



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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Announcing a Public Workshop
to discuss changes to the Water Quality Control Plan for
MERCURY IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY
and a
Public Scoping Meeting as required by the
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
for a project developing new water quality objectives
for mercury in the tissues of fish in San Francisco Bay

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) will hold a public workshop and CEQA scoping meeting presenting possible revisions to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (the Basin Plan). Proposed amendments will:

1. Revise the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for mercury in San Francisco Bay, addressing concerns identified in State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 2005-0060, which remanded the TMDL back to the Water Board
2. Establish new water quality objectives for mercury in the tissues of fish in the Bay
3. Delete the existing water quality objective for mercury in Bay waters
4. Revise portions of Chapter 4 (Implementation Plan) of the Basin Plan pertaining to San Francisco Bay, in order to implement the new objectives

The workshop will be held first. Immediately following, staff will open a Scoping Meeting pursuant to the CEQA (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.) to discuss and take comments from the public on revisions to the water quality objectives and the implementation plan. The scoping meeting is held in compliance with the terms of the Water Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning under CEQA Guidelines (see Title 14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §15251[g]).

Members of the public are invited to attend and participate.

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2006
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Location: Auditorium, ground floor
State Building, 1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612
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