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NOTICE OF ADOPTION HEARING NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY ON THE USE OF COASTAL AND ESTUARINE WATERS FOR POWER PLANT COOLING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling* (Policy). The State Water Board may take action to adopt the proposed amendments to the Policy following the hearing, which will be held at the following time and location:

July 19, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The Policy, adopted on May 4, 2010 as [Resolution No. 2010-0020](#), established technology-based standards to implement federal Clean Water Act section 316(b), which requires that the location, design, construction, and capacity of cooling intake structures reflect the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impact.

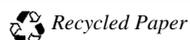
The Policy applies to 19 existing power plants located along the California coast, and is implemented through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Under the current Policy, owners or operators of fossil fueled power plants were required to submit their plans for implementing the Policy by April 1, 2011. The Policy also established milestones with specific dates.

The State Water Board has received the implementation plans submitted by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for its power plants. Based upon staff's review, the State Water Board proposes to amend the Implementation Schedule found in Table 1 of the Policy for the LADWP power plants. LADWP has committed to the elimination of once-through cooling when repowering its units. In addition to amending the Implementation Schedule, the amendment would add requirements to study and implement additional entrainment reduction measures.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment to the Policy is available on the State Water Board's Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/cwa316/

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Alternatively, you may receive a paper copy in the mail by contacting Joanna Jensen at (916) 341-5582.

To subscribe to an email list for future notifications about the proposed Policy, go to the State Water Board's Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml, and choose "Ocean Issues-Once-Through Cooling".

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept only those written comment letters that are limited to the proposed amendment of the Policy. Each comment should clearly identify the proposed modification it addresses by stating the applicable section number of the Policy. Written comment letters that address any other aspect, section, or requirement of the Policy, other than the proposed amendments, are outside the scope of this Public Notice and will not be reviewed or considered by the State Water Board. Written comments (electronic submission preferred) must be received by **12:00 noon on July 5, 2011** and submitted to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 341-5621
Email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Please write "**Comment Letter – OTC Policy Amendment**" in the subject line. Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the adoption hearing on July 19, 2011, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations **that are limited only to the proposed amendment**. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing, oral presentations may be time-limited.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's Web site at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAblg/location.htm>.

The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Joanna Jensen at (916) 341-5582 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. A broadcast of the meeting will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>.

All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Joanna Jensen at (916) 341-5582 (jjensen@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dominic Gregorio at (916) 341-5488 (dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date May 17, 2011



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Clerk to the Board