

LATE REVISIONS
California Department of General Services
Central Plant Operations Heating and Cooling Facility
Proposed Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
Board Meeting –21/22 June 2007
ITEM #31

In the Fact Sheet, Attachment F, Section IV.D.4. (Satisfaction of Antidegradation Policy):

Modify Section IV.D.4. as follows:

4. Satisfaction of Antidegradation Policy

Section 131.12 requires that the state water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board established California's antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16. Resolution No. 68-16 incorporates the federal antidegradation policy where the federal policy applies under federal law. Resolution No. 68-16 requires that existing water quality be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. The Regional Water Board's Basin Plan implements, and incorporates by reference, both the State and federal antidegradation policies.

This Order does not allow for an increase in flow or mass of pollutants to the receiving water. Therefore, a complete antidegradation analysis is not necessary. The Order requires compliance with applicable federal technology-based standards and with water quality-based effluent limits (WQBELs) where the discharge could have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards.

The Order includes less stringent effluent and receiving water limitations for temperature. However, as discussed in detail in Section IV.D.3., above, the new limitations are fully protective of the beneficial uses of the receiving water and are in compliance with federal anti-backsliding regulations. The permitted discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 CFR 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution 68-16. Compliance with these requirements will result in the use of best practicable treatment or control of the discharge. The impact on existing water quality will be insignificant.

~~a. **Surface Water.** The permitted surface water discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 CFR 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution 68-16. Compliance with these requirements will result in the use of best practicable treatment or control of the discharge. The impact on existing water quality will be insignificant.~~

~~b. **Groundwater- Not Applicable.**~~