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State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES  
ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES (ORDER 2014-0057-DWQ) EXTENDING  
DEADLINE FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMITTALS OF PERMIT REGISTRATION  
DOCUMENTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on proposed amendment to the general permit for storm water discharges associated with industrial activities ([Order 2014-0057-DWQ](#)) (General Permit) extending the deadline for Dischargers to submit permit registration documents via the State Water Board's Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) website from July 1, 2015 to August 14, 2015.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Board will consider the adoption of the proposed amendment to the General Permit at its regularly scheduled Board meeting. The date, time and location of the meeting are:**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015 — 9:00 a.m.  
Joe Serna, Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Storm water associated with industrial activities is regulated under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State Water Board under authority delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The State Water Board adopted the General Permit on April 1, 2014. The General Permit became effective on July 1, 2015. The General Permit requires Existing Dischargers to submit permit registration documents to obtain coverage under the Permit via SMARTS by July 1, 2015.

Leading up to the July 1, 2015 deadline, SMARTS experienced significant technical difficulties that rendered SMARTS inaccessible to Dischargers attempting to file permit registration documents as well as State Water Board staff who were assisting Dischargers with enrollment. State Water Board staff diligently worked to resolve the technical issues before the July 1, 2015 deadline, but technical problems persisted, particularly as there was a surge in online traffic on SMARTS in the days before the July 1, 2015 effective date.

Because of ongoing technical difficulties, a large number of Dischargers were unable to submit the required permit registration documents through SMARTS by July 1, 2015 despite repeated attempts to use SMARTS. State Water Board staff proposes extending the deadline for permit registration documents to August 14, 2015, which should give State Water Board staff sufficient time to resolve technical issues with SMARTS. While technical issues are being resolved, the General Permit would be in effect. The proposed deadline extension would not affect any of the other requirements or deadlines in the General Permit. Dischargers would be required to maintain permit registration documents on site until they are able to submit the documents via SMARTS and would be required to submit permit registration documents electronically by August 14, 2015. Any other information required by the General Permit to be submitted electronically, such as monitoring data, would also be required to be kept on site until Dischargers are able to submit the information via SMARTS, and that information would be required to be submitted electronically by August 14, 2015.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The proposed amendment and related documents are available to view or download on the State Water Board's Web site at:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml).

Interested parties may request a paper copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Ms. Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or [Laurel.Warddrip@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Laurel.Warddrip@waterboards.ca.gov) .

#### **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

**The State Water Board will only accept written and oral comments that are limited to the identified proposed amendments to the General Permit.** Interested parties may submit their written comments electronically, by mail, or hand delivery. Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Written comments **must be received by 12:00 noon on August 3, 2015** and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Submittal Deadline Extension for Industrial General Permit.**"

Couriers delivering hard copies of the comment letters must check with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

At the adoption meeting, participants will be required to limit their oral comments to the proposed amendment to the General Permit. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited.

**PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

There is a parking garage across from the building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets, and metered parking spaces in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

Please note: All visitors to the Joe Serna Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building are required to sign in and receive a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance.


Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance before proceeding to the Coastal Hearing Room on the second floor.

The Joe Serna Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Michele Villados at (916) 341-5881, at least five working days prior to the meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice (800) 735-2929; voice to TDD (800) 735-2922.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions about this notice may be directed to Ms. Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or [Laurel.Warddrip@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Laurel.Warddrip@waterboards.ca.gov).

July 3, 2015  
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Date

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board