

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

PROPOSED ORDER R3-2024-0062

TERMINATING

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R3-2013-0028, NATIONAL
POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT CA0000051

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) finds that:

1. The Central Coast Water Board adopted Order R3-2013-0028, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit CA0000051 (Order), Waste Discharge Requirements for Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery, on December 5, 2013. This Order prescribes requirements for the discharge of treated production wastewater and stormwater originating from Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery, a petroleum refinery owned and operated by Phillips 66 Company (Discharger) located at 2555 Willow Road, Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County.
2. This Order is no longer applicable for the reasons set forth below. Accordingly, it is appropriate to terminate the Order pursuant to title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 122.64 subd. (a)(4).
 - a. On January 9, 2023, the Discharger provided a notice of planned changes and shutdown, satisfying the notice of termination requirement described in 40 CFR § 122.64 subd. (c). Santa Maria Refinery ceased operating its petroleum processing units on January 7, 2023, officially shut down the effluent treatment plant on January 28, 2024, and no longer discharges effluent into waters of the United States.
3. On August 30, 2024, the Central Coast Water Board provided the owner/operator and interested persons with notice of the Board's intent to terminate the listed order and provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations.
4. Written comments were due on September 30, 2024. The Central Coast Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposal to terminate the listed order.
5. This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order R3-2013-0028, NPDES Permit CA0000051 is terminated on the date of this order unless otherwise stated above, except for enforcement purposes. This action in no way prevents the Central Coast Water Board from taking enforcement action for violations of Order R3-2013-0028.

I, Ryan E. Lodge, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region on October 17, 2024.

Ryan E. Lodge, Executive Officer