.	Asbestos (only required for dischargers to MUN waters) <sup>4</sup>	0100.2 <sup>5</sup>												
16.	2,3,7,8-TCDD and 17 congeners (Dioxin)	1613												
17.	Acrolein	603	2.0	5										
18.	Acrylonitrile	603	2.0	2										
19.	Benzene	602	0.5	2										
33.	Ethylbenzene	602	0.5	2										
39.	Toluene	602	0.5	2										

<sup>1</sup> The suggested method is the USEPA Method unless otherwise specified (SM = Standard Methods). The discharger may use another USEPA-approved or recognized method if that method has a level of quantification below the applicable water quality objective. Where no method is suggested, the Discharger has the discretion to use any standard method.

<sup>2</sup> Minimum levels are from the *State Implementation Policy*. They are the concentration of the lowest calibration standard for that technique based on a survey of contract laboratories. Laboratory techniques are defined as follows: GC = Gas Chromatography; GCMS = Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry; LC = High Pressure Liquid Chromatography; Color = Colorimetric; FAA = Flame Atomic Absorption; GFAA = Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption; ICP = Inductively Coupled Plasma; ICPMS = Inductively Coupled Plasma/Mass Spectrometry; SPGFAA = Stabilized Platform Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption (i.e., U.S. EPA 200.9); Hydride = Gaseous Hydride Atomic Absorption; CVAA = Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption; DCP = Direct Current Plasma.

<sup>3</sup> The Discharger shall use ultra-clean sampling (USEPA Method 1669) and ultra-clean analytical methods (USEPA Method 1631) for mercury monitoring. The minimum level for mercury is 2 ng/l (or 0.002 µg/l).

<sup>4</sup> MUN = Municipal and Domestic Supply. This designation, if applicable, is in the Findings of the permit.

<sup>5</sup> *Determination of Asbestos Structures over 10 [micrometers] in Length in Drinking Water Using MCE Filters*, U.S. EPA 600/R-94-134, June 1994.

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			GC	GCMS	LC	Color	FAA	GFAA	ICP	ICP MS	SPGFAA	HYD RIDE	CVAA	DCP
20.	Bromoform	601	0.5	2										
21.	Carbon Tetrachloride	601	0.5	2										
22.	Chlorobenzene	601	0.5	2										
23.	Chlorodibromomethane	601	0.5	2										
24.	Chloroethane	601	0.5	2										
25.	2-Chloroethylvinyl Ether	601	1	1										
26.	Chloroform	601	0.5	2										
75.	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	601	0.5	2										
76.	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	601	0.5	2										
77.	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	601	0.5	2										
27.	Dichlorobromomethane	601	0.5	2										
28.	1,1-Dichloroethane	601	0.5	1										
29.	1,2-Dichloroethane	601	0.5	2										
30.	1,1-Dichloroethylene or 1,1-Dichloroethene	601	0.5	2										
31.	1,2-Dichloropropane	601	0.5	1										
32.	1,3-Dichloropropylene or 1,3-Dichloropropene	601	0.5	2										
34.	Methyl Bromide or Bromomethane	601	1.0	2										
35.	Methyl Chloride or Chloromethane	601	0.5	2										
36.	Methylene Chloride or Dichlorormethane	601	0.5	2										
37.	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	601	0.5	1										
38.	Tetrachloroethylene	601	0.5	2										
40.	1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene	601	0.5	1										
41.	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	601	0.5	2										
42.	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	601	0.5	2										
43.	Trichloroethene	601	0.5	2										
44.	Vinyl Chloride	601	0.5	2										
45.	2-Chlorophenol	604	2	5										
46.	2,4-Dichlorophenol	604	1	5										
47.	2,4-Dimethylphenol	604	1	2										
48.	2-Methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol or Dinitro-2-methylphenol	604	10	5										
49.	2,4-Dinitrophenol	604	5	5										
50.	2-Nitrophenol	604		10										
51.	4-Nitrophenol	604	5	10										
52.	3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol	604	5	1										
53.	Pentachlorophenol	604	1	5										
54.	Phenol	604	1	1		50								
55.	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	604	10	10										
56.	Acenaphthene	610 HPLC	1	1	0.5									
57.	Acenaphthylene	610 HPLC		10	0.2									
58.	Anthracene	610 HPLC		10	2									
60.	Benzo(a)Anthracene or 1,2 Benzanthracene	610 HPLC	10	5										
61.	Benzo(a)Pyrene	610 HPLC		10	2									
62.	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene or 3,4 Benzofluoranthene	610 HPLC		10	10									
63.	Benzo(ghi)Perylene	610 HPLC		5	0.1									

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			GC	GCMS	LC	Color	FAA	GFAA	ICP	ICP MS	SPGFAA	HYD RIDE	CVAA	DCP
64.	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene	610 HPLC		10	2									
74.	Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene	610 HPLC		10	0.1									
86.	Fluoranthene	610 HPLC	10	1	0.05									
87.	Fluorene	610 HPLC		10	0.1									
92.	Indeno(1,2,3-cd) Pyrene	610 HPLC		10	0.05									
100.	Pyrene	610 HPLC		10	0.05									
68.	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate	606 or 625	10	5										
70.	Butylbenzyl Phthalate	606 or 625	10	10										
79.	Diethyl Phthalate	606 or 625	10	2										
80.	Dimethyl Phthalate	606 or 625	10	2										
81.	Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	606 or 625		10										
84.	Di-n-Octyl Phthalate	606 or 625		10										
59.	Benzidine	625		5										
65.	Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane	625		5										
66.	Bis(2-Chloroethyl)Ether	625	10	1										
67.	Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)Ether	625	10	2										
69.	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether	625	10	5										
71.	2-Chloronaphthalene	625		10										
72.	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether	625		5										
73.	Chrysene	625		10	5									
78.	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	625		5										
82.	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	625	10	5										
83.	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	625		5										
85.	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine (note) <sup>6</sup>	625		1										
88.	Hexachlorobenzene	625	5	1										
89.	Hexachlorobutadiene	625	5	1										
90.	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	625	5	5										
91.	Hexachloroethane	625	5	1										
93.	Isophorone	625	10	1										
94.	Naphthalene	625	10	1	0.2									
95.	Nitrobenzene	625	10	1										
96.	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	625	10	5										
97.	N-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	625	10	5										
98.	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	625	10	1										
99.	Phenanthrene	625		5	0.05									
101.	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	625	1	5										
102.	Aldrin	608	0.005											
103.	α-BHC	608	0.01											
104.	β-BHC	608	0.005											
105.	γ-BHC (Lindane)	608	0.02											
106.	δ-BHC	608	0.005											
107.	Chlordane	608	0.1											
108.	4,4'-DDT	608	0.01											
109.	4,4'-DDE	608	0.05											
110.	4,4'-DDD	608	0.05											

<sup>6</sup> Measurement for 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine may use azobenzene as a screen: if azobenzene is measured at >1 ug/l, then the Discharger shall analyze for 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine.

CTR No.	Pollutant/Parameter	Analytical Method <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Levels <sup>2</sup> (µg/l)											
			GC	GCMS	LC	Color	FAA	GFAA	ICP	ICP MS	SPGFAA	HYD RIDE	CVAA	DCP
111.	Dieldrin	608	0.01											
112.	Endosulfan (alpha)	608	0.02											
113.	Endosulfan (beta)	608	0.01											
114.	Endosulfan Sulfate	608	0.05											
115.	Endrin	608	0.01											
116.	Endrin Aldehyde	608	0.01											
117.	Heptachlor	608	0.01											
118.	Heptachlor Epoxide	608	0.01											
119-125	PCBs: Aroclors 1016, 1221, 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260	608	0.5											
126.	Toxaphene	608	0.5											