State of California CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, NO. CI-4245 FOR

OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT (Ojai Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant) NPDES NO. CA0053961

I. SUBMITTAL OF MONITORING REPORTS

- A. All monthly monitoring reports must be received by the fifteenth day of the second month following each monthly sampling period.
- B. By April 15th of each year, the Discharger shall submit an annual summary report containing a discussion of the previous year's influent, effluent and receiving water monitoring data, as well as graphical and tabular summaries of the data. The first annual report under this Program shall be received each year at the Regional Board by April 15, 2004 and will cover the monitoring period of previous year. In addition, the Discharger shall discuss the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. The Regional Board may request electronic submittal of data at any time.
- C. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance" which discusses the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall clearly list all non-compliance with discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
- D. All monitoring and annual summary reports must be addressed to the Regional Board, Attention: Information Technology Unit. Reference the reports to Compliance File No. CI-4245 to facilitate routing to the appropriate staff and file.
- E. Database Management System: The Regional Board and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) are developing a database compliance monitoring management system that may require the Discharger to submit the monitoring and annual summary reports electronically when it becomes fully operational.

II. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. All samples shall be representative of the waste discharged under conditions of peak load. Quarterly effluent analyses shall be performed during the months of February, May, August, and November. Semiannual analyses shall be performed

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during the months of February and August. Annual analyses shall be performed during the month of August. Should there be instances when monitoring could not be done during these specified months, the Discharger must notify the Regional Board, stating the reason why monitoring could not be conducted, and obtain approval from the Executive Officer for an alternate schedule. Results of quarterly, semiannual, and annual analyses shall be reported in the monthly monitoring report following the analysis.

- B. Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 CFR Part 136; or where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, by methods approved by the Regional Board or State Board. The laboratory conducting analyses shall be certified by the California Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) or approved by the Regional Board for that particular parameter. A copy of the laboratory certification shall be submitted with the annual summary report.
- C. Water/wastewater samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits as specified in 40 CFR Part 136.3. All QA/QC analyses must be run on the same dates that samples are actually analyzed. The Discharger shall retain the QA/QC documentation in its files and make them available for inspection and/or submit them when requested by the Regional Board. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy of that documentation shall be submitted with the monthly report.
- D. For all bacteriological analyses, sample dilutions should be performed so the range of values extends from 2 to 1,600. The detection methods used for each analysis shall be reported with the results of the analyses.

Detection methods used for coliforms (total and fecal) shall be those presented in Table 1A of 40 CFR Part 136 (revised May 14, 1999), unless alternate methods have been approved in advance by the United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) pursuant to 40 CFR Part 136.

Detection methods used for enterococcus shall be those presented in the USEPA publication EPA 600/4-85/076, *Test Methods for Escherichia coli* and Enterococci in Water By Membrane Filter Procedure or any improved method determined by the Regional Board to be appropriate.

III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. The monitoring report shall specify the USEPA analytical method used, the Method Detection Limit (MDL), the minimum level (ML) and the reported Minimum Level (RML) for each pollutant. The MLs are those published by the State Board in the Policy for the Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, March 2, 2000, Appendix 4. The ML represent the lowest quantifiable concentration in a sample based on the proper application of all method-based analytical procedures and in the absence of any matrix interference. When all specific analytical steps are followed and after appropriate application of method specific factors, the ML also represents the

lowest standard in the calibration curve for that specific analytical technique. When there is deviation from the method analytical procedures, such as dilution or concentration of samples, other factors may be applied to the ML depending on the sample preparation. The resulting value is the RML.

- B. The Discharger shall select the analytical method that provides a ML lower than the permit limit established for a given parameter, unless the Discharger can demonstrate that a particular ML is not attainable, in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR 136, and obtains approval for a higher ML from the Executive Officer, as provided for in E. of this section. If the effluent limitation is lower than all the MLs in Appendix 4, SIP, the Discharge must select the method with the lowest ML for compliance purposes. The Discharger shall include in the Annual Summary Report a list of the analytical methods employed for each test.
- C. The Discharger shall instruct its laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the ML (or its equivalent if there is differential treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) is the lowest calibration standard. At no time is the Discharger to use analytical data derived from extrapolation beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve. In accordance with section E, below, the Discharger's laboratory may employ a calibration standard lower than the ML in Appendix 4 of the SIP.
- D. For the purpose of reporting compliance with numerical effluent limitations and receiving water limitations, analytical data shall be reported using the following reporting protocols:
 - 1. Sample results greater than or equal to the ML or RML must be reported "as measured" by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample); or
 - Sample results less than the ML or RML, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL, must be reported as "Detected, but Not Quantified", or DNQ. The laboratory must write the estimated chemical concentration of the sample next to DNQ as well as the words "Estimated Concentration" (may be shortened to Est. Conc.); or
 - 3. Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL must be reported as "Not-Detected", or ND.
- E. In accordance with Section 2.4.3 of the SIP, the Regional Board Executive Officer, in consultation with the State Board's Quality Assurance Program Manager, may establish an ML that is not contained in Appendix 4 of the SIP to be included in the discharger's permit in any of the following situations:

- 1. When the pollutant under consideration is not included in Appendix 4, SIP;
- 2. When the discharger and the Regional Board agree to include in the permit a test method that is more sensitive than those specified in 40 CFR 136 (revised as of May 14, 1999);
- 3. When a discharger agrees to use an ML that is lower than those listed in Appendix 4:
- 4. When a discharger demonstrates that the calibration standard matrix is sufficiently different from that used to establish the ML in Appendix 4 and proposes an appropriate ML for the matrix; or,
- 5. When the discharger uses a method which quantification practices are not consistent with the definition of the ML. Examples of such methods are USEPA-approved method 1613 for dioxins, and furans, method 1624 for volatile organic substances, and method 1625 for semi-volatile organic substances. In such cases, the discharger, the Regional Board, and the State Board shall agree on a lowest quantifiable limit and that limit shall substitute for the ML for reporting and compliance determination purposes.

If there is any conflict between foregoing provisions and the State Implementation Policy (SIP), the provisions stated in the SIP (Section 2.4) shall prevail.

- F. If the Discharger samples and performs analyses (other than for process/operational control, startup, research, or equipment testing) on any influent, effluent, or receiving water constituent more frequently than required by this Program using approved analytical methods, the results of those analyses shall be included in the report. These results shall be reflected in the calculation of the average used in demonstrating compliance with average effluent, receiving water, etc., limitations.
- G. The Discharger shall develop and maintain a record of all spills or bypasses of raw or partially treated sewage from its collection system or treatment plant. This record shall be made available to the Regional Board upon request and a spill summary shall be included in the annual summary report:
 - 1. For spills/bypass of 500 gallons or more that flowed to receiving waters or entered a shallow ground water aquifer or has public exposure, the Discharger shall report such spills to the Regional Board and the local health agency by telephone or electronically as soon as possible but not later than 24 hours of knowledge of the incident. The following information shall be included in the report: location; date and time of spill; volume and nature of the spill; cause(s) of the spill; mitigation measures implemented; and corrective measures implemented or proposed to be implemented to prevent/minimize future occurrences.

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- 2. For spills that reach receiving waters, the Discharger shall obtain and analyze grab samples for total and fecal coliforms, and enterococcus, upstream and downstream of the point of entry of the spill. This monitoring shall be on a daily basis from time the spill is known until the results of two consecutive sets of bacteriological monitoring indicate the return to the normal level or cessation of monitoring is authorized by the Ventura County Department of Health Services.
- 3. Regional Board notification shall be followed by a written report five working days after verbal/electronic notification.
- H. The Discharger shall inform the Regional Board well in advance of any construction activity that could potentially affect compliance with applicable requirements.

IV. MONITORING PROGRAM

- A. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations [40 CFR §122.41(j) and §122.48(b)], the monitoring program for a Discharger receiving an NPDES permit must be designed to determine compliance with NPDES permit terms and conditions, and demonstrate that State water quality standards are met.
- B. Since compliance monitoring focuses on the effects of point source discharge, it is not designed to assess impacts from other sources of pollution (e.g., nonpoint source run-off, aerial fallout) nor to evaluate the current status of important ecological resources on a regional basis.

The Regional Board is planning to develop and implement a comprehensive monitoring program for each watershed in the region. The goals of a watershed-wide monitoring program may include: compliance with receiving water limits, trends in surface water quality, impacts to beneficial uses, and data needs for modeling contaminants of concern.

<u>Ventura River Volunteer Monitoring Program.</u> The <u>Ventura River Volunteer Monitoring Program</u> is a collaborative effort between the State Board, Regional Board, Ventura County, the City of San Buenaventura, OVSD, and other stakeholders to develop and implement a volunteer based water quality monitoring program to provide scientific data on the water quality of the Ventura River Watershed. Much of the OVSD Monitoring Program acts as Watershed Monitoring for the lower section of the Ventura River Watershed. Another goal is to assess the physical and eventually biological health of the system and to address non point sources of pollution such as equestrian activities. Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper is the lead volunteer organization in conjunction with the Ventura chapter of Surf Rider. Both nonprofit organizations are attempting to track activities throughout the Ventura River watershed. Its goal is to help facilitate a process to preserve, restore, and enhance all aspects of the watershed. The group has received funding and began monitoring and the monitoring results are posted on Ventura County's web site.

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- C. Substantial changes to the compliance monitoring program may be required to fulfill the goals of a watershed-wide monitoring program, while retaining the compliance monitoring component required to evaluate the potential impacts from the NPDES discharge. Revisions to the OVSD's program will be made under the direction of USEPA and the Regional Board, as necessary, to accomplish this goal, and may include a reduction or increase in the number of parameters to be monitored, the frequency of monitoring, and/or the number or size of samples collected.
- D. Until such time when a regional monitoring program is developed, OVSD shall implement the following monitoring program.

V. INFLUENT MONITORING

(Footnotes on pages T-22 through T-24)

- A. Influent monitoring is required to:
 - 1. Determine compliance with NPDES permit conditions for BOD₅ (20°C) and suspended solids removal rates;
 - 2. Assess treatment plant performance:
 - 3. Assess the effectiveness of the pretreatment program; and,
 - 4. As a requirement of the Pollutant Minimization Program.
- B. Sampling stations shall be established at each point of inflow to the sewage treatment plant and shall be located upstream of any in-plant return flows and/or where representative samples of the influent can be obtained. The date and time of sampling shall be reported with the analytical results.
- C. Samples for influent BOD₅ (20°C) and suspended solids shall be obtained on the same day that effluent BOD₅ (20°C) and suspended solids samples are obtained in order to demonstrate percent removal. Percent removal shall be reported for each sampling event. Similarly, sampling for other constituents shall also be coordinated with effluent monitoring.

D. The following shall constitute the influent monitoring program:

			Type of Minin	num Frequency
CTR ⁰	<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>of Analysis</u>
	Flow	mgd	recorder/totalizer	continuous ¹
	Suspended solids	mg/L	24-hour composite	weekly
	BOD ₅ (20°C)	mg/L	24-hour composite	weekly
105	Lindane	μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
14	Cyanide	μg/L	grab	quarterly
12	Thallium	μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
68	Bis (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate9	μg/L	grab	quarterly
	Total nitrogen	mg/L	24-hour composite	semiannually
	Total phosphorous	mg/L	24-hour composite	semiannually
	USEPA priority pollutants (excluding asbestos, Attachmer	μg/L nt 3) ⁹	24-hour composite	semiannually

VI. EFFLUENT MONITORING

(Footnotes on pages T-22 through T-24)

- A. Effluent monitoring is required to:
 - 1. Determine compliance with NPDES permit conditions;
 - 2. Identify operational problems and improve plant performance;
 - 3. Provide information on wastewater characteristics and flows for use in interpreting water quality and biological data; and,
 - 4. Determine Reasonable Potential Analysis for toxic pollutants.
- B. An effluent sampling station shall be established for each point of discharge and shall be located downstream of any in-plant return flows and/or stormwater runoff, and where representative samples of the effluent (after receiving all treatment) can be obtained. Effluent samples may be obtained at a single station provided that such station is representative of the effluent quality at all discharge points. Any changes in sampling station locations shall be approved by the Executive Officer.

C. The following shall constitute the effluent monitoring program:

			Type of Minin	num Frequency
CTR ^{0/}	<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sample</u>	of Analysis
	Total waste flow	MG	grab	daily ¹
	Turbidity ²	NTU	recorder	continuous ¹
	Total residual chlorine*	mg/L	recorder	continuous ¹
	Total and fecal coliform ²	MPN/100 ml	grab	daily
	Temperature	°F	grab	weekly
	pH	pH units	grab	weekly
	Dissolved oxygen	mg/L	grab	weekly
	Settleable solids	ml/L	grab	weekly
	Suspended solids	mg/L	24-hour composite	weekly ³
	BOD ₅ (20°C)	mg/L	24-hour composite	weekly ³
	Oil and grease	mg/L	grab	semiannually
	Total dissolved solids	mg/L	24-hour composite	semiannually
	Acute Toxicity	% survival	grab	quarterlly ⁷
	Chronic toxicity	$TU_\mathtt{c}$	24-hour composite	monthly
	Ammonia Nitrogen	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
	Nitrate Nitrogen	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
	Nitrite Nitrogen	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
	Organic Nitrogen	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
	Total Nitrogen	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
	Boron	mg/L	24-hour composite	annually
	Sulfate	mg/L	24-hour composite	annually
	Chloride	mg/L	24-hour composite	annually
	Fluoride	mg/L	24-hour composite	annually
	Phosphorous (total)	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
	Phosphate as P	mg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
12	Thallium	μg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
14	Cyanide	μg/L	grab	monthly
23	Dibromochloromethane	μg/L	grab monthly	y (if cl ₂ is used)**
27	Dichlorobromomethane	μg/L	grab monthly	y (if cl ₂ is used)**
68	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate9	μg/L	grab	monthly
105	Lindane	μg/L	24-hour composite	monthly
6	Copper	μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
	Iron	μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
7	Lead	μg/L	24-hour-composite	quarterly
8	Mercury	μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
9	Nickel	μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
10	Selenium	μg/L μg/L	24-hour composite	quarterly
10	Ocionium	μ 9 / L	Z-TIOUI COMPOSITE	qualterly

				Minimum Frequency
CTR ^{0/}	Constituent	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>of Analysis</u>
11	Silver	μg/L	24-hour composi	te quarterly
13	Zinc	μg/L	24-hour composi	te quarterly
2	Arsenic	μg/L	24-hour composi	te quarterly
4	Cadmium	μg/L	24-hour composi	te quarterly
	Total Chromium	μg/L	grab	quarterly
5a	Chromium III	μg/L	grab	quarterly
5b	Chromium VI ⁴	μg/L	grab	quarterly
	Aluminum	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Antimony	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Barium	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Beryllium	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Vanadium	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Cobalt	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Molybdenum	μg/L	24-hour composi	
16	Dioxin congeners	pg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually ¹¹
79	Diethyl phthalate ⁹	μg/L	grab	semiannually
108	4,4'-DDT ¹⁵	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
109	4,4'-DDE ¹⁵	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
110	4,4'-DDD ¹⁵	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
119-12	5 PCBs ¹⁰	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Phenols, chlorinated	μg/L	24-hour composi	te semiannually
	Phenols, non-chlorinated	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	Radioactivity ⁵	pCi/L	24-hour composit	te semiannually
	Surfactants (MBAS) ¹³	mg/L	24-hour composi	
	Surfactants (CTAS) ¹³	mg/L	24-hour composit	•
	Chlorpyrifos ¹⁶	μg/L	24-hour composit	
	Diazinon ¹⁶	μg/L	24-hour composit	te semiannually
	Perchlorate	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	1,4-Dioxane	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	1,2,3 Trichloropropane	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	Hexavalent Chromium	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	(NDMA)	μg/L	grab	semiannually
	Remaining USEPA priority pollutants ⁹ (excludi	ng asbestos, Atta	chment 3)	semiannually

D. Effluent Toxicity Testing

1. Acute Toxicity-Effluent

a. The Discharger shall conduct acute toxicity tests on 100 % effluent grab samples by methods specified in 40 CFR Part 136 which cites USEPA's *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents to Freshwater and Marine Organisms*, Fifth Edition, October 2002, (EPA/821-R-02/021) or a more recent edition to ensure compliance.

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- b. The fathead minnow, Pimephales promelas, shall be used as the test species for fresh water discharges and the topsmelt, Atherinops affinis, shall be used as the test species for brackish discharges. However, if the salinity of the receiving water is between 1 to 32 parts per thousand (ppt), then Discharger may have the option of using the inland silverslide, Menidia beryllina, instead of the topsmelt. The method for topsmelt is found in USEPA's Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to West Coast Marine and Estuarine Organisms, Thirds Edition October 2002, (EPA/821/R-02-014).
- c. In lieu of conducting the standard acute toxicity testing with the fathead minnow, the Discharger may elect to report the results or endpoint from the first 48 hours of the chronic toxicity test as the results of the acute toxicity test.
- d. If either of the effluent toxicity requirements in Section I.D.1.a.i. or I.D.1.a.ii. of this Order is not met, the Discharger shall conduct six additional tests over a six-week period. The Discharger shall ensure that results of a failing acute toxicity test are received by the Discharger within 24 hours of completion of the test and the additional tests shall begin within 3 business days of receipt of the result. If the additional tests indicate compliance with acute toxicity limitation, the Discharger may resume regular testing. However, if the results of any two of the six accelerated tests are less than 90% survival, then the Discharger shall begin a Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE). The TIE shall include all reasonable steps to identify the sources of toxicity. Once the sources are identified, the Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to reduce toxicity to meet the objective.
- e. If the initial test and any of the additional six acute toxicity bioassay tests results are less than 70% survival, the Discharger shall immediately implement Initial Investigation Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan. Once the sources are identified the Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to reduce toxicity to meet the requirements.

2. Chronic Toxicity Effluent/Receiving Water

a. The Discharger shall conduct critical life stage chronic toxicity tests on 24-hour composite 100 % effluent samples or receiving water samples in accordance with EPA's Short Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, Fourth Edition, October 2002 (EPA/821-R-02-013) or EPA's Short Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms, Third Edition October 2002, (EPA/821/R-02-014).

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- b. Effluent samples shall be collected after all treatment processes and before discharge to the receiving water. Receiving water samples shall be collected in accordance with the conditions specified in this MRP (CI-4245). Receiving water samples shall be collected at mid-depth.
- c. Test Species, Methods and Units:

i. Screening and Monitoring

The Discharger shall conduct short-term tests with the cladoceran, water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia* - survival and reproduction test), the fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas* - larval survival and growth test), and the green alga (*Selenastrum capricornutum* - growth test) as an initial screening process for a minimum of three, but not to exceed, five suites of tests to account for potential variability of the effluent / receiving water. After this screening period, monitoring shall be conducted using the most sensitive species.

ii. Re-screening

Re-screening is required every 24 months. The Discharger shall re-screen with the three species listed above and continue to monitor with the most sensitive species. If the first suite of re-screening tests demonstrates that the same species is the most sensitive then the re-screening does not need to include more than one suite of tests. If a different species is the most sensitive or if there is ambiguity, then the Discharger shall proceed with suites of screening tests for a minimum of three, but not to exceed five suites.

iii. <u>Toxicity Units</u>

The presence of chronic toxicity shall be estimated as specified in EPA's Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater Organisms, Fourth Edition, October 2002 (EPA/821-R-02-013), expressed as:

$$TU_c = \frac{100}{NOEC}$$

The No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) is expressed as the maximum percent effluent concentration that causes no observable effect on test organisms, as determined by the results of a critical life stage toxicity test.

d. Accelerated Monitoring

If toxicity is detected as defined in Order No. R4-2002-XXX, Sections I.D.1.a, I.D.2.b., or I.D.3.a., then the Discharger shall conduct six additional tests, approximately every 7 days, over a sixweek period. The samples shall be collected and the tests initiated no less than 7 days apart. The Discharger shall ensure that they receive results of a failing chronic toxicity test within 24 hours of the completion of the test and the additional tests shall begin within 3 business days of the receipt of the result.

- i. If any three out of the initial test and the six additional tests results exceed 1.0 TUc, the Discharger shall immediately implement the Initial Investigation of the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan.
- ii. If implementation of the initial investigation TRE Workplan indicates the source of toxicity (e.g., a temporary plant upset, etc.), then the Discharger shall return to the normal sampling frequency required in Sections V.D and VI.C. of this MRP.
- iii. If toxicity is in compliance with the limitations in all of the six additional tests required above, then the Discharger may return to the normal sampling frequency required in Sections V.D and VI.C. of this MRP.
- iv. If a TRE/TIE is initiated prior to completion of the accelerated testing schedule required, then the accelerated testing schedule may be terminated, or used as necessary in performing the TRE/TIE, as determined by the Executive Officer.

3. Quality Assurance for Toxicity Testing

a. Concurrent testing with a reference toxicant shall be conducted. Reference toxicant tests shall be conducted using the same test conditions as the effluent toxicity tests (e.g., same test duration, etc).

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- b. If either the reference toxicant test or effluent test or receiving water does not meet all test acceptability criteria (TAC) as specified in the test methods manuals (EPA/600/4-91/002 and EPA/600/R-95/136), then the Discharger must re-sample and retest within 14 days.
- c. Control and dilution water for effluent should be receiving water or laboratory water, as appropriate, as described in the manuals. If the dilution water used is different from the culture water, a second control using culture water shall be used.

4. Steps in TRE and TIE

- a. Following a TRE trigger, the Discharger shall initiate a TRE in accordance with the facility's initial investigation TRE Workplan. At a minimum, the Discharger shall use EPA manuals EPA/600/2-88/070 (industrial) or EPA/833B-99/002 (municipal) as guidance. The Discharger shall expeditiously develop a more detailed TRE Workplan for submittal to the Executive Officer within 15 days of the trigger, that will include but not limited to:
 - i. Further actions to investigate and identify the cause of toxicity;
 - ii. Actions the Discharger will take to mitigate the impact of the discharge and prevent the recurrence of toxicity;
 - Standards the Discharger will apply to consider the TRE complete and for the return to normal sampling frequency; and.
 - iv. A schedule for these actions.

- b. The following is a stepwise approach in conducting the TRE:
 - i Step 1 includes basic data collection. Data collected as part of the accelerated monitoring required may be used to conduct the TRE.
 - ii Step 2 evaluates optimization of the treatment system operation, facility housekeeping, and the selection and use of in-plant process chemicals.
 - iii If Steps 1 and 2 are unsuccessful, Step 3 implements a TIE employing all reasonable efforts, and using currently available TIE methodologies. The objective of the TIE is to identify the substance or combination of substances causing the observed toxicity.
 - iv Assuming successful identification or characterization of the toxicant(s), Step 4 evaluates final effluent treatment options;
 - v Step 5 evaluates within plant treatment options; and,
 - vi Step 6 consists of confirmation once a toxicity control method has been implemented.

Many recommended TRE elements parallel source control, pollution prevention, and storm water control program best management practices (BMPs). To prevent duplication of efforts, evidence of implementation of these control measures may be sufficient to comply with TRE requirements. By requiring the first steps of a TRE to be accelerated testing, a TRE may be ended in its early stages. All reasonable steps shall be taken to reduce toxicity to the required level. The TRE may be ended at any stage if monitoring finds there is no longer toxicity (or six consecutive chronic toxicity results less than or equal to 1 TUc.

- c. The Discharger may initiate a TIE as part of the TRE process to identify the cause(s) of toxicity. The Discharger shall use the EPA acute and chronic guidance manuals.
- d. If a TRE/TIE is initiated prior to completion of the accelerated testing schedule required, then the accelerated testing schedule may be terminated, or used as necessary in performing the TRE/TIE, as determined by the Executive Officer.

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- e. Toxicity tests conducted as part of a TRE/TIE may also be used for compliance, if appropriate.
- f. The Board recognizes that toxicity may be episodic and identification of causes of and reduction of sources of toxicity may not be successful in all cases. Consideration of enforcement action by the Board will be based in part on the Discharger's actions and efforts to identify and control or reduce sources of consistent toxicity.
 - i If all the results of the six additional tests are in compliance with the chronic toxicity limitation, the Discharger may resume regular monthly testing.
 - ii If the results of any of the six accelerated tests exceeds the limitation, the Discharger shall continue to monitor weekly until six consecutive weekly tests are in compliance. At that time, the Discharger may resume regular monthly testing.
 - iii If the results of two of the six tests, or any two tests in a sixweek period, exceed the limitation, the Discharger shall initiate a TRE.
 - iv If implementation of the initial investigation TRE workplan (see item 5, below) indicates the source of toxicity (e.g., a temporary plant upset, etc.), then the Discharger shall return to the regular testing frequency.

5. Preparation of an Initial Investigation TRE Workplan

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Order and permit, the Discharger shall submit a copy of its initial investigation TRE workplan to the Executive Officer of the Regional Board for approval. The Discharger shall use the USEPA manual, *Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Guidance for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants*, EPA/833B-99/002, as guidance. This workplan shall describe the steps the Discharger intends to follow if the toxicity limitation is exceeded, and should include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Description of the investigation and evaluation techniques that will be used to identify potential causes and sources of toxicity, effluent variability, and treatment system efficiency:
- b. Description of the facility's methods of maximizing in-house treatment efficiency and good housekeeping practices, and a list of all chemicals used in operation of the facility; and,
- c. If a TIE is necessary, an indication of the person who will conduct the TIE (i.e., an in-house expert or an outside contractor).

6. Ammonia Removal

a. Except with prior approval from the Executive Officer of the Regional Board ammonia shall not be removed from the bioassay samples. The Discharger must demonstrate the effluent toxicity is caused by ammonia because of increasing test pH when conducting the toxicity test. It is important to distinguish the potential toxic effects of ammonia from other pH sensitive chemicals, such as certain heavy metals, sulfide, and cyanide. The following may be steps to demonstrate the toxicity is caused by ammonia and not other toxicants before the Executive Officer of the Regional Board would allow for control of pH in the test.

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- i There is consistent toxicity in the effluent/receiving water and the maximum pH in the toxicity test is in the range to cause toxicity due to increased pH.
- ii Chronic ammonia concentrations in the effluent/receiving water are greater than 4 mg/L total ammonia. The level of detection for total ammonia generally need not be below 0.5-1.0 mg/L, since concentrations < 1.0 mg/L of total ammonia have not been found to be toxic to fathead minnows and Ceriodaphnia dubia (Acute ammonia LC50 values of 3 mg/L and 1 mg/L for Ceriodaphnia dubia and fathead minnows, respectively, at pH 8.0). Then,
- iii Conduct the graduated pH tests as specified in the toxicity identification evaluation methods. For example, mortality should be higher at pH 8 and lower at pH 6.
- iv Treat the effluent with a zeolite column to remove ammonia. Mortality in the zeolite treated effluent should be lower than the non-zeolite treated effluent. Then add ammonia back to the zeolite-treated samples to confirm toxicity due to ammonia.
- b. After it has been demonstrated that toxicity is due to ammonia, pH may be controlled using appropriate procedures which do not significantly alter the nature of the effluent after submitting a written request to the Regional Board, and receiving written permission expressing approval from the Executive Officer of the Regional Board.

7. Reporting

- a. The Discharger shall submit a full report of the toxicity test results, including any accelerated testing conducted during the month as required by this permit. Test results shall be reported in Toxicity Units (TUa or TUc) with the discharge monitoring reports (DMR) for the month in which the test is conducted.
- b. If an initial investigation indicates the source of toxicity and accelerated testing is unnecessary, pursuant to Section D.2.d, then those results also shall be submitted with the DMR for the period in which the Investigation occurred.
 - i The full report shall be submitted by the end of the month in which the DMR is submitted.
 - ii The full report shall consist of (1) the results; (2) the dates of sample collection and initiation of each toxicity test; (3) the acute toxicity average limit or chronic toxicity limit.
 - iii Test results for toxicity tests also shall be reported according to the appropriate manual chapter on Report Preparation and shall be attached to the DMR. Routine reporting shall include, at a minimum, as applicable, for each test:
 - (a). sample date(s)
 - (b). test initiation date
 - (c). test species
 - (d). end point values for each dilution (e.g. number of young, growth rate, percent survival)
 - (e). NOEC value(s) in percent effluent

(f). TUc values
$$\left(TU_c = \frac{100}{NOEC}\right)$$

- (g). Mean percent mortality (+standard deviation) after 96 hours in 100% effluent (if applicable)
- (h). NOEC and LOEC (Lowest Observable Effect Concentration) values for reference toxicant test(s)

- (i). Available water quality measurements for each test (e.g., pH, D.O., temperature, conductivity, hardness, salinity, ammonia).
- iv The Discharger shall provide a compliance summary which includes a summary table of toxicity data from at least eleven of the most recent samples.
- v The Discharger shall notify this Regional Board immediately of any toxicity exceedance and in writing 14 days after the receipt of the results of a monitoring limit or trigger. The notification will describe actions the Discharger has taken or will take to investigate and correct the cause(s) of toxicity. It may also include a status report on any actions required by the permit, with a schedule for actions not yet completed. If no actions have been taken, the reasons shall be given.

VII. WATERSHED-WIDE MONITORING PROGRAM

- A. The goals of the Watershed-wide Monitoring Program for the Ventura River Watershed are to:
 - 1. Determine compliance with receiving water limits;
 - 2. Monitor trends in surface water quality;
 - 3. Assure reasonable protection of beneficial uses;
 - 4. Provide data for modeling contaminants of concern;
 - 5. Characterize water quality including seasonal variation of surface waters within the watershed;
 - 6. Assess the health of the biological community; and,
 - 7. Determine mixing dynamics of effluent and receiving waters in the estuary.
- B. The Discharger is participating in the implementation of the Watershed-wide Monitoring Program. The watershed-wide monitoring program has been developed and implemented. The Discharger responsibilities under the Watershed-wide Monitoring Program are described in the Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements section. To achieve the goals of the Watershed-wide Monitoring Program, revisions to the Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements maybe made under the direction of the Regional Board. OVSD shall continue to participate with the Regional Board, Ventura County Watershed Protection Division, and other stakeholders, in the development and implementation of a watershed-wide monitoring program.

C. Instream Bioassessment Monitoring Requirements

In coordination with Ventura County Flood Control District, OVSD shall conduct for instream bioassessment monitoring at least once during the Fall.

- 1. The bioassessment program shall include an analysis of the community structure of the instream macroinvertebrate assemblages and physical habitat assessment at a minimum of three sites within the Ventura River. All of the sites shall be sampled annually during the fall. This program shall be implemented and staff appropriately trained within six months of adoption of this Order. Analysis of the results of the annual bioassessment monitoring program shall be submitted in the following annual report.
- 2. The Discharger must provide a copy of their Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) for the Bioassessment Monitoring Program to the Regional Board upon request. The document must contain step-by-step field, laboratory and data entry procedures, as well as, related QA/QC procedures. There must also be specific information about each bioassessment program including: assessment program description, its organization and the responsibilities of all its personnel; assessment project description and objectives; qualifications of all personnel; and the type of training each member has received.
- 3. Field sampling must conform to the SOP established for the California Stream Bioassessment Procedure (CSBP). Field crews shall be trained on aspects of the protocol and appropriate safety issues. All field data and sample Chain of Custody (COC) forms must be examined for completion and gross errors. Field inspections shall be planned with random visits and shall be performed by the Discharger or an independent auditor. These visits shall report on all aspects of the field procedure with corrective action occurring immediately.
- 4. Taxonomic identification laboratory process the biological samples that usually consist of subsampling organisms, enumerating and identifying taxonomic groups and entering the information into an electronic format. The Regional Board may require QA/QC documents from taxonomic laboratory and examine its records regularly. Intra-laboratory QA/QC for subsampling, taxonomic validation and corrective actions shall be conducted and documented. Biological laboratories shall also maintain reference collections, vouchered specimens (The Discharger may request the return of their sample voucher collections) and remnant collections. The laboratory should participate in an (external) laboratory taxonomic validation program at a recommended level of 10% or 20%. External QA/QC be arranged through the California Department of Fish and Game's Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory in Rancho Cordova.

VIII. **RECEIVING WATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

(Footnotes on pages T-22 through T-24)

A. Receiving water stations shall be established at the following locations:

<u>Statio</u>	<u>n No.</u>	Location/Description
D_3	At a point an	provimately 1650 feet upstream from the dis-

- At a point approximately 1650 feet upstream from the discharge point. At a point approximately 50 feet downstream from the discharge point. R-4
- At a point just upstream of the confluence with Canada Larga. R-5
- B. The following shall constitute the receiving water monitoring program and the following analyses shall be conducted on grab samples obtained at Stations R-3 through R-5 except when indicated differently:

		Minir	num Frequency
CTR ^{0/}	<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	of Analysis
	Temperature (for R3 and R4 only)	°F	monthly
	Flow	MGD	monthly
	Total coliform	MPN/100 ml	monthly
	Fecal coliform	MPN/100 ml	monthly
	Dissolved oxygen	mg/L	monthly
	pH	pH units	monthly
	Nitrate nitrogen	mg/L	quarterly
	Nitrite nitrogen	mg/L	quarterly
	Ammonia nitrogen	mg/L	quarterly
	Organic nitrogen	mg/L	quarterly
	Total nitrogen	mg/L	quarterly
	Total phosphorous	mg/L	quarterly
	Phosphate-p	mg/L	quarterly
	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃) for (R3) only	mg/L	monthly
	Algal Biomass (Chlorophyll a) 12	mg/L	quarterly
	Turbidity	NTU	monthly
	Chronic toxicity (for R-3 and R-4 only)	TU_c	quarterly
	Chlorpyrifos ¹⁶	μg/L	semiannually
	Diazinon ¹⁶	μg/L	semiannually
	Total Chromium (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually

CTR ^{0/}	Constituent	<u>Units</u>	Minimum Frequency of Analysis
5a	Chromium III (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
5b	Chromium VI (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
	Remaining Priority Pollutants	μg/L	annually
	(for R-3 and R-5 only) (excluding asbestos, Attack	hment 3) 9	
6	Copper(for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
10	Selenium(for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
11	Silver(for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
13	Zinc(for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
	2,3,7,8-TCDD	μg/L	annually
	BOD ₅ (20°C)	mg/L	annually
	Sulfate	mg/L	annually
	Chloride CARTA 2013	mg/L	annually
	Surfactants (MBAS) ¹³	mg/L	semiannually
	Surfactants (CTAS) ¹³	mg/L	semiannually
	Total dissolved solids	mg/L	annually
	Oil and Grease	mg/L	annually
4	Aluminum ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
1	Antimony ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
2	Arsenic ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
•	Barium ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
3	Beryllium ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
4	Cadmium ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
	Cobalt ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
_	Iron ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
7	Lead ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
8	Mercury ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
	Molybdenum ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
9	Nickel ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
12	Thallium ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
	Vanadium ⁸ (for R-3 and R-5 only)	μg/L	annually
	Perchlorate	μg/L	annually
	1,4-Dioxane	μg/L	annually
	1,2,3 Trichloropropane	μg/L	annually
	Hexavalent Chromium	μg/L	annually
	N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	μg/L	annually

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- C. At the time of sampling, the following observations shall be made at all the stations and a log shall be maintained thereof:
 - a) Measurement of flow;
 - b) Odor of water:
 - c) Color of water;
 - d) Occurrence of significant storm runoff (flowing into the river);
 - e) Presence of floating solids (Type);
 - f) Presence of any sludge banks or deposits, grease, oil, foam, or visible solids of waste origin:
 - g) Tide and wind conditions;
 - h) Presence of any aquatic plant growth, sessile or floating;
 - i) Any unusual occurrence;
 - j) Status of sand bar in Ventura River Estuary (open or closed);
 - k) Users of water in river (i.e. people washing, swimming, and playing in the river);
 - I) Non contact users (i.e. bikers, joggers, etc.); and,
 - m) Wildlife (i.e. fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, estimated amount of vegetation).
- D. The time, date, and weather conditions at the time of sampling shall be reported.
- E. The color of the effluent shall be contrasted with that of the receiving water and reported descriptively.
- F. Receiving water sampling shall not be taken during or within 48 hours following the flow of rainwater runoff into the Ventura River unless it is safe to do so.
- G. Weekly sampling may be rescheduled if weather and flow conditions would endanger personnel collecting receiving water samples. The monthly monitoring report shall note such occasions.
- H. The results of receiving water monitoring and observations shall be submitted with the effluent monitoring reports.

IX. <u>FOOTNOTES FOR INFLUENT, EFFLUENT, AND RECEIVING WATER MONITORING PROGRAMS</u>

- O/ This number corresponds to the compound number found in Table 1 to paragraph (b)(1) of CTR. It is simply the order in which the 126 priority pollutants were listed in 40 CFR part 131.38(b)(1).
- 1/ Where continuous monitoring of a constituent is required, the following shall be reported:

Total waste flow - total daily flow and average daily flow (24-hour basis);

Turbidity - maximum daily value, total amount of time each day that turbidity exceeded five (5) turbidity units, the flow-proportioned average daily value and the monthly mean value.

Total Residual Chlorine: maximum daily value (24-hour basis)

- Coliform and turbidity samples shall be obtained at some point in the treatment process at a time when wastewater flow and characteristics are most demanding on the treatment facilities, filtration, and disinfection procedures. If total coliform test results are positive then fecal coliform test shall be conducted.
- 3/ If any result of weekly BOD and suspended solids analysis yields a value 90% or greater of the daily max limit, the frequency of analyses shall be increased to daily within one week of knowledge of the test result, for at least 7 days and until compliance with the 7-day and monthly average BOD and suspended solids limits are demonstrated; after which the frequency shall revert to weekly.
- 4/ For chromium VI analysis, the appropriate sampling and analytical method must be used.
- 5/ Radioactivity determinations of gross and net beta activity, in picocuries per liter, shall be made within 48 hours following preparation of composite samples. The overall efficiency of the counting system, size of sample, and counting time shall be such that radioactivity can be determined to a sensitivity of ten picocuries per liter with a 95% confidence limit not to exceed 50 picocuries per liter.

If gross α activity exceeds 5 pCi/L in any sample, measurement of Total Radium shall be made. If gross β activity exceeds 50 pCi/L in any sample, an analysis of the sample shall be performed to identify the major constituents present and compliance with CCRTitle 17, Section 30269 shall also be demonstrated.

- In lieu of conducting the standard acute toxicity test with fathead minnow and the water flea, the Discharger may elect to report the results from the first 48 hours of the chronic toxicity test as acute toxicity results.
- 8/ Receiving water trace metal samples shall be taken during the month of August.
- 9/ For volatile organic compounds, cyanide, phenols (nonchlorinated), and phthalates, grab samples shall be collected instead of 24-hour composites.
- 10/ PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) shall mean the sum of chlorinated biphenyls whose analytical characteristics resemble those of Aroclor-1016, Aroclor-1221, Aroclor-1232, Aroclor-1242, Aroclor-1248, Aroclor-1254, and Aroclor-1260.
- In accordance with the SIP, the Discharger must test for 17 Dioxin semiannually, for two more years because the Discharger's one out of two interim monitoring result showed excedance of CTR limits for TCDD. The following Toxicity Equivalence Factor (TEF) shall be used by the Discharger to determine Toxic Equivalence (TEQ). The 17 congeners are listed below:

Congener	Toxicity Equivalence Factor
2,3,7,8-TetraCDD	1
1,2,3,7,8-PentaCDD	1.0
1,2,3,4,7,8-HexaCDD	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8-HexaCDD	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-HexaCDD	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8,-HeptaCDD	0.01
OctaCDD	0.0001
2,3,7,8-TetraCDF	0.1
1,2,3,7,8-PentaCDF	0.05
2,3,4,7,8-PentaCDF	0.5

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1,2,3,4,7,8-HexaCDF	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8-HexaCDF	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9-HexaCDF	0.1
2,3,4,6,7,8-HexaCDF	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8-HeptaCDF	0.01
1,2,3,4,7,8,9-HeptaCDF	0.01
OctaCDF	0.0001

The Discharger must report (1) the measured or estimated congener concentration. (2) the Method Detection Limit (MDL), and (3) the lowest quantifiable limit approved by the Regional Board. The Discharger must also express the results in 2,3,7,8-TCDD equivalents (TEQs) by multiplying the congener concentration by its respective TEF and report the sum of these values.

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- 12/ Algal biomass as chlorophyll a.
- MBAS is Methylene blue active substances and CTAS is Cobalt thiocyanate active 13/ substances.
- 15/ This shall mean the sum of the p, p', and o,p' isomers.
- 16/ Pollutants chlorpyrifos and diazinon are reaching the receiving waters either through effluent or through agricultural runoff. After 2 years of monitoring and evaluation, the Regional Board will make a decision on further monitoring requirements for these two pollutants.
- Total chlorine residual only needs to be monitored when chlorination is used in disinfection or in any part of the treatment process
- Per discharge event when chlorine is used in disinfection or in any part of the treatment process but no more than once per month.

X. STORM WATER MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Discharger shall implement the attached Storm Water Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment A).

XI. BIOSOLIDS HANDLING MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The monthly monitoring reports shall include the moisture content, weight, and volume of screenings, sludges, grit, and other solids removed from the wastewater, the location(s) from which these wastes were obtained and the disposal sites to which the waste solids were transported. The Discharger shall implement sludge monitoring required in Attachment (B).

XII. PRETREATMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Discharger shall submit annually a report to the Regional Board, with a copy to USEPA (Region 9), describing the discharger's pretreatment activities over the previous twelve months. In the event the Discharger is not in compliance with any pretreatment conditions or requirements in this permit, then the Discharger shall also include the reasons for non-compliance and state how and when the Discharger shall comply with

such conditions and requirements. The annual report is due on March 1 of each year and shall contain, but not be limited to, the information required in the attached "Pretreatment Reporting Requirements Annual Report." (Attachment P), or any approved revised version thereof.

XIII. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH DAILY AVERAGE, INSTANTANEOUS MAXIMUM, AND MONTHLY AVERAGE LIMITS</u>

A. For constituents where new monthly average limits are prescribed, but where the monitoring frequency is less than four times a month, the following procedure shall apply:

Initially, not later than the first week of the second month after the adoption of this Order, representative samples shall be obtained of each waste discharge at least once per week for at least four consecutive weeks and until compliance with the monthly average limit has been demonstrated. Once compliance has been demonstrated, sampling and analysis shall revert to the frequency specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program.

- B. For any constituent monitored monthly: if any result of a monthly analysis exceeds the monthly average limit, the frequency of analysis shall be increased to weekly within one week of knowledge of the test result. Weekly testing shall continue for at least 4 consecutive weeks and until compliance with the monthly average limit is demonstrated, after which the frequency shall revert to monthly.
- C. For constituents where new 7-day average limits are prescribed, but where the monitoring frequency is weekly, the following procedure shall apply:

Initially, not later than the first week of the second month after the adoption of this Order, representative samples shall be obtained of each waste discharge daily for at least 7 consecutive days and until compliance with the 7-day average limit has been demonstrated. Once compliance has been demonstrated, sampling and analysis shall revert to weekly.

D. For any constituent monitored weekly: if any result of a weekly analysis exceeds the 7-day average limit (or the monthly average limit if no 7-day limit is prescribed), the frequency of analysis shall be increased to daily within one week of knowledge of the test results. Daily testing shall continue for at least 7 consecutive days and until compliance with the 7-day average limit is demonstrated, after which the frequency shall revert to weekly.

Ordered by:_	
	Dennis A. Dickerson
	Executive Officer

Date: June 5, 2003