
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 12, 2023

Mr. Robert Nguyen
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Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC
Los Angeles Refinery – Sulfur Recovery Plant
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TRANSMITTAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – TESORO REFINING & MARKETING COMPANY LLC, LLC, LOS ANGELES REFINERY – SULFUR RECOVERY PLANT, CARSON, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0002020, CI NO. 1511)

Dear Mr. Nguyen

On February 3, 2023, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) transmitted the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Los Angeles Refinery – Sulfur Recovery Plant. Pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code, the Los Angeles Water Board at a public hearing held on March 23, 2023, reviewed the tentative requirements, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. R4-2023-0059. Order No. R4-2023-0059 serves as an NPDES permit, and it expires on April 30, 2028. Section 13376 of the Water Code requires that an application/Report of Waste Discharge for a new permit be filed at least 180 days before the expiration date.

You are required to comply with all terms and conditions prescribed in Order No. R4-2023-0059 and implement the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) (Attachment E) on the effective date (May 1, 2023) of Order No. R4-2023-0059. Table E-7 on page E-21 of the MRP provides details regarding the monitoring periods and reporting schedule. Your first monitoring report for the period of May 1 through June 30, 2023, is due by August 1, 2023.

Order No. R4-2023-0059 (pages 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and E-23) requires you to submit the following documents to the Los Angeles Water Board no later than 90 days after its effective date (by July 29, 2023):

- Initial Investigation Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- Best Management Practices Plan (BMPP)
- Spill Contingency Plan (SCP)

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In addition, Order No. R4-2023-0059 (pages 19 and E-23) requires you to submit a Climate Change Effects Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan to the Los Angeles Water Board no later than 12 months after its effective date (April 30, 2024).

Please electronically submit Self-Monitoring Reports (SMR's) using the State Water Resource Control Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Program web site (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/index.html>). The CIWQS web site will provide additional information for SMR submittal in the event there is a planned service interruption for electronic submittal. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document and please include a reference to Compliance File CI-1511 and NPDES No. CA0002020, which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Adriana Vallejo at:
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Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Order No. R4-2023-0059 (Permit)

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