
State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED REPORT [CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS
303(D) AND 305(B)] UPDATE

As announced by email (Feb. 12, 2013) to the California Integrated Report 303(d)/305(b) (Integrated Report) Lyris List (posted at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/cir_update.pdf), the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff, in coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff and U.S. EPA, has been assessing the data submitted by all interested parties in response to the [Notice of Solicitation](#) dated May 24, 2010. Pursuant to the State Water Board's commitment to making the Integrated Report process more efficient and submittals to U.S. EPA more timely, several strategies have been proposed, discussed, and verbally concurred upon, internally and with U.S. EPA ([Letter to U.S. EPA](#) dated July 15, 2013). The strategy includes establishing three groups, each consisting of three Regional Water Boards, and submitting an Integrated Report for one group per listing cycle. This would allow for the submittal of the Integrated Report in a more timely and efficient manner.

Consequently, the 2012 Integrated Report will consist solely of data submitted for Regional Water Boards 1, 6, and 7. The 2014 Integrated Report will consist of data submitted for regions 3, 5, and 9. Finally, the 2016 Integrated Report will consist of data for regions 2, 4, and 8. It is anticipated that the process will allow for those Regional Water Boards that are "off cycle" to still examine high priority data and make decisions related directly to listings and de-listings and submit them for inclusion into the current listing cycle, beginning with the next data solicitation.

Due to the volume of data received during the 2010 data solicitation period, the State Water Board will not solicit additional data until all of the current data is assessed and migrated to the California Water Quality Assessment Database (CALWQA) for Regional Water Board listing and de-listing recommendations. However, data will be accepted into the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) immediately so it can be assessed during future listing cycles. There are four regional CEDEN data centers that can assist with uploading data. Information on the regional data centers can be found online at: http://www.ceden.org/data_centers.shtml.

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State Water Board staff is developing additional improvements to the Integrated Report process. State Water Board staff will propose that the Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (Policy) be amended to accommodate those procedural improvements. In the upcoming months, the proposed Policy amendment will be drafted, made available to the public for review and comment, and brought before the State Water Board for approval. Notices and information concerning the proposed Policy amendment will be posted at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/#wqassessment and electronically distributed to the Integrated Report Lyris List.

If you have any questions on this subject, you may contact Nick Martorano, Unit Chief of the Water Quality Assessment Unit at (916) 341-5290 (nmartorano@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Rik Rasmussen, Chief of the TMDL Section, at (916) 341-5549 (rrasmussen@waterboards.ca.gov) or your local Regional Water Board.