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Frank Oakes  
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Dear Mr. Oakes:

**TRANSMITTAL OF THE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INC., PORT HUENEME AQUACULTURE PARK, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0064131, CI-7854)**

Our letter dated April 5, 2017, transmitted the tentative waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the reissuance of a permit for your Facility to discharge aquaculture wastewater to surface waters under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Water Board at a public hearing held on June 1, 2017, reviewed the tentative requirements, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. R4-2017-0122. Order No. R4-2017-0122 serves as an NPDES permit, and expires on July 31, 2022. Section 13376 of the California Water Code requires that an application/Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for a new permit must be filed at least 180 days before the expiration date.

You are required to implement the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) on the effective date (August 1, 2017) of Order No. R4-2017-0122. Your first monitoring report for the period of August 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017, is due by November 1, 2017. Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc., Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park will electronically submit Self-Monitoring Reports (SMRs) and Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) using the State Water Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS):

(<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/index.html>).

When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Water Board per these requirements, please include a reference to Compliance File CI-7854 and NPDES No. CA0064131, which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff.

We are sending the paper copy of the Permit to the Discharger only. For those on the mailing list or other interested parties who would like access to a copy of the Permit, please go to the Regional Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/search.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/adopted_orders/search.shtml)

If you have any questions, please contact Ching Yin To at [Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,



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Industrial Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures: Order No. R4-2017-0122 - Waste Discharge Requirements  
Attachment E - Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP No. 7854)  
Attachment F - Fact Sheet

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**ORDER No. R4-2017-0122  
NPDES NO. CA0064131**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INC.,  
PORT HUENEME AQUACULTURE PARK  
DISCHARGE TO PORT HUENEME HARBOR**

The following Discharger is subject to waste discharge requirements (WDRs) set forth in this Order:

**Table 1. Discharger Information**

Discharger	Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc.
Name of Facility	Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park
Facility Address	448 Lighthouse Circle Drive
	Port Hueneme, CA 93041
	Ventura County

**Table 2. Discharge Location**

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude (North)	Discharge Point Longitude (West)	Receiving Water
001	Aquaculture wastewater (sea water)	34.1454°	-119.2096°	Port Hueneme Harbor

**Table 3. Administrative Information**

This Order was adopted on:	<b>June 1, 2017</b>
This Order shall become effective on:	<b>August 1, 2017</b>
This Order shall expire on:	<b>July 31, 2022</b>
The Discharger shall file a Report of Waste Discharge as an application for reissuance of WDRs in accordance with title 23, California Code of Regulations, and an application for reissuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit no later than:	180 days prior to the Order expiration date
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region have classified this discharge as follows:	MINOR

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of the Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on **June 1, 2017**.



Samuel Unger, P.E., Executive Officer

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## I. FACILITY INFORMATION

Information describing Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc., Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park (Facility) is summarized in Table 1 and in Sections I and II of the Fact Sheet (Attachment F). Section I of the Fact Sheet also includes information regarding the Facility's permit application.

## II. FINDINGS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board), finds:

- A. Legal Authorities.** This Order serves as waste discharge requirements (WDRs) pursuant to article 4, chapter 4, division 7 of the California Water Code (commencing with section 13260). This Order is also issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and implementing regulations adopted by the U.S. EPA and chapter 5.5, division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13370). It shall serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit authorizing the Discharger to discharge into waters of the United States at the discharge location described in Table 2 subject to the WDRs in this Order.
- B. Background and Rationale for Requirements.** The Regional Water Board developed the requirements in this Order based on information submitted as part of the application, through monitoring and reporting programs, and other available information. The Fact Sheet (Attachment F), which contains background information and rationale for the requirements in this Order, is hereby incorporated into and constitutes Findings for this Order. Attachments A through E and G through I are also incorporated into this Order.
- C. Provisions and Requirements Implementing State Law.** The provisions/requirements in subsections IV.B, IV.C, and V.B are included to implement state law only. These provisions/requirements are not required or authorized under the federal CWA; consequently, violations of these provisions/requirements are not subject to the enforcement remedies that are available for NPDES violations.
- D. Notification of Interested Parties.** The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe WDRs for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations. Details of the notification are provided in the Fact Sheet.
- E. Consideration of Public Comment.** The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge. Details of the Public Hearing are provided in the Fact Sheet.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Order supersedes Order No. R4-2012-0055 except for enforcement purposes, and, in order to meet the provisions contained in division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13000) and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the CWA and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, the Discharger is authorized to discharge from the identified Facility and outfalls into waters of the United States, and shall comply with the requirements in this Order. This action in no way prevents the Regional Water Board from taking enforcement action for violations of the previous Orders.

## III. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

- A.** Wastes discharged at Discharge Point 001 shall be limited to a maximum of 1.08 million gallons per day (MGD) of aquaculture wastewater (i.e., seawater) only as described in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F). The discharge of wastes from accidental spills or other sources is prohibited.

- B. Discharges of water, materials, thermal wastes, elevated temperature wastes, toxic wastes, deleterious substances, or wastes other than those authorized by this Order, to a storm drain system, Port Hueneme Harbor, or other waters of the State, are prohibited.
- C. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of pollutants shall create pollution, contamination, or a nuisance as defined by section 13050 of the Water Code.
- D. Wastes discharged shall not contain any substances in concentrations toxic to human, animal, plant, or aquatic life.
- E. The discharge shall not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standards for receiving waters adopted by the Regional Water Board or the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) as required by the federal CWA and regulations adopted thereunder. If more stringent applicable water quality standards are promulgated or approved pursuant to section 303 of the federal CWA, and amendments thereto, the Board will revise and modify this Order in accordance with such more stringent standards.
- F. The discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent into the waters of the state is prohibited under Water Code section 13375.
- G. Any discharge of wastes at any point(s) other than specifically described in this Order is prohibited, and constitutes a violation of the Order.
- H. The discharge of trash to surface waters of the State or the deposition of trash where it may be discharged into surface waters of the State is prohibited.

**IV. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS**

**A. Effluent Limitations – Discharge Point 001**

**1. Final Effluent Limitations – Discharge Point 001**

- a. The Discharger shall maintain compliance with the following effluent limitations individually at Discharge Point 001, with compliance measured at Monitoring Location EFF-001 as described in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E):

**Table 4. Effluent Limitations at Discharge Point 001**

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations			
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum
<b>Conventional Pollutants</b>					
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5-day @ 20°C)	mg/L	20	30	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	180	270	--	--
Oil and Grease	mg/L	10	15	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	90	140	--	--
pH	standard units	--	--	6.5	8.5
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	50	75	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	450	680	--	--
<b>Non-conventional Pollutants</b>					
Chronic Toxicity <sup>2</sup>	Pass or Fail, % Effect (TST)	Pass	Pass or % Effect <50	--	--
Temperature	°F	--	--	--	86

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations			
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum
Turbidity	NTU	50	75	--	--
Total Coliform	CFU/100mL or MPN/100mL	3,4			
Fecal Coliform	CFU/100mL or MPN/100mL	4,5			
<i>Enterococcus</i>	CFU/100mL or MPN/100mL	4,6			
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	7			
<b>Priority Pollutants</b>					
Copper, Total Recoverable <sup>8</sup>	µg/L	2.9	5.8	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	0.026	0.052	--	--
Silver, Total Recoverable <sup>8</sup>	µg/L	1.1	2.2	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	0.0099	0.020	--	--
Cyanide, Total <sup>8</sup>	µg/L	0.50	1.0	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	0.0045	0.0090	--	--

- 1 Mass loading limitations are based on the maximum flow at Discharge Point 001 (1.08 million gallons per day (MGD)) and are calculated as follows:  

$$\text{Flow (MGD)} \times \text{Concentration (mg/L)} \times 8.34 \text{ (conversion factor)} = \text{lbs/day.}$$
- 2 The median monthly effluent limitation (MMEL) shall be reported as "Pass" or "Fail". The MDEL shall be reported "Pass" or "Fail" and "% Effect". The MMEL for chronic toxicity shall only apply when there is a discharge more than one day in a calendar month period. During such calendar months, up to three independent toxicity tests are required when one toxicity test results in "Fail".
- 3 Total coliform density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 1,000/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 10,000/100 mL. In addition, the total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000/100 mL if the ratio of fecal-to-total coliform exceeds 0.1.
- 4 The geometric mean values should be calculated based on a statistically sufficient number of samples (generally not less than five samples equally spaced over a 30-day period). If any of the single sample limits are exceeded, the Regional Water Board may require repeat sampling on a daily basis until the sample falls below the single sample limit in order to determine the persistence of the exceedance. When repeat sampling is required because of an exceedance of any one single sample limit, values from all samples collected during that 30-day period shall be used to calculate the geometric mean.
- 5 Fecal coliform density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 200/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 400/100 mL.
- 6 *Enterococcus* density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 35/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 104/100 mL.
- 7 At a minimum, the mean annual dissolved oxygen concentration shall be greater than 7 mg/L, and no single determination shall be less than 5.0 mg/L.
- 8 Intake water credits are included for copper, silver, or cyanide as follows:
  - a. If the influent concentration for copper, silver, or cyanide (measured at the influent) does not exceed its respective average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) as included in Table 4, then the effluent limitations for these parameters remain as included in Table 4.
  - b. If the influent concentration for these parameters exceeds its respective average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) but does not exceed its maximum daily effluent limitation (MDEL) as included in Table 4, then compliance with the AMEL will be determined based on the intake water credit (see below) and compliance with the MDEL will be determined with the MDEL as included in Table 4.

- c. If the influent concentration for these parameters exceeds its respective average monthly (AMEL) and maximum daily limitation (MDEL) as included in Table 4, then compliance with both the AMEL and the MDEL for that parameter will be determined based on the intake water credit.

Effluent limitations with intake water credits for these parameters are determined as follows:

Effluent Limitation with Intake Water Credit = Maximum Influent Concentration (measured within each quarterly monitoring event)

**B. Land Discharge Specifications – Not Applicable**

**C. Recycling Specifications – Not Applicable**

**V. RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS**

**A. Surface Water Limitations**

The discharge shall not cause the following in the Port Hueneme Harbor:

1. The pH of the Port Hueneme Harbor shall not be depressed below 6.5 or raised above 8.5 as a result of the waste discharge. Ambient pH levels shall not be changed more than 0.2 units from natural conditions as a result of waste discharge. Natural conditions shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.
2. Surface water temperature to rise greater than 5° F above the natural temperature of the receiving waters at any time or place. At no time shall the temperature be raised above 86° F as a result of waste discharged.
3. The mean annual concentration of dissolved oxygen shall be greater than 7 mg/L, and no single determination shall be less than 5.0 mg/L except when natural conditions cause lesser concentrations. Natural conditions shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.
4. Water Contact Standards

In marine water designated for water contact recreation (REC-1), the waste discharged shall not cause the following bacterial standards to be exceeded in the receiving water.

- a. 30-day Geometric Mean Limits
  - i. Total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000/100 mL.
  - ii. Fecal coliform density shall not exceed 200/100 mL.
  - iii. *Enterococcus* density shall not exceed 35/100 mL.
- b. Single Sample Maximum
  - i. Total coliform density shall not exceed 10,000/100 mL.
  - ii. Fecal coliform density shall not exceed 400/100 mL.
  - iii. *Enterococcus* density shall not exceed 104/100 mL.
  - iv. Total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000/100 mL, if the ratio of fecal-to-total coliform exceeds 0.1.
5. Exceedance of the total ammonia (as N) concentrations specified in the Regional Water Board Resolution 2004-022, adopted on March 4, 2004, *Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Update the Ammonia Objectives for Inland Surface Waters Not Characteristic of Freshwater (including Enclosed Bays, Estuaries, and Wetlands) with the Beneficial Use Designations for Protection of "Aquatic Life"*.
6. The presence of visible, floating, suspended or deposited macroscopic particulate matter or foam.



7. Where natural turbidity is between 0 to 50 NTU, increases in turbidity shall not exceed 20%. Where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases in turbidity shall not exceed 10%.
8. Oils, greases, waxes, or other materials in concentrations that result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the receiving water or on objects in the water.
9. Suspended or settleable materials, chemical substances or pesticides in amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect any designated beneficial use.
10. Toxic or other deleterious substances in concentrations or quantities which cause deleterious effects on aquatic biota, wildlife, or waterfowl or render any of these unfit for human consumption either at levels created in the receiving waters or as a result of biological concentration.
11. Accumulation of bottom deposits or aquatic growths.
12. The presence of substances that result in increases of BOD that adversely affect beneficial uses.
13. Taste or odor-producing substances in concentrations that alter the natural taste, odor, and/or color of fish, shellfish, or other edible aquatic resources; cause nuisance; or adversely affect beneficial uses.
14. Alteration of turbidity, or apparent color beyond present natural background levels.
15. Damage, discolor, or formation of sludge deposits on flood control structures or facilities, or overloading of the design capacity.
16. Degradation of surface water communities and populations including vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant species.
17. Problems associated with breeding of mosquitoes, gnats, black flies, midges, or other pests.
18. Nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses of the receiving water, including biostimulatory substances at concentrations that promote aquatic growth to the extent that such growth causes nuisance or adversely affects beneficial uses.
19. Violation of any applicable water quality standards for receiving waters adopted by the Regional Water Board or State Water Board. If more stringent applicable water quality standards are promulgated or approved pursuant to section 303 of the CWA, or amendments thereto, the Regional Water Board will revise or modify this Order in accordance with such standards.

**B. Groundwater Limitations – Not Applicable**

**VI. PROVISIONS**

**A. Standard Provisions**

1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions included in Attachment D.
2. The Discharger shall comply with the following provisions. In the event that there is any conflict, duplication, or overlap between provisions specified by this Order, the more stringent provision shall apply:
  - a. The Discharger must comply with the lawful requirements of municipalities, counties, drainage districts, and other local agencies regarding discharges of storm water to storm drain systems or other water courses under their jurisdiction; including applicable requirements in municipal storm water management

programs developed to comply with NPDES permits issued by the Regional Water Board to local agencies.

- b. A discharge of wastes to any point other than specifically described in this Order is prohibited and constitutes a violation thereof.
- c. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable effluent limitations, national standards of performance, toxic effluent standards, and all federal regulations established pursuant to sections 301, 302, 303(d), 304, 306, 307, 316, 318, 405, and 423 of the federal CWA and amendments thereto.
- d. These requirements do not exempt the operator of the waste disposal facility from compliance with any other laws, regulations, or ordinances which may be applicable; they do not legalize this waste disposal facility, and they leave unaffected any further restraints on the disposal of wastes at this site which may be contained in other statutes or required by other agencies.
- e. Oil or oily material, chemicals, refuse, or other wastes that constitute a condition of pollution or nuisance shall not be stored or deposited in areas where they may be picked up by rainfall and carried off of the property and/or discharged to surface waters. Any such spill of such materials shall be contained and removed immediately.
- f. A copy of these waste discharge specifications shall be maintained at the discharge facility so as to be available at all times to operating personnel.
- g. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
  - i. Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
  2. Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose all relevant facts;
  3. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.
- h. If there is any storage of hazardous or toxic materials or hydrocarbons at this facility and if the facility is not manned at all times, a 24-hour emergency response telephone number shall be prominently posted where it can easily be read from the outside.
- i. The Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board no later than 120 days in advance of implementation of any plans to alter production capacity of the product line of the manufacturing, producing or processing facility by more than ten percent. Such notification shall include estimates of proposed production rate, the type of process, and projected effects on effluent quality. Notification shall include submittal of a new report of waste discharge and the appropriate filing fee.
- j. All existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Regional Water Board as soon as they know or have reason to believe that they have begun or expect to begin to use or manufacture an intermediate or final product or byproduct of any toxic pollutant that was not reported on their application.
- k. In the event of any change in name, ownership, or control of these waste disposal facilities, the discharger shall notify this Regional Water Board of such change and shall notify the succeeding owner or operator of the existence of this Order by letter, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Regional Water Board.

- i. The Water Code provides that any person who violates a waste discharge requirement or a provision of the Water Code is subject to civil liability of up to \$5,000 per day, \$10,000 per day, or \$25,000 per day of violation, or when the violation involves the discharge of pollutants, is subject to civil liability of up to \$10 per gallon per day or \$25 per gallon per day of violation; or some combination thereof, depending on the violation, or upon the combination of violations.
- m. Violation of any of the provisions of the NPDES program or of any of the provisions of this Order may subject the violator to any of the penalties described herein, or any combination thereof, at the discretion of the prosecuting authority; except that only one kind of penalty may be applied for each kind of violation.
- n. The discharge of any product registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to any waste stream which may ultimately be released to waters of the United States, is prohibited unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this permit or another NPDES permit. This requirement is not applicable to products used for lawn and agricultural purposes.
- o. The discharge of any waste resulting from the combustion of toxic or hazardous wastes to any waste stream that ultimately discharges to waters of the United States is prohibited, unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this permit.
- p. The Discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing no later than 6 months prior to the planned discharge of any chemical, other than the products previously reported to the Executive Officer, which may be toxic to aquatic life. Such notification shall include:
  1. Name and general composition of the chemical,
  2. Frequency of use,
  3. Quantities to be used,
  4. Proposed discharge concentrations, and
  5. U.S. EPA registration number, if applicable.
- q. Failure to comply with provisions or requirements of this Order, or violation of other applicable laws or regulations governing discharges from this facility, may subject the Discharger to administrative or civil liabilities, criminal penalties, and/or other enforcement remedies to ensure compliance. Additionally, certain violations may subject the Discharger to civil or criminal enforcement from appropriate local, state, or federal law enforcement entities.
- r. In the event the Discharger does not comply or will be unable to comply for any reason, with any prohibition, effluent limitation, or receiving water limitation of this Order, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board by telephone (213) 576-6600 within 24 hours of having knowledge of such noncompliance, and shall confirm this notification in writing within five days, unless the Regional Water Board waives confirmation. The written notification shall state the nature, time, duration, and cause of noncompliance, and shall describe the measures being taken to remedy the current noncompliance and, prevent recurrence including, where applicable, a schedule of implementation. Other noncompliance requires written notification as above at the time of the normal monitoring report.
- s. Prior to making any change in the point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use of treated wastewater that results in a decrease of flow in any portion of a watercourse, the Discharger must file a petition with the State Water Board,

Division of Water Rights, and receive approval for such a change. (Wat. Code § 1211.)

- t. The provisions of this order are severable. If any provision of this Order is found invalid, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected.

## **B. Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Requirements**

The Discharger shall comply with the MRP, and future revisions thereto, in Attachment E.

## **C. Special Provisions**

### **1. Reopener Provisions**

- a. If more stringent applicable water quality standards are promulgated or approved pursuant to section 303 of the federal CWA, and amendments thereto, the Regional Water Board may revise and modify this Order in accordance with such more stringent standards.
- b. This Order may be reopened to include effluent limitations for toxic constituents determined to be present in significant amounts in the discharge through a more comprehensive monitoring program included as part of this Order and based on the results of the RPA.
- c. This Order may be reopened and modified, in accordance with the provisions set forth in 40 C.F.R., parts 122 and 124, to include requirements for the implementation of the watershed management approach or to include new MLs.
- d. This Order may be reopened and modified to revise effluent limitations as a result of future Basin Plan Amendments, such as an update of an objective or the adoption of a TMDL for the Port Hueneme Harbor.
- e. This Order may be reopened for modification, or revocation and reissuance, as a result of the detection of a reportable priority pollutant generated by special conditions included in this Order. These special conditions may be, but are not limited to, fish tissue sampling, whole effluent toxicity, monitoring requirements on internal waste stream(s), and monitoring for surrogate parameters. Additional requirements may be included in this Order as a result of the special condition monitoring data.
- f. This Order may be reopened upon submission by the Discharger of adequate information, as determined by the Regional Water Board, to provide for dilution credits or a mixing one, as may be appropriate.
- g. This Order may also be reopened and modified, revoked, and reissued or terminated in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. sections 122.44, 122.62 to 122.64, 125.62, and 125.64. Causes for taking such actions include, but are not limited to, failure to comply with any condition of this Order, and endangerment to human health or the environment resulting from the permitted activity; or acquisition of newly-obtained information which would have justified the application of different conditions if known at the time of Order adoption. The filing of a request by the Discharger for an Order modification, revocation, and issuance or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any condition of this Order.

### **2. Special Studies, Technical Reports and Additional Monitoring Requirements**

- a. **Initial Investigation Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan.** The Discharger shall submit to the Regional Water Board an Initial Investigation TRE

workplan (1-2 pages) **within 90 days** of the effective date of this permit. This plan shall describe the steps the Discharger intends to follow in the event that toxicity is detected. See section V of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) for an overview of TRE requirements.

### **3. Best Management Practices and Pollution Prevention**

#### **a. Best Management Practices Plan.**

The Discharger shall submit, within 90 days of the effective date of this Order, an updated **Best Management Practices Plan (BMPP)** that will be implemented to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the receiving water. The BMPP shall include site-specific plans and procedures implemented and/or to be implemented to prevent hazardous waste/material and trash from being discharged to waters of the State, including efforts taken to prevent contamination of storm water runoff at the site. Further, the Discharger shall ensure that the discharges from the Facility would neither cause nor contribute to a nuisance in the receiving water, and that unauthorized discharges (i.e. spills) to the receiving water have been effectively prohibited. In particular, a risk assessment of each area identified by the Discharger shall be performed to determine the potential for hazardous or toxic waste/material and trash. The BMPP shall be consistent with the general guidance contained in the U.S. EPA Guidance Manual for Developing Best Management Practices (BMPs) (EPA 833-B-93-004).

Additionally, the BMPP must include a list of chemicals, including quantities of each that are used at the Facility and could potentially affect the waste discharge. The BMPP should also include site specific preventive (failsafe) and contingency (cleanup) plans for controlling accidental discharges and/or accidental spills of hazardous materials/waste, and for minimizing the effect of such events within the Facility.

The Discharger must verify in the BMPP that spill response and storm water pollution prevention at the outdoor area of the Facility is conducted by the Port Hueneme - Oxnard Harbor District (Harbor District). If the Facility's role and responsibility changes with respect to spill response and storm water pollution prevention at the outdoor area of the Facility, then the Facility must notify the Regional Water Board within 30 days.

The Discharger shall implement the BMPP within 10 days of its approval by the Executive Officer or no later than 90 days after submission to the Regional Water Board, whichever comes first. The Discharger shall continue to implement any existing and previously approved BMPP until an updated version is approved by the Executive Officer or until the stipulated 90-day period after the updated submittal has occurred. The plans shall be reviewed annually and at the same time. Updated information shall be submitted within 30 days of revision.

### **4. Construction, Operation and Maintenance Specifications**

The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems installed or used to achieve compliance with this order.

### **5. Other Special Provisions – Not Applicable**

### **6. Compliance Schedules – Not Applicable**

## VII. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Compliance with the effluent limitations contained in section IV of this Order will be determined as specified below:

### A. Single Constituent Effluent Limitation.

If the concentration of the pollutant in the monitoring sample is greater than the effluent limitation and greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Reporting Requirement I.H. of the MRP), then the Discharger is out of compliance.

### B. Effluent Limitations Expressed as a Sum of Several Constituents.

If the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations is greater than the effluent limitation, then the Discharger is out of compliance. In calculating the sum of the concentrations of a group of pollutants, consider constituents reported as ND or DNQ to have concentrations equal to zero, provided that the applicable ML is used.

### C. Effluent Limitations Expressed as a Median.

In determining compliance with a median limitation, the analytical results in a set of data will be arranged in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order); and

1. If the number of measurements (n) is odd, then the median will be calculated as =  $X_{(n+1)/2}$ , or
2. If the number of measurements (n) is even, then the median will be calculated as =  $[X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1}]/2$ , i.e. the midpoint between the  $n/2$  and  $n/2+1$  data points.

### D. Multiple Sample Data.

When determining compliance with an AMEL or MDEL for priority pollutants and more than one sample result is available, the Discharger shall compute the arithmetic mean unless the data set contains one or more reported determinations of "Detected, but Not Quantified" (DNQ) or "Not Detected" (ND). In those cases, the Discharger shall compute the median in place of the arithmetic mean in accordance with the following procedure:

1. The data set shall be ranked from low to high, ranking the reported ND determinations lowest, DNQ determinations next, followed by quantified values (if any). The order of the individual ND or DNQ determinations is unimportant.
2. The median value of the data set shall be determined. If the data set has an odd number of data points, then the median is the middle value. If the data set has an even number of data points, then the median is the average of the two values around the middle unless one or both of the points are ND or DNQ, in which case the median value shall be the lower of the two data points where DNQ is lower than a value and ND is lower than DNQ.

### E. Average Monthly Effluent Limitation (AMEL).

If the average (or when applicable, the median determined by subsection 2 above for multiple sample data) of daily discharges over a calendar month exceeds the AMEL for a given parameter, this will represent a single violation; though the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for each day of that month for that parameter (e.g., resulting in 31 days of non-compliance in a 31-day month). If only a single sample is taken during the calendar month and the analytical result for that sample exceeds the AMEL, the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for that calendar month. For any one calendar month during which no sample (daily discharge) is taken, no compliance determination can be made for that calendar month.

In determining compliance with the AMEL, the following provisions shall also apply to all constituents:

1. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, does not exceed the AMEL for that constituent, the Discharger has demonstrated compliance with the AMEL for that month;
2. If the analytical result of a single sample monitored monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, exceeds the AMEL for any constituent, the Discharger may collect four additional samples at approximately equal intervals during the month. All five analytical results shall be reported in the monitoring report for that month, or 45 days after results for the additional samples were received, whichever is later. The concentration of a pollutant (an arithmetic mean or a median) in these samples estimated from the "Multiple Sample Data Reduction" section above, will be used for compliance determination.
3. In the event of noncompliance with an AMEL, the sampling frequency for that constituent shall be increased to weekly and shall continue at this level until compliance with the AMEL has been demonstrated.
4. If only one sample was obtained for the month or more than a monthly period and the result exceeds the AMEL; then the Discharger is in violation of the AMEL.

**F. Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation (MDEL).**

If a daily discharge exceeds the MDEL for a given parameter, an alleged violation will be flagged and the discharger will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that 1 day only within the reporting period. For any 1 day during which no sample is taken, no compliance determination can be made for that day.

**G. Instantaneous Minimum Effluent Limitation.**

If the analytical result of a single grab sample is lower than the instantaneous minimum effluent limitation for a parameter, a violation will be flagged and the discharger will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that single sample. Non-compliance for each sample will be considered separately (e.g., the results of two grab samples taken within a calendar day that both are lower than the instantaneous minimum effluent limitation would result in two instances of non-compliance with the instantaneous minimum effluent limitation).

**H. Instantaneous Maximum Effluent Limitation.**

If the analytical result of a single grab sample is higher than the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation for a parameter, a violation will be flagged and the discharger will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that single sample. Non-compliance for each sample will be considered separately (e.g., the results of two grab samples taken within a calendar day that both exceed the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation would result in two instances of non-compliance with the instantaneous maximum effluent limitation.)

**I. Chronic Toxicity.**

The discharge is subject to determination of "Pass" or "Fail" and "Percent Effect" from a single-effluent concentration chronic toxicity test at the discharge IWC using the Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) statistical approach described in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Test of Significant Toxicity Implementation Document (EPA 833-R-10-003, 2010), Appendix A, Figure A-1, and Table A-1. The null hypothesis (Ho) for the TST statistical approach is: Mean discharge IWC response  $\leq 0.75 \times$  Mean control response. A

test result that rejects this null hypothesis is reported as "Pass". A test result that does not reject this null hypothesis is reported as "Fail". The relative "Percent Effect" at the discharge IWC is defined and reported as:  $((\text{Mean control response} - \text{Mean discharge IWC response}) \div \text{Mean control response}) \times 100\%$ .

The Median Monthly Effluent Limitation (MMEL) for chronic toxicity is exceeded and a violation will be flagged when the median of no more than three independent chronic toxicity tests, conducted within the same calendar month and analyzed using the TST statistical approach, results in "Fail". The MMEL for chronic toxicity shall only apply when there is a discharge more than one day in a calendar month period. During such calendar months, up to three independent toxicity tests are required when one toxicity test results in "Fail."

The Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation (MDEL) for chronic toxicity is exceeded and a violation will be flagged when a chronic toxicity test, analyzed using the TST statistical approach, results in "Fail" and the "Percent Effect" is  $\geq 50\%$ .

**J. Mass and Concentration Limitations.**

Compliance with mass effluent limitations and concentration effluent limitations for the same parameter shall be determined separately. When the concentration for a parameter in a sample is reported as ND or DNQ, the corresponding mass emission rate determined using that sample concentration shall also be reported as ND or DNQ.

**K. Median Monthly Effluent Limitation (MMEL).**

If the median of daily discharges over a calendar month exceeds the MMEL for a given parameter, an alleged violation will be flagged and the Discharger will be considered out of compliance for each day of that month for that parameter (e.g., resulting in 31 days of noncompliance in a 31-day month). However, an alleged violation of the MMEL will be considered one violation for the purpose of assessing State mandatory minimum penalties. If no sample (daily discharge) is taken over a calendar month, no compliance determination can be made for that month with respect to effluent violation determination, but compliance determination can be made for that month with respect to reporting violation determination.

**L. Bacterial Standards and Analyses.**

The geometric mean used for determining compliance with bacterial standards is calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Geometric Mean} = (C_1 \times C_2 \times \dots \times C_n)^{1/n}$$

where n is the number of days samples were collected during the period and C is the concentration of bacteria (MPN/100 mL or CFU/100 mL) found on each day of sampling. For bacterial analyses, sample dilutions should be performed so the expected range of values is bracketed (for example, with multiple tube fermentation method or membrane filtration method, 2 to 16,000 per 100 ml for total and fecal coliform, at a minimum, and 1 to 1000 per 100 ml for *Enterococcus*). The detection method used for each analysis shall be reported with the results of the analysis.

Detection methods used for coliforms (total, fecal, and *E. coli*) and *Enterococcus* shall be those presented in Table 1A of 40 C.F.R. part 136 (revised May 18, 2012), unless alternate methods have been approved by U.S. EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. part 136 or improved methods have been determined by the Executive Officer and/or U.S. EPA.



## ATTACHMENT A – DEFINITIONS

### Arithmetic Mean ( $\mu$ )

Also called the average, is the sum of measured values divided by the number of samples. For ambient water concentrations, the arithmetic mean is calculated as follows:

Arithmetic mean =  $\mu = \Sigma x / n$       where:  $\Sigma x$  is the sum of the measured ambient water concentrations, and  $n$  is the number of samples.

### Average Monthly Effluent Limitation (AMEL)

The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.

### Average Weekly Effluent Limitation (AWEL)

The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday), calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

### Bioaccumulative

Those substances taken up by an organism from its surrounding medium through gill membranes, epithelial tissue, or from food and subsequently concentrated and retained in the body of the organism.

### Carcinogenic

Pollutants are substances that are known to cause cancer in living organisms.

### Coefficient of Variation (CV)

CV is a measure of the data variability and is calculated as the estimated standard deviation divided by the arithmetic mean of the observed values.

### Daily Discharge

Daily Discharge is defined as either: (1) the total mass of the constituent discharged over the calendar day (12:00 am through 11:59 pm) or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents a calendar day for purposes of sampling (as specified in the permit), for a constituent with limitations expressed in units of mass or; (2) the unweighted arithmetic mean measurement of the constituent over the day for a constituent with limitations expressed in other units of measurement (e.g., concentration).

The daily discharge may be determined by the analytical results of a composite sample taken over the course of one day (a calendar day or other 24-hour period defined as a day) or by the arithmetic mean of analytical results from one or more grab samples taken over the course of the day.

For composite sampling, if 1 day is defined as a 24-hour period other than a calendar day, the analytical result for the 24-hour period will be considered as the result for the calendar day in which the 24-hour period ends.

### Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ)

DNQ are those sample results less than the RL, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL. Sample results reported as DNQ are estimated concentrations.

### **Dilution Credit**

Dilution Credit is the amount of dilution granted to a discharge in the calculation of a water quality-based effluent limitation, based on the allowance of a specified mixing zone. It is calculated from the dilution ratio or determined through conducting a mixing zone study or modeling of the discharge and receiving water.

### **Effluent Concentration Allowance (ECA)**

ECA is a value derived from the water quality criterion/objective, dilution credit, and ambient background concentration that is used, in conjunction with the coefficient of variation for the effluent monitoring data, to calculate a long-term average (LTA) discharge concentration. The ECA has the same meaning as wasteload allocation (WLA) as used in U.S. EPA guidance (Technical Support Document For Water Quality-based Toxics Control, March 1991, second printing, EPA/505/2-90-001).

### **Enclosed Bays**

Enclosed Bays means indentations along the coast that enclose an area of oceanic water within distinct headlands or harbor works. Enclosed bays include all bays where the narrowest distance between the headlands or outermost harbor works is less than 75 percent of the greatest dimension of the enclosed portion of the bay. Enclosed bays include, but are not limited to, Humboldt Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Drake's Estero, San Francisco Bay, Morro Bay, Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor, Upper and Lower Newport Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay. Enclosed bays do not include inland surface waters or ocean waters.

### **Estimated Chemical Concentration**

The estimated chemical concentration that results from the confirmed detection of the substance by the analytical method below the ML value.

### **Estuaries**

Estuaries means waters, including coastal lagoons, located at the mouths of streams that serve as areas of mixing for fresh and ocean waters. Coastal lagoons and mouths of streams that are temporarily separated from the ocean by sandbars shall be considered estuaries. Estuarine waters shall be considered to extend from a bay or the open ocean to a point upstream where there is no significant mixing of fresh water and seawater. Estuarine waters included, but are not limited to, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as defined in Water Code section 12220, Suisun Bay, Carquinez Strait downstream to the Carquinez Bridge, and appropriate areas of the Smith, Mad, Eel, Noyo, Russian, Klamath, San Diego, and Otay rivers. Estuaries do not include inland surface waters or ocean waters.

### **Existing Discharger**

Any Discharger that is not a new discharger. An existing discharger includes an "increasing discharger" (i.e., any existing facility with treatment systems in places for its current discharge that is or will be expanding, upgrading, or modifying its permitted discharge after the effective date of this Order.)

### **Four-Day Average of Daily Maximum Flows**

The average of daily maxima taken from the data set in four-day intervals.

### **Inland Surface Waters**

All surface waters of the state that do not include the ocean, enclosed bays, or estuaries.

### **Instantaneous Maximum Effluent Limitation**

The highest allowable value for any single grab sample or aliquot (i.e., each grab sample or aliquot is independently compared to the instantaneous maximum limitation).

**Instantaneous Minimum Effluent Limitation**

The lowest allowable value for any single grab sample or aliquot (i.e., each grab sample or aliquot is independently compared to the instantaneous minimum limitation).

**Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation (MDEL)**

The highest allowable daily discharge of a pollutant, over a calendar day (or 24-hour period). For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the arithmetic mean measurement of the pollutant over the day.

**Median**

The middle measurement in a set of data. The median of a set of data is found by first arranging the measurements in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order). If the number of measurements (n) is odd, then the median =  $X_{(n+1)/2}$ . If n is even, then the median =  $(X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1})/2$  (i.e., the midpoint between the n/2 and n/2+1).

**Method Detection Limit (MDL)**

MDL is the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero, as defined in 40 C.F.R. part 136, Attachment B, revised as of July 3, 1999.

**Minimum Level (ML)**

ML is the concentration at which the entire analytical system must give a recognizable signal and acceptable calibration point. The ML is the concentration in a sample that is equivalent to the concentration of the lowest calibration standard analyzed by a specific analytical procedure, assuming that all the method specified sample weights, volumes, and processing steps have been followed.

**Mixing Zone**

Mixing Zone is a limited volume of receiving water that is allocated for mixing with a wastewater discharge where water quality criteria can be exceeded without causing adverse effects to the overall water body.

**Not Detected (ND)**

Sample results which are less than the laboratory's MDL.

**Persistent Pollutants**

Persistent pollutants are substances for which degradation or decomposition in the environment is nonexistent or very slow.

**Pollutant Minimization Program (PMP)**

PMP means waste minimization and pollution prevention actions that include, but are not limited to, product substitution, waste stream recycling, alternative waste management methods, and education of the public and businesses. The goal of the PMP shall be to reduce all potential sources of a priority pollutant(s) through pollutant minimization (control) strategies, including pollution prevention measures as appropriate, to maintain the effluent concentration at or below the water quality-based effluent limitation. Pollution prevention measures may be particularly appropriate for persistent bioaccumulative priority pollutants where there is evidence that beneficial uses are being impacted. The Regional Water Board may consider cost effectiveness when establishing the requirements of a PMP. The completion and implementation of a Pollution Prevention Plan, if required pursuant to Water Code section 13263.3(d), shall be considered to fulfill the PMP requirements.

### **Pollution Prevention**

Pollution Prevention means any action that causes a net reduction in the use or generation of a hazardous substance or other pollutant that is discharged into water and includes, but is not limited to, input change, operational improvement, production process change, and product reformulation (as defined in Water Code section 13263.3). Pollution prevention does not include actions that merely shift a pollutant in wastewater from one environmental medium to another environmental medium, unless clear environmental benefits of such an approach are identified to the satisfaction of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) or Regional Water Board.

### **Reporting Level (RL)**

The RL is the ML (and its associated analytical method) chosen by the Discharger for reporting and compliance determination from the MLs included in this Order, including an additional factor if applicable as discussed herein. The MLs included in this Order correspond to approved analytical methods for reporting a sample result that are selected by the Regional Water Board either from Appendix 4 of the SIP in accordance with section 2.4.2 of the SIP or established in accordance with section 2.4.3 of the SIP. The ML is based on the proper application of method-based analytical procedures for sample preparation and the absence of any matrix interferences. Other factors may be applied to the ML depending on the specific sample preparation steps employed. For example, the treatment typically applied in cases where there are matrix-effects is to dilute the sample or sample aliquot by a factor of ten. In such cases, this additional factor must be applied to the ML in the computation of the RL.

### **Significant Storm Event**

A continuous discharge of storm water for a minimum of one hour, or the intermittent discharge of storm water for a minimum of 3 hours in a 12-hour period.

### **Source of Drinking Water**

Any water designated as municipal or domestic supply (MUN) in a Regional Water Board Basin Plan.

### **Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )**

Standard Deviation is a measure of variability that is calculated as follows:

$$\sigma = (\sum[(x - \mu)^2]/(n - 1))^{0.5}$$

where:

x is the observed value;

$\mu$  is the arithmetic mean of the observed values; and

n is the number of samples.

### **Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE)**

TRE is a study conducted in a step-wise process designed to identify the causative agents of effluent or ambient toxicity, isolate the sources of toxicity, evaluate the effectiveness of toxicity control options, and then confirm the reduction in toxicity. The first steps of the TRE consist of the collection of data relevant to the toxicity, including additional toxicity testing, and an evaluation of facility operations and maintenance practices, and best management practices. A Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) may be required as part of the TRE, if appropriate. (A TIE is a set of procedures to identify the specific chemical(s) responsible for toxicity. These procedures are performed in three phases (characterization, identification, and confirmation) using aquatic organism toxicity tests.)

### **Trash**

All improperly discarded solid material from any production, manufacturing, or processing operation including, but not limited to, products, product packaging, or containers constructed of plastic, steel, aluminum, glass, paper, or other synthetic or natural material.

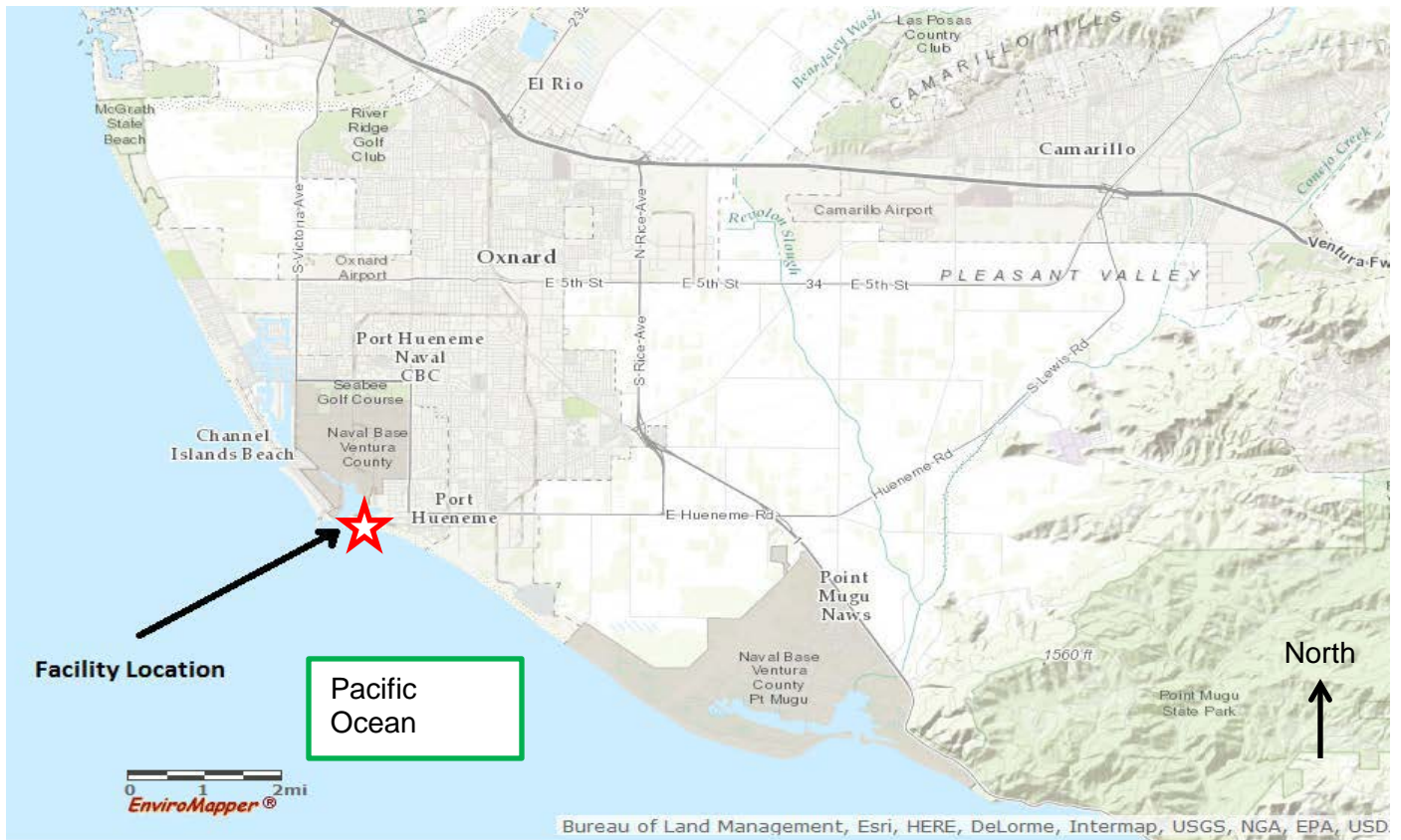
**ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

AMEL.....	Average Monthly Effluent Limitation
B.....	Background Concentration
BAT .....	Best Available Technology Economically Achievable
Basin Plan .....	Water Quality Control Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
BCT .....	Best Conventional Pollutant Control Technology
BMP.....	Best Management Practices
BMPP .....	Best Management Practices Plan
BPJ .....	Best Professional Judgment
BOD.....	Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5-day @ 20 °C
BPT .....	Best Practicable Treatment Control Technology
C.....	Water Quality Objective
C.C.R. ....	California Code of Regulations
CEQA .....	California Environmental Quality Act
C.F.R.....	Code of Federal Regulations
CTR.....	California Toxics Rule
CV .....	Coefficient of Variation
CWA.....	Clean Water Act
CWC .....	California Water Code
Discharger .....	Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc.
DMR .....	Discharge Monitoring Report
DNQ .....	Detected But Not Quantified
ELAP .....	State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Division, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program
ELG .....	Effluent Limitations, Guidelines, and Standards
Facility .....	Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park
g/kg.....	grams per kilogram
gpd .....	gallons per day
IWC .....	In-stream Waste Concentration
LA.....	Load Allocations
LACDPW .....	County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
LOEC.....	Lowest Observed Effect Concentration
µg/L .....	micrograms per Liter
mg/L .....	milligrams per Liter
MDEL .....	Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation
MEC .....	Maximum Effluent Concentration
MGD .....	Million Gallons per Day
ML .....	Minimum Level
MMEL .....	Monthly Median Effluent Limitation
MRP .....	Monitoring and Reporting Program
ND .....	Not Detected
ng/L .....	nanograms per liter
NOEC .....	No Observable Effect Concentration
NPDES .....	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NSPS.....	New Source Performance Standards
NTR.....	National Toxics Rule
OAL.....	Office of Administrative Law
PAHs .....	Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons
pg/L .....	picograms per liter

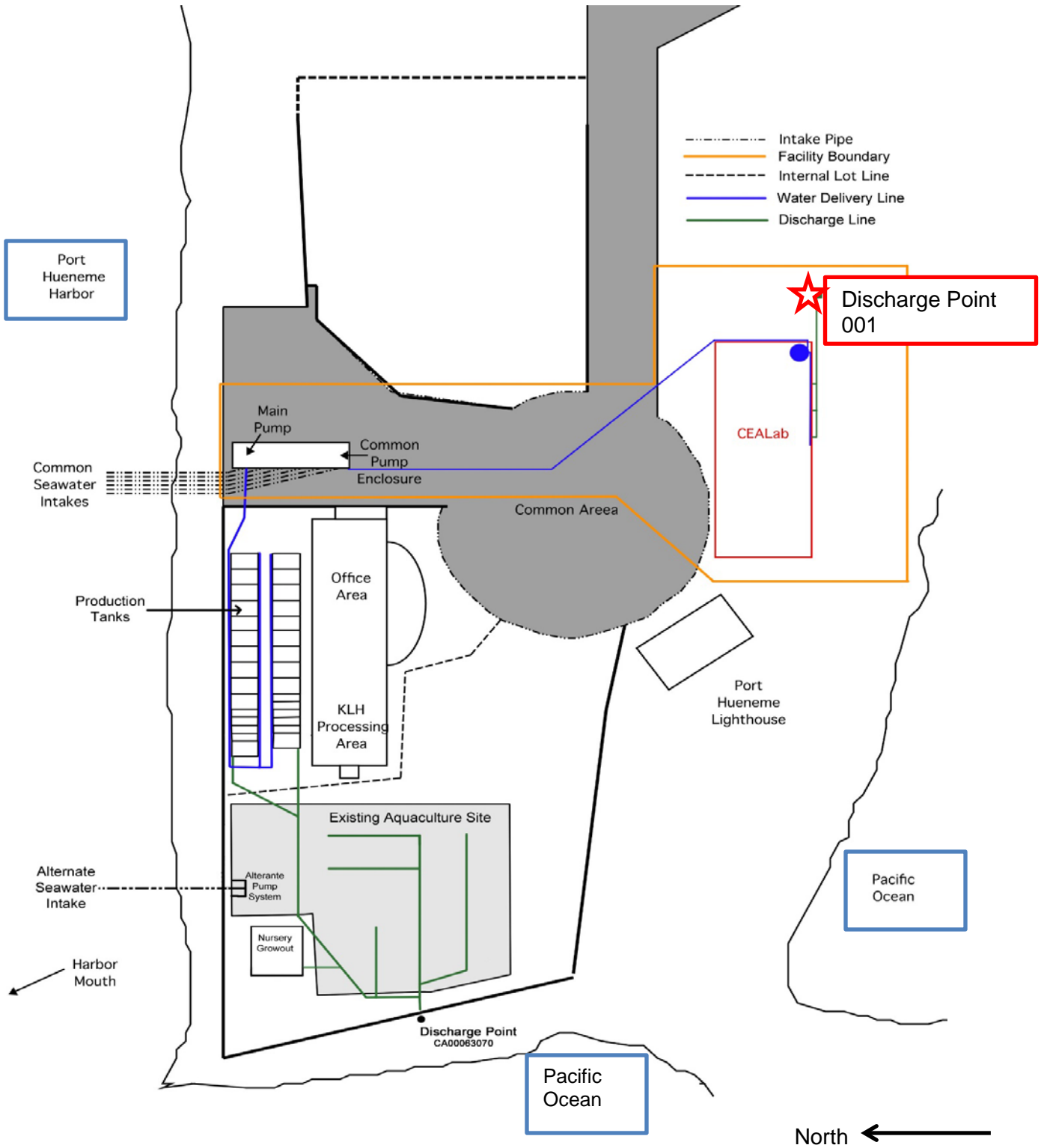
PMEL.....	Proposed Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation
PMP.....	Pollutant Minimization Plan
POTW.....	Publicly Owned Treatment Works
ppm .....	parts per million
ppb .....	parts per billion
QA .....	Quality Assurance
QA/QC.....	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
Ocean Plan.....	Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California
Regional Water Board.....	California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region
RPA .....	Reasonable Potential Analysis
SCP .....	Spill Contingency Plan
Sediment Quality Plan .....	<i>Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries – Part 1 Sediment Quality</i>
SIP.....	State Implementation Policy (Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California)
SMR .....	Self-Monitoring Reports
State Water Board .....	California State Water Resources Control Board
SWPPP .....	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
TAC .....	Test Acceptability Criteria
TBEL .....	Technology-Based Effluent Limitation
Thermal Plan .....	Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Water and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California
TIE.....	Toxicity Identification Evaluation
TMDL.....	Total Maximum Daily Load
TOC.....	Total Organic Carbon
TRE .....	Toxicity Reduction Evaluation
TSD .....	Technical Support Document
TSS .....	Total Suspended Solid
TST.....	Test of Significant Toxicity Statistical Approach
TU <sub>c</sub> .....	Chronic Toxicity Unit
U.S. EPA .....	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USGS .....	United States Geological Survey
WDR.....	Waste Discharge Requirements
WET .....	Whole Effluent Toxicity
WLA.....	Waste Load Allocations
WQBELs.....	Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations
WQS.....	Water Quality Standards
% .....	Percent

### ATTACHMENT B – MAPS

#### Regional Map

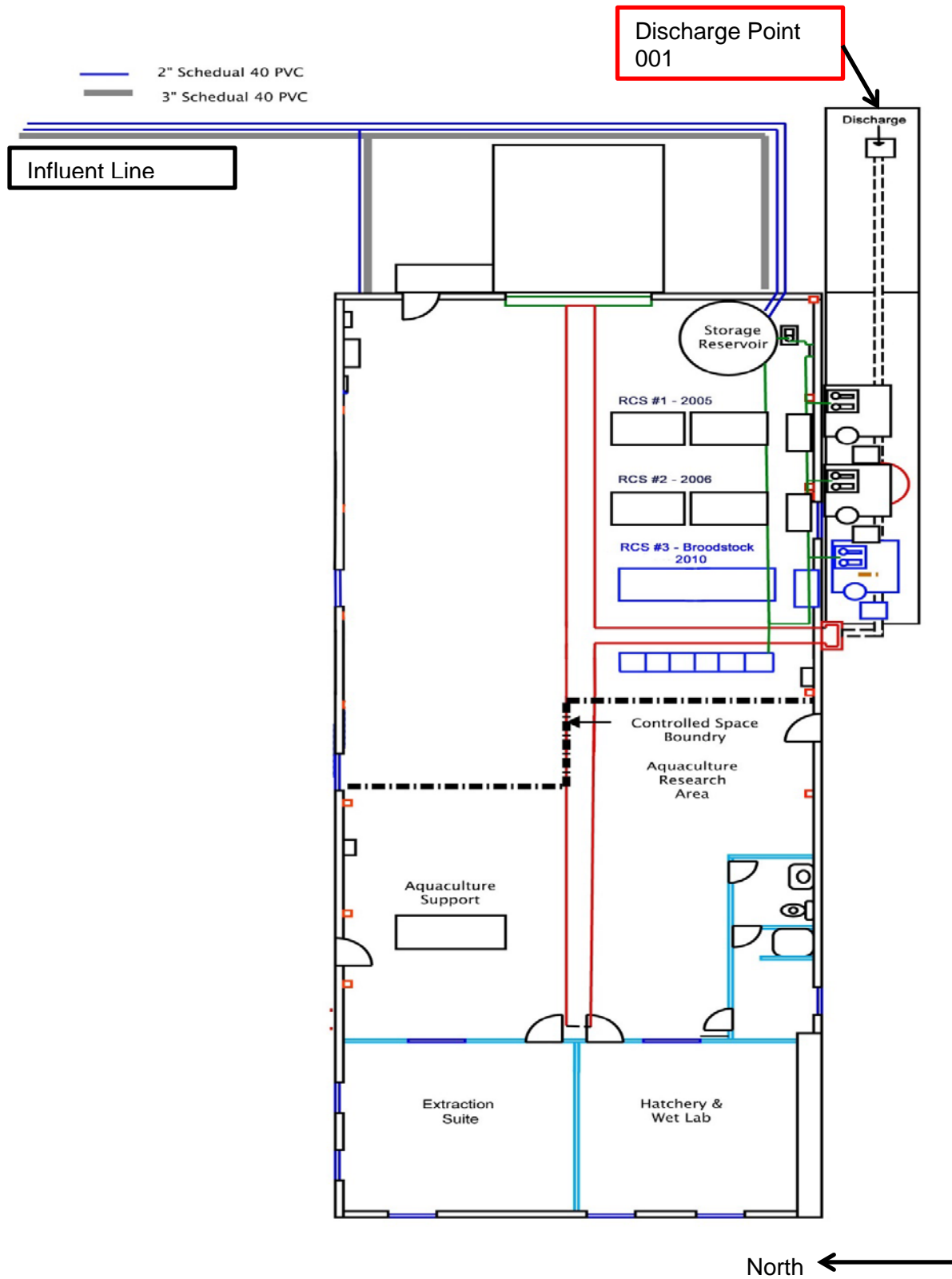


Facility Map





**ATTACHMENT C – FACILITY SCHEMATIC**



## **ATTACHMENT D – STANDARD PROVISIONS**

### **I. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT COMPLIANCE**

#### **A. Duty to Comply**

1. The Discharger must comply with all of the terms, requirements, and conditions of this Order. Any noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the California Water Code and is grounds for enforcement action; permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; denial of a permit renewal application; or a combination thereof. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(a); Wat. Code, §§ 13261, 13263, 13265, 13268, 13000, 13001, 13304, 13350, 13385.)
2. The Discharger shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the CWA for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if this Order has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(a)(1).)

#### **B. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense**

It shall not be a defense for a Discharger in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(c).)

#### **C. Duty to Mitigate**

The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this Order that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(d).)

#### **D. Proper Operation and Maintenance**

The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by a Discharger only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(e).)

#### **E. Property Rights**

1. This Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privileges. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(g).)
2. The issuance of this Order does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of state or local law or regulations. (40 C.F.R. § 122.5(c).)

#### **F. Inspection and Entry**

The Discharger shall allow the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, U.S. EPA, and/or their authorized representatives (including an authorized contractor acting as their representative), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents, as may be required by law, to (33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)(4)(B); 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i); Wat. Code, §§ 13267, 13383):

1. Enter upon the Discharger's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this Order (33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)(4)(B)(i); 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(1); Wat. Code, §§ 13267, 13383);
2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order (33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)(4)(B)(ii); 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(2); Wat. Code, §§ 13267, 13383);
3. Inspect and photograph, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order (33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)(4)(B)(ii); 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(3); Wat. Code, §§ 13267, 13383); and
4. Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring Order compliance or as otherwise authorized by the CWA or the Water Code, any substances or parameters at any location. (33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)(4)(B); 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(4); Wat. Code, §§ 13267, 13383.)

## **G. Bypass**

1. Definitions
  - a. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(1)(i).)
  - b. "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities, which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(1)(ii).)
2. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The Discharger may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause exceedances of effluent limitations, but only if it is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions listed in Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.3, I.G.4, and I.G.5 below. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(2).)
3. Prohibition of bypass. Bypass is prohibited, and the Regional Water Board may take enforcement action against a Discharger for bypass, unless (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)):
  - a. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)(A));
  - b. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass that occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)(B)); and
  - c. The Discharger submitted notice to the Regional Water Board as required under Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.5 below. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)(C).)
4. The Regional Water Board may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Regional Water Board determines that it will meet the three conditions listed in Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.3 above. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(ii).)

**5. Notice**

- a. Anticipated bypass. If the Discharger knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass. The notice shall be sent to the Regional Water Board. As of December 21, 2020, notices shall also be submitted electronically to the initial recipient defined in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.J below. Notices shall comply with 40 C.F.R. part 3, 40 C.F.R. section 122.22, and 40 C.F.R. part 127. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(3)(i).)
- b. Unanticipated bypass. The Discharger shall submit a notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Standard Provisions - Reporting V.E below (24-hour notice). The notice shall be sent to the Regional Water Board. As of December 21, 2020, notice shall also be submitted electronically to the initial recipient defined in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.J below. Notices shall comply with 40 C.F.R. part 3, 40 C.F.R. section 122.22, and 40 C.F.R. part 127. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(3)(ii).)

**H. Upset**

Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Discharger. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(1).)

1. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.H.2 below are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(2))
2. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A Discharger who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence that (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)):
  - a. An upset occurred and that the Discharger can identify the cause(s) of the upset (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(i));
  - b. The permitted facility was, at the time, being properly operated (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(ii));
  - c. The Discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.E.2.b below (24-hour notice) (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(iii)); and
  - d. The Discharger complied with any remedial measures required under Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.C above. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(iv).)
3. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the Discharger seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(4).)

## II. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT ACTION

### A. General

This Order may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the Discharger for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any Order condition. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(f).)

### B. Duty to Reapply

If the Discharger wishes to continue an activity regulated by this Order after the expiration date of this Order, the Discharger must apply for and obtain a new permit. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(b).)

### C. Transfers

This Order is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Regional Water Board. The Regional Water Board may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the Order to change the name of the Discharger and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the CWA and the Water Code. (40 C.F.R. §§ 122.41(l)(3), 122.61.)

## III. STANDARD PROVISIONS – MONITORING

A. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(1).)

B. Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 C.F.R. part 136 for the analyses of pollutants unless another method is required under 40 C.F.R. chapter 1, subchapter N. Monitoring must be conducted according to sufficiently sensitive test methods approved under 40 C.F.R. part 136 for the analysis of pollutants or pollutant parameters or as required under 40 C.F.R. chapter 1, subchapter N. For the purposes of this paragraph, a method is sufficiently sensitive when:

1. The method minimum level (ML) is at or below the level of the most stringent effluent limitation established in the permit for the measured pollutant or pollutant parameter, and either the method ML is at or below the level of the most stringent applicable water quality criterion for the measured pollutant or pollutant parameter or the method ML is above the applicable water quality criterion but the amount of the pollutant or pollutant parameter in the facility's discharge is high enough that the method detects and quantifies the level of the pollutant or pollutant parameter in the discharge; or
2. The method has the lowest ML of the analytical methods approved under 40 C.F.R. part 136 or required under 40 C.F.R. chapter 1, subchapter N for the measured pollutant or pollutant parameter.

In the case of pollutants or pollutant parameters for which there are no approved methods under 40 C.F.R. part 136 or otherwise required under 40 C.F.R. chapter 1, subchapter N, monitoring must be conducted according to a test procedure specified in this Order for such pollutants or pollutant parameters. (40 C.F.R. §§ 122.21(e)(3), 122.41(j)(4), 122.44(i)(1)(iv).)

## IV. STANDARD PROVISIONS – RECORDS

A. The Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Order, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Regional Water Board Executive Officer at any time. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(2).)

B. Records of monitoring information shall include:

1. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(i));
  2. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(ii));
  3. The date(s) analyses were performed (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(iii));
  4. The individual(s) who performed the analyses (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(iv));
  5. The analytical techniques or methods used (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(v)); and
  6. The results of such analyses. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(vi).)
- C. Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied (40 C.F.R. § 122.7(b)):
1. The name and address of any permit applicant or Discharger (40 C.F.R. § 122.7(b)(1)); and
  2. Permit applications and attachments, permits and effluent data. (40 C.F.R. § 122.7(b)(2).)

## V. STANDARD PROVISIONS – REPORTING

### A. Duty to Provide Information

The Discharger shall furnish to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or U.S. EPA within a reasonable time, any information which the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or U.S. EPA may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order or to determine compliance with this Order. Upon request, the Discharger shall also furnish to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or U.S. EPA copies of records required to be kept by this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(h); Wat. Code, §§ 13267, 13383.)

### B. Signatory and Certification Requirements

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, and/or U.S. EPA shall be signed and certified in accordance with Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2, V.B.3, V.B.4, V.B.5, and V.B.6 below. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(k).)
2. All permit applications shall be signed by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(a)(1).)
3. All reports required by this Order and other information requested by the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or U.S. EPA shall be signed by a person described in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2 above, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
  - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2 above (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(b)(1));

- b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.) (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(b)(2)); and
  - c. The written authorization is submitted to the Regional Water Board and State Water Board. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(b)(3).)
4. If an authorization under Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.3 above is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.3 above must be submitted to the Regional Water Board and State Water Board prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications, to be signed by an authorized representative. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(c).)
  5. Any person signing a document under Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2 or V.B.3 above shall make the following certification:  

“I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.” (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(d).)
  6. Any person providing the electronic signature for documents described in Standard Provisions – V.B.1, V.B.2, or V.B.3 that are submitted electronically shall meet all relevant requirements of Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B, and shall ensure that all relevant requirements of 40 C.F.R. part 3 (Cross-Media Electronic Reporting) and 40 C.F.R. part 127 (NPDES Electronic Reporting Requirements) are met for that submission. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(e).)

### **C. Monitoring Reports**

1. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4).)
2. Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form or forms provided or specified by the Regional Water Board or State Water. As of December 21, 2016, all reports and forms must be submitted electronically to the initial recipient defined in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.J and comply with 40 C.F.R. part 3, 40 C.F.R. section 122.22, and 40 C.F.R. part 127. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4)(i).)
3. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this Order using test procedures approved under 40 C.F.R. part 136, or another method required for an industry-specific waste stream under 40 C.F.R. chapter 1, subchapter N, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or reporting form specified by the Regional Water Board or State Water Board. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4)(ii).)
4. Calculations for all limitations, which require averaging of measurements, shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4)(iii).)

#### **D. Compliance Schedules**

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this Order, shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(5).)

#### **E. Twenty-Four Hour Reporting**

1. The Discharger shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. A report shall also be provided within five (5) days of the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. The report shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

For noncompliance events related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events, these reports must include the data described above (with the exception of time of discovery) as well as the type of event (i.e., combined sewer overflow, sanitary sewer overflow, or bypass event), type of overflow structure (e.g., manhole, combined sewer overflow outfall), discharge volume untreated by the treatment works treating domestic sewage, types of human health and environmental impacts of the event, and whether the noncompliance was related to wet weather.

As of December 21, 2020, all reports related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events must be submitted to the Regional Water Board and must be submitted electronically to the initial recipient defined in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.J. The reports shall comply with 40 C.F.R. part 3, 40 C.F.R. section 122.22, and 40 C.F.R. part 127. The Regional Water Board may also require the Discharger to electronically submit reports not related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events under this section. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(i).)

2. The following shall be included as information that must be reported within 24 hours:
  - a. Any unanticipated bypass that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(A).)
  - b. Any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(B).)
3. The Regional Water Board may waive the above required written report on a case-by-case basis if an oral report has been received within 24 hours. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(B).)

#### **F. Planned Changes**

The Discharger shall give notice to the Regional Water Board as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required under this provision only when (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)):

1. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in section 122.29(b) (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)(i)); or
2. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants that are subject neither to effluent limitations in this Order nor to notification requirements under section 122.42(a)(1) (see Additional Provisions—Notification Levels VII.A.1). (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)(ii).)



**G. Anticipated Noncompliance**

The Discharger shall give advance notice to the Regional Water Board of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with this Order's requirements. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(2).)

**H. Other Noncompliance**

The Discharger shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Standard Provisions – Reporting V.C, V.D, and V.E above at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Standard Provision – Reporting V.E above. For noncompliance events related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events, these reports shall contain the information described in Standard Provision – Reporting V.E and the applicable required data in appendix A to 40 C.F.R. part 127. The Regional Water Board may also require the Discharger to electronically submit reports not related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events under this section. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(7).)

**I. Other Information**

When the Discharger becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or U.S. EPA, the Discharger shall promptly submit such facts or information. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(8).)

**J. Initial Recipient for Electronic Reporting Data**

The owner, operator, or the duly authorized representative is required to electronically submit NPDES information specified in appendix A to 40 C.F.R. part 127 to the initial recipient defined in 40 C.F.R. section 127.2(b). U.S. EPA will identify and publish the list of initial recipients on its website and in the Federal Register, by state and by NPDES data group [see 40 C.F.R. section 127.2(c)]. U.S. EPA will update and maintain this listing. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(9).)

**VI. STANDARD PROVISIONS – ENFORCEMENT**

- A.** The Regional Water Board is authorized to enforce the terms of this permit under several provisions of the Water Code, including, but not limited to, sections 13268, 13385, 13386, and 13387.
- B.** The CWA provides that any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation. The CWA provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than two (2) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) years, or both. Any person who knowingly

violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the CWA, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions [section 122.41(a)(2)] [Water Code sections 13385 and 13387].

- C. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Regional Water Board for violating section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$25,000. Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$125,000 [40 C.F.R. section 122.41(a)(3)].
- D. The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this Order shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both [40 C.F.R. section 122.41(j)(5)].
- E. The CWA provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this Order, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than six months per violation, or by both [40 C.F.R. section 122.41(k)(2)].

## VII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS – NOTIFICATION LEVELS

### A. Non-Municipal Facilities

Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural Dischargers shall notify the Regional Water Board as soon as they know or have reason to believe (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)):

1. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in this Order, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels" (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)):
  - a. 100 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(i));
  - b. 200  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for acrolein and acrylonitrile; 500  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for 2,4-dinitrophenol and 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and 1 milligram per liter ( $\text{mg/L}$ ) for antimony (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(ii));
  - c. Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the Report of Waste Discharge (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(iii)); or
  - d. The level established by the Regional Water Board in accordance with section 122.44(f). (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(iv).)

2. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in this Order, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels" (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)):
  - a. 500 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(i));
  - b. 1 milligram per liter ( $\text{mg/L}$ ) for antimony (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(ii));
  - c. Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the Report of Waste Discharge (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(iii)); or
  - d. The level established by the Regional Water Board in accordance with section 122.44(f). (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(iv).)

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## **ATTACHMENT E – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MRP No. 7854)**

Section 308 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and sections 122.41(h), (j)-(l), 122.44(i), and 122.48 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R.) require that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 also authorize the Regional Water Board to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. This MRP establishes monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements that implement the federal and California laws and/or regulations.

### **I. GENERAL MONITORING PROVISIONS**

- A.** An effluent sampling station shall be established for the point of discharge (Discharge Point 001 [Latitude 34.1454°, Longitude -119.2096°]) and shall be located where representative samples of that effluent can be obtained.
- B.** The Regional Water Board shall be notified in writing of any changes in the sampling stations once established or in the methods for determining the quantities of pollutants in the individual waste streams.
- C.** Effluent samples shall be taken downstream of any addition to treatment works and prior to mixing with the receiving waters.
- D.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. sections 136.3, 136.4, and 136.5 (revised May 18, 2012); or, where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, by methods approved by this Regional Water Board or the State Water Board.
- E.** Laboratory Certification. Laboratories analyzing monitoring samples shall be certified by the State Water Board, Drinking Water Division, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) in accordance with the provision of Water Code section 13176, and must include quality assurance/quality control data with their reports. A copy of the laboratory certification shall be provided each time a new certification and/or renewal of the certification is obtained from ELAP.
- F.** For any analyses performed for which no procedure is specified in the U.S. EPA guidelines or in the MRP, the constituent or parameter analyzed and the method or procedure used must be specified in the monitoring report.
- G.** Each monitoring report must affirm in writing that “all analyses were conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Water Board or approved by the Executive Officer and in accordance with current U.S. EPA guideline procedures or as specified in this MRP”.
- H.** The monitoring reports shall specify the analytical method used, the Method Detection Limit (MDL), and the Minimum Level (ML) for each pollutant. For the purpose of reporting compliance with numerical limitations, performance goals, and receiving water limitations, analytical data shall be reported by one of the following methods, as appropriate:
  - 1.** An actual numerical value for sample results greater than or equal to the ML; or
  - 2.** “Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ)” if results are greater than or equal to the laboratory’s MDL but less than the ML; or,
  - 3.** “Not-Detected (ND)” for sample results less than the laboratory’s MDL with the MDL indicated for the analytical method used.

Analytical data reported as “less than” for the purpose of reporting compliance with permit limitations shall be the same or lower than the permit limit(s) established for the given parameter.

Current MLs (Attachment H) are those published by the State Water Board in the Policy for the Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, February 24, 2005.

- I. The MLs employed for effluent analyses to determine compliance with effluent limitations shall be lower than the effluent limitations established in this Order for a given parameter as per the sufficiently sensitive regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(i)(1)(iv). If the ML value is not below the effluent limitations, then the lowest ML value and its associated analytical method shall be selected for compliance purposes. At least once a year, the Discharger shall submit a list of the analytical methods employed for each test and associated laboratory QA/QC procedures.
- J. The MLs employed for effluent analyses not associated with determining compliance with effluent limitations in this Order shall be lower than the lowest applicable water quality objective, for a given parameter as per the sufficiently sensitive regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(i)(1)(iv). Water quality objectives for parameters may be found in Chapter 3 of the Basin Plan and the CTR (40 C.F.R. section 131.38). If the ML value is not below the water quality objective, then the lowest ML value and its associated analytical method shall be selected for compliance purposes. At least once a year, the Discharger shall submit a list of the analytical methods employed for each test, the associated laboratory QA/QC procedures, reporting levels (RLs), and method detection limits (MDLs).

Where no U.S. EPA-approved method exists, the Regional Water Board, in consultation with the State Water Board Quality Assurance Program, shall establish a ML that is not contained in Attachment H to be included in the Discharger's permit in any of the following situations:

- 1. When the pollutant under consideration is not included in Attachment H;
  - 2. When the Discharger and Regional Water Board agree to include in the permit a test method that is more sensitive than that specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 (revised May 18, 2012);
  - 3. When the Discharger agrees to use an ML that is lower than that listed in Attachment H;
  - 4. When the Discharger demonstrates that the calibration standard matrix is sufficiently different from that used to establish the ML in Attachment H, and proposes an appropriate ML for their matrix; or,
  - 5. When the Discharger uses a method whose quantification practices are not consistent with the definition of an ML. Examples of such methods are the U.S. EPA-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 Water Board, and the State Water Board shall agree on a lowest quantifiable limit and that limit will substitute for the ML for reporting and compliance determination purposes.
- K. Water/wastewater samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits as specified in 40 C.F.R. section 136.3. All QA/QC items must be run on the same dates the samples were actually analyzed, and the results shall be reported in the Regional Water Board format, when it becomes available, and submitted with the laboratory reports. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed, and a copy of the chain of custody shall be submitted with the report.
  - L. Field analyses with short sample holding times such as pH, total residual chlorine, and temperature, may be performed using properly calibrated and maintained portable instruments by trained personnel acting on the Discharger's behalf, using methods in accordance with 40 C.F.R. part 136. All field instruments must be calibrated per manufacturer's instructions. A manual containing the standard operating procedures for all field analyses, including records

of personnel proficiency training, instruments calibration and maintenance, and quality control procedures shall be maintained onsite, and shall be available for inspection by Regional Water Board staff. Information including instrument calibration, time of sample collection, time of analysis, name of analyst, quality assurance/quality control data, and measurement values shall be clearly documented during each field analysis and submitted to the Regional Water Board as part of the corresponding regular monitoring report.

- M.** All analyses shall be accompanied by the chain of custody, including but not limited to date and time of sampling, sample identification, and name of person who performed sampling, date of analysis, name of person who performed analysis, QA/QC data, method detection limits, analytical methods, copy of laboratory certification, and a perjury statement executed by the person responsible for the laboratory.
- N.** The Discharger shall calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all monitoring instruments and to insure accuracy of measurements, or shall insure that both equipment activities will be conducted.
- O.** The Discharger shall have, and implement, an acceptable written quality assurance (QA) plan for laboratory analyses. Unless otherwise specified in the analytical method, duplicate samples must be analyzed at a frequency of 5% (1 in 20 samples) with at least one if there are fewer than 20 samples in a batch. A batch is defined as a single analytical run encompassing no more than 24 hours from start to finish. A similar frequency shall be maintained for analyzing spiked samples.
- P.** For parameters that both average monthly and maximum daily limits are specified and the monitoring frequency is less than four times a month, the following shall apply. If an analytical result is greater than the average monthly limit, the Discharger may collect four additional samples at approximately equal intervals during the month, until compliance with the average monthly limit has been demonstrated. All five analytical results shall be reported in the monitoring report for that month, or 45 days after results for the additional samples were received, whichever is later. In the event of noncompliance with an average monthly effluent limitation, the sampling frequency for that constituent shall be increased to weekly and shall continue at this level until compliance with the average monthly effluent limitation has been demonstrated. The Discharger shall provide for the approval of the Executive Officer a program to ensure future compliance with the average monthly limit.
- Q.** In the event wastes are transported to a different disposal site during the reporting period, the following shall be reported in the monitoring report:
  - 1.** Types of wastes and quantity of each type;
  - 2.** Name and address for each hauler of wastes (or method of transport if other than by hauling); and
  - 3.** Location of the final point(s) of disposal for each type of waste.If no wastes are transported off-site during the reporting period, a statement to that effect shall be submitted.
- R.** Each monitoring report shall state whether or not there was any change in the discharge as described in the Order during the reporting period.

**II. MONITORING LOCATIONS**

The Discharger shall establish the following monitoring locations to demonstrate compliance with the effluent limitations, discharge specifications, and other requirements in this Order:

**Table E-1. Monitoring Station Locations**

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
<b>Influent Monitoring</b>		
--	INF-001	The influent sampling station shall be located at the intake water supply line, representing source water (sea water) prior to any influent treatment and introduction to the aquaculture system.
<b>Effluent Monitoring</b>		
001	EFF-001	The effluent sampling station shall be located where representative samples of the discharge through Discharge Point 001 can be obtained prior to discharge into the public storm drain that conveys to the Port Hueneme Harbor. (Latitude 34.1454°, Longitude -119.2096°)
<b>Receiving Water Monitoring</b>		
--	RSW-001	A receiving water sampling location where representative samples of the Port Hueneme Harbor can be obtained between 100 to 300 feet from the public storm drain outfall that conveys the discharge from Discharge Point 001 to the Port Hueneme Harbor. The monitoring location shall be outside of the influence of the discharge.

The North latitude and West longitude information in Table E-1 are approximate for administrative purposes.

**III. INFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Monitoring Location INF-001**

1. The Discharger shall monitor the influent to the Facility at Monitoring Location INF-001 as follows:

**Table E-2. Influent Monitoring at INF-001**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Copper, Total Recoverable	µg/L	Grab	2/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2
Silver, Total Recoverable	µg/L	Grab	2/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2
Cyanide, Total (as CN)	µg/L	Grab	2/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2

1. Two influent samples shall be collected per quarterly sampling event and they shall be representative of the intake water for the period sampled. The first influent sample shall be collected 2 hours prior to the effluent sample collection. The second influent sample shall be collected at approximately the same time as the effluent sample collection.
2. Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136; for priority pollutants, the methods must meet the lowest MLs specified in Attachment 4 of the SIP, provided in Attachment H. Where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the methods must be approved by the Regional Water Board or the State Water Board. If more than one analytical test method is listed for a given parameter, the Discharger must select from the listed methods and corresponding ML necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable effluent limitations.



**IV. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

**B. Monitoring Location EFF-001**

1. The Discharger shall monitor discharge from Discharge Point 001 at Monitoring Location EFF-001 as follows. If more than one analytical test method is listed for a given parameter, the Discharger must select from the listed methods and corresponding minimum level.

**Table E-3. Effluent Monitoring at Monitoring Location EFF-001**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Daily Flow	Gallons/Day	Meter	1/Day <sup>1</sup>	--
<b>Conventional Pollutants</b>				
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5-day @ 20°C) <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Oil and Grease <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
pH	standard units	Grab	1/Week <sup>5</sup>	4
<b>Non-conventional Pollutants</b>				
Ammonia Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Nitrate as Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Nitrite as Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	1/Week <sup>5</sup>	4
Chronic Toxicity	Pass or Fail and % Effect (TST)	Grab	1/Year <sup>6,7</sup>	8
Total Coliform	MPN/100mL or CFU/100mL	Grab	5/Quarter <sup>3,9</sup>	10
Fecal Coliform	MPN/100mL or CFU/100mL	Grab	5/Quarter <sup>3,9</sup>	10
<i>Enterococcus</i>	MPN/100mL or CFU/100mL	Grab	5/Quarter <sup>3,9</sup>	10
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Temperature	°F	Grab	1/Week <sup>5</sup>	4
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
<b>Priority Pollutants</b>				
Copper, Total Recoverable <sup>2</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Silver, Total Recoverable <sup>2</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Zinc, Total Recoverable	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4
Cyanide, Total as CN <sup>2</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>3</sup>	4

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Remaining Priority Pollutants (excluding asbestos) <sup>11</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Year <sup>6</sup>	4
TCDD Equivalents <sup>12</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Permit Term	4

- <sup>1</sup> Flow shall be recorded daily during each period of discharge. Periods of no flow shall also be reported.
- <sup>2</sup> The mass emission (lbs/day) for the discharge shall be calculated and reported using the limitation concentration and the actual flow rate measured at the time of discharge, using the formula:  

$$M = 8.34 \times C_e \times Q$$
 where: M = mass discharge for a pollutant, lbs/day  
 C<sub>e</sub> = Reported concentration for a pollutant in mg/L  
 Q = actual discharge flow rate (MGD).
- <sup>3</sup> Monitoring is required during each quarterly monitoring period (January 1 - March 31; April 1 – June 30; July 1 – September 30; and October 1 – December 31) in which discharge occurs. If there is no discharge to surface water during that quarter, the corresponding quarterly monitoring report shall so state under penalty of perjury.
- <sup>4</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136; for priority pollutants, the methods must meet the lowest MLs specified in Attachment 4 of the SIP, provided in Attachment H. Where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, the methods must be approved by the Regional Water Board or the State Water Board. If more than one analytical test method is listed for a given parameter, the Discharger must select from the listed methods and corresponding ML necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable effluent limitations.
- <sup>5</sup> Monitoring is required during each weekly monitoring period (Sunday through Saturday) in which discharge occurs.
- <sup>6</sup> Monitoring is only required during years in which discharge occurs. If there is no discharge to surface water, the corresponding quarterly monitoring report shall so state under penalty of perjury.
- <sup>7</sup> For the first chronic toxicity sampling event under this Order, the Discharger shall conduct species sensitivity screening in accordance to section V.A.4 of this MRP. During species sensitivity screening, chronic toxicity sampling shall be performed monthly for three consecutive months. Thereafter, sampling shall be performed annually using the most sensitive species.
- <sup>8</sup> Refer to section V, Whole Effluent Toxicity Requirements. The median monthly summary result shall be reported as “Pass” or “Fail”. The maximum daily single result shall be reported as “Pass” or “Fail” and “% Effect”. When there is a discharge more than one day in a calendar month period, up to three independent toxicity tests are required when one toxicity test results in “Fail”. Refer to section V.A.7 of this MRP for the accelerated monitoring schedule.
- <sup>9</sup> During each quarter, the Discharger shall collect at least 5 samples equally spaced over a 30-day period to obtain a geometric mean.
- <sup>10</sup> Detection methods used for coliforms (total and fecal) and *Enterococcus* shall be those presented in Table 1A of 40 C.F.R. section 136, unless alternate methods have been approved by U.S. EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. part 136 or improved methods have been determined by the Executive Officer and/or U.S. EPA.
- <sup>11</sup> Priority Pollutants as defined by the California Toxics Tule (CTR) and in Attachment I to this Order.
- <sup>12</sup> TCDD equivalents shall be calculated using the following formula, where the MLs and the toxicity equivalency factors (TEFs) are as listed in the Table below. The Discharger shall report all measured values of individual congeners, including data qualifiers. When calculating TCDD equivalents, the Discharger shall set congener concentrations below the MLs to zero. U.S. EPA method 1613 may be used to analyze dioxin and furan congeners.  

$$\text{Dioxin-TEQ (TCDD equivalents)} = \sum(C_x \times \text{TEF}_x)$$
 where: C<sub>x</sub> = concentration of dioxin or furan congener x  
 TEF<sub>x</sub> = TEF for congener x

Congeners	Minimum Levels (pg/L)	Toxicity Equivalence Factor (TEF)
2,3,7,8 - tetra CDD	10	1.0
1,2,3,7,8 - penta CDD	50	1.0
1,2,3,4,7,8 - hexa CDD	50	0.1

Congeners	Minimum Levels (pg/L)	Toxicity Equivalence Factor (TEF)
1,2,3,6,7,8 - hexa CDD	50	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9 - hexa CDD	50	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8 - hepta CDD	50	0.01
Octa CDD	100	0.0001
2,3,7,8 - tetra CDF	10	0.1
1,2,3,7,8 - penta CDF	50	0.05
2,3,4,7,8 - penta CDF	50	0.5
1,2,3,4,7,8 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
2,3,4,6,7,8 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8 - hepta CDFs	50	0.01
1,2,3,4,7,8,9 - hepta CDFs	50	0.01
Octa CDF	100	0.0001

**V. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Chronic Toxicity Testing**

**1. Discharge In-stream Waste Concentration (IWC) for Chronic Toxicity**

The chronic toxicity IWC for this discharge is **100 percent** effluent.

**2. Sample Volume and Holding Time**

The total sample volume shall be determined by the specific toxicity test method used. Sufficient sample volume shall be collected to perform both the required toxicity tests and Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) studies. All toxicity tests shall be conducted as soon as possible following sample collection. No more than 36 hours shall elapse before the conclusion of sample collection and test initiation.

**3. Chronic Marine and Estuarine Species and Test Methods**

If effluent samples are collected from outfalls discharging to receiving waters with salinity  $\geq 1$  ppt, the Discharger shall conduct the following chronic toxicity tests on effluent samples—at the in-stream waste concentration for the discharge—in accordance with species and test methods in *Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to West Coast Marine and Estuarine Organisms* (EPA/600/R-95/136, 1995). Artificial sea salts shall be used to increase sample salinity. In no case shall these species be substituted with another test species unless written authorization from the Executive Officer is received.

- a. A static renewal toxicity test with the topsmelt, *Atherinops affinis* (Larval Survival and Growth Test Method 1006.01).
- b. A static non-renewal toxicity test with the purple sea urchin, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*, and the sand dollar, *Dendraster excentricus* (Fertilization Test Method 1008.0), or a static non-renewal toxicity test with the red abalone, *Haliotis rufescens* (Larval Shell Development Test Method).
- c. A static non-renewal toxicity test with the giant kelp, *Macrocystis pyrifera* (Germination and Growth Test Method 1009.0).

#### 4. Species Sensitivity Screening

Species sensitivity screening shall be conducted monthly for a period of three months during this Order's first required sample collection. During each month, the Discharger shall collect a single effluent sample and concurrently conduct three toxicity tests, using the fish, an invertebrate, and the alga species as previously referenced. The species that exhibits the highest "Percent Effect" at the discharge IWC during species sensitivity screening shall be used for routine annual monitoring during the permit cycle.

Rescreening is required at least once per five (5) years. The Discharger shall rescreen with the three species listed above and continue to monitor with the most sensitive species. If the first suite of rescreening tests demonstrates that the same species is the most sensitive, then the rescreening does not need to include more than one suit 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 using enough collected effluent for a minimum of three, but not to exceed five suites.

#### 5. Quality Assurance and Additional Requirements

Quality assurance measures, instructions, and other recommendations and requirements are found in the test methods manuals previous referenced. Additional requirements are specified below.

- a. The discharge is subject to a determination of "Pass" or "Fail" and "Percent Effect" from a single-effluent concentration chronic toxicity test at the discharge IWC using the Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) statistical approach described in *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Test of Significant Toxicity/Implementation Document* (EPA 833-R-10-003, 2010), Appendix A, Figure A-1, and Table A-1. The null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) for the TST statistical approach is: Mean discharge IWC response  $\leq (0.75 \times \text{Mean control response})$ . A test result that does not reject this null hypothesis is reported as "Fail". The relative "Percent Effect" at the discharge IWC is defined and reported as:  $((\text{Mean control response} - \text{Mean discharge IWC response}) \div \text{Mean control response}) \times 100\%$ .
- b. The Median Monthly Effluent Limit (MMEL) for chronic toxicity only applies when there is a discharge more than one day in a calendar month period. During such calendar months, exactly three independent toxicity tests are required when one toxicity test results in "Fail".
- c. If the effluent toxicity test does not meet all test acceptability criteria (TAC) specified in the referenced test method, then the Discharger must re-sample and re-test within 14 days.
- d. Dilution water and control water, including brine controls, shall be laboratory water prepared and used as specified in the test methods manual. If dilution water and control water is different from test organism culture water, then a second control using culture water shall also be used.
- e. Monthly reference toxicant testing is sufficient. All reference toxicant test results should be reviewed and reported. Reference toxicant tests and effluent toxicity tests shall be conducted using the same test conditions (e.g., same test duration, etc.).
- f. The Discharger shall perform toxicity tests on final effluent samples. Chlorine and ammonia shall not be removed from the effluent sample prior to toxicity testing, unless explicitly authorized under this section of the Monitoring and Reporting Program and the rationale is explained in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F).

**6. Preparation of Initial Investigation Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Work Plan**

The Discharger shall prepare and submit a generic Initial Investigation TRE Work Plan within 90 days of the permit effective date to be ready to respond to toxicity events. The Discharger shall review and update this work plan as necessary so it remains current and applicable to the discharge. At a minimum, the work plan shall include:

- a. A description of the investigation and evaluation techniques that would be used to identify potential causes and source of toxicity, effluent variability, and treatment system efficiency.
- b. A description of methods for maximizing in-house treatment system efficiency, good housekeeping practices, and a list of all chemicals used in operations at the Facility.
- c. If a Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) is necessary, an indication of who would conduct the TIEs (i.e., an in-house expert or outside contractor).

**7. Accelerated Monitoring Schedule for Median Monthly Summary Result: “Fail”, or Maximum Daily Single Result: “Fail and % Effect  $\geq$  50”**

When there is discharge on more than one day in a calendar month, the Median Monthly summary result shall be used to determine if accelerated testing needs to be conducted. When there is discharge on only one day in a calendar month, the Maximum Daily single result shall be used to determine if accelerated testing needs to be conducted.

Within 24 hours of the time the Discharger becomes aware of a failing result, the Discharger shall implement an accelerated monitoring schedule consisting of four, five concentration (including the discharge IWC) toxicity tests, conducted at approximately two week intervals, over an eight week period. If there is no discharge during the eight week period, the Discharger should conduct toxicity testing at the next discharge event following the failing result. If each of the accelerated toxicity tests at the discharge IWC results in “Pass”, the Discharger shall return to routine monitoring for the next monitoring period. If one of the accelerated toxicity tests at the discharge IWC results in “Fail”, the Discharger shall immediately implement the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Process conditions set forth below. During accelerated monitoring schedules, only TST results (“Pass” or “Fail”, “Percent Effect”) for chronic toxicity tests shall be reported as effluent compliance monitoring results for the chronic toxicity MDEL and MMEL.

**8. Toxicity Identification Evaluation and Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Process**

- a. **Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE).** A toxicity test sample is immediately subject to TIE procedures to identify the toxic chemical(s), if a chronic toxicity test shows “Fail and % Effect value  $\geq$ 50”. The Discharger shall initiate a TIE using, as guidance, EPA manuals: *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations: Phase I Toxicity Characterization Procedures* (EPA/600/6-91/003, 1991); *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations, Phase II Toxicity Identification Procedures for Samples Exhibiting Acute and Chronic Toxicity* (EPA/600/R-92/080, 1993); *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations, Phase III Toxicity Confirmation Procedures for Samples Exhibiting Acute and Chronic Toxicity* (EPA/600/R-92/081, 1993); and *Marine Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE): Phase I Guidance Document* (EPA/600/R-96-054, 1996). The TIE should be conducted on the species demonstrating the most sensitive toxicity response.
- b. **Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE).** When a toxicant or class of toxicants is identified, a TRE shall be performed for that toxicant. The TRE shall include all reasonable steps to identify the source(s) of toxicity and discuss appropriate BMPs to eliminate the causes of toxicity. No later than 30 days after the source of toxicity

and appropriate BMPs and/or treatment are identified, the Discharger shall submit a TRE Corrective Action Plan to the Executive Officer for approval. At minimum, the plan shall include:

- i. The potential sources of pollutant(s) causing toxicity.
  - ii. Recommended BMPs and/or treatment to reduce the pollutant(s) causing toxicity.
  - iii. Follow-up monitoring to demonstrate that toxicity has been removed.
  - iv. Actions the Discharger will take to mitigate the effects of the discharge and prevent the recurrence of toxicity.
  - v. A schedule for these actions, progress reports, and the final report.
- c.** Many recommended TRE elements parallel required or recommended efforts for source control, pollution prevention, and storm water control programs. TRE efforts should be coordinated with such efforts. As toxic substances are identified or characterized, the Discharger shall continue the TRE by determining the sources and evaluating alternative strategies for reducing or eliminating the substances from the discharge. All reasonable steps shall be taken to reduce toxicity to levels consistent with toxicity evaluation parameters.
- d.** The Discharger shall conduct routine effluent monitoring for the duration of the TIE/TRE process.
- e.** The Regional Water Board recognizes that toxicity may be episodic and identification of causes and reduction of sources of toxicity may not be successful in all cases. The TRE may be ended at any stage if monitoring finds there is no longer toxicity.

## **9. Reporting**

The Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) shall include a full laboratory report for each toxicity test. This report shall be prepared using the format and content of the test methods manual chapter titled *Report Preparation*, including:

- a. The toxicity test results for the TST statistical approach, reported as "Pass" or "Fail" and "Percent Effect" at the chronic toxicity IWC for the discharge.
- b. Water quality measurements for each toxicity test (e.g., pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, conductivity, hardness, salinity, chlorine, ammonia).
- c. TRE/TIE results. The Regional Water Board Executive Officer shall be notified no later than 30 days from completion of each aspect of TRE/TIE analyses.
- d. Statistical program (e.g., TST calculator, CETIS, etc.) output results for each toxicity test.

## **10. Ammonia Removal**

Except with prior approval from the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, ammonia shall not be removed from 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 that the toxicity is caused by ammonia and not other toxicants before the Executive Officer would allow for control of pH in the test.

- a. There is consistent toxicity in the effluent and the maximum pH in the toxicity test is in the range to cause toxicity due to increased pH.
- b. Chronic ammonia concentrations in the effluent are greater than 4 mg/L total ammonia.
- c. Conduct 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.
- d. 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.

When it has been demonstrated that toxicity is due to ammonia because of increasing test pH, 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 Water Board, and receiving written permission expressing approval from the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board.

**11. Chlorine Removal**

Except with prior approval from the Executive Office of the Regional Water Board, chlorine shall not be removed from bioassay samples.

**VI. LAND DISCHARGE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE**

**VII. RECYCLING MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE**

**VIII. RECEIVING WATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Monitoring Location RSW-001**

1. The Discharger shall monitor the receiving water at Monitoring Location RSW-001 as follows:

**Table E-4. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements (Monitoring Location RSW-001)**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
pH	standard units	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2,3
Ammonia Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2,3
Salinity	ppt	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2,3
Temperature	°F	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2,3
Total Coliform	MPN/100mL or CFU/100mL	Grab	5/Quarter <sup>1,4</sup>	2
Fecal Coliform	MPN/100mL or CFU/100mL	Grab	5/Quarter <sup>1,4</sup>	2
<i>Enterococcus</i>	MPN/100mL or CFU/100mL	Grab	5/Quarter <sup>1,4</sup>	2
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter <sup>1</sup>	2
Priority pollutants (excluding asbestos) <sup>5</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Year <sup>6</sup>	2
TCDD Equivalents <sup>7</sup>	µg/L	Grab	1/Permit Term	2

<sup>1.</sup> Sample shall be collected when a discharge occurs. Quarterly receiving water monitoring at RSW-001 is only required during each quarterly monitoring period in which discharge occurs. If there is no discharge to

surface waters during the quarter, the Discharger shall state so in the corresponding monitoring report under penalty of perjury.

2. Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136; for priority pollutants, the methods must meet the lowest MLs specified in Attachment 4 of the SIP, where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, by methods approved by this Regional Water Board or the State Water Board. If more than one analytical test method is listed for a given parameter, the Discharger must select from the listed methods and corresponding Minimum Level.
3. These parameters shall be collected at the same time. A hand-held field meter may be used for pH and temperature, provided the meter utilizes an U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.
4. During each quarter, the Discharger shall collect at least 5 samples equally spaced over a 30-day period to obtain a geometric mean
5. Priority pollutants as defined by the California Toxics Rule (CTR) and included in Attachment I.
6. Sample shall be collected when a discharge occurs. Annual receiving water monitoring at RSW-001 is only required during years in which discharge occurs. If there is no discharge to surface waters during the year, the Discharger shall state so in the corresponding monitoring report under penalty of perjury.
7. TCDD equivalents shall be calculated using the following formula, where the MLs and the toxicity equivalency factors (TEFs) are as listed in the Table below. The Discharger shall report all measured values of individual congeners, including data qualifiers. When calculating TCDD equivalents, the Discharger shall set congener concentrations below the MLs to zero. U.S. EPA method 1613 may be used to analyze dioxin and furan congeners.

$$\text{Dioxin-TEQ (TCDD equivalents)} = \sum(Cx \times \text{TEF}_x)$$

where: Cx = concentration of dioxin or furan congener x  
 TEF<sub>x</sub> = TEF for congener x

Congeners	Minimum Levels (pg/L)	Toxicity Equivalence Factor (TEF)
2,3,7,8 - tetra CDD	10	1.0
1,2,3,7,8 - penta CDD	50	1.0
1,2,3,4,7,8 - hexa CDD	50	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8 - hexa CDD	50	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9 - hexa CDD	50	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8 - hepta CDD	50	0.01
Octa CDD	100	0.0001
2,3,7,8 - tetra CDF	10	0.1
1,2,3,7,8 - penta CDF	50	0.05
2,3,4,7,8 - penta CDF	50	0.5
1,2,3,4,7,8 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
1,2,3,6,7,8 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
1,2,3,7,8,9 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
2,3,4,6,7,8 - hexa CDF	50	0.1
1,2,3,4,6,7,8 - hepta CDFs	50	0.01
1,2,3,4,7,8,9 - hepta CDFs	50	0.01
Octa CDF	100	0.0001

## IX. OTHER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

### A. Visual Monitoring

1. A visual observation station shall be established in the vicinity of the discharge point to the Port Hueneme Harbor.



2. General observations of the receiving water shall be made at each discharge point quarterly when discharges occur. All receiving water observations shall be reported in the quarterly monitoring report. Observations shall be descriptive where applicable, such that colors, approximate amounts, or types of materials are apparent. The following observations shall be made:
  - a. Tidal stage, time, and date of monitoring
  - b. Weather conditions
  - c. Color of water
  - d. Appearance of oil films or grease, or floatable materials
  - e. Extent of visual turbidity or color patches
  - f. Direction of tidal flow
  - g. Description of odor, if any, of the receiving water
  - h. Presence and activity of California Least Tern and California Brown Pelican.

## **X. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. General Monitoring and Reporting Requirements**

1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions (Attachment D) related to monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping.
2. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the Discharger shall indicate under penalty of perjury in the corresponding monitoring report that no effluent was discharged to surface water during the reporting period.
3. If the Discharger conducts monitoring more frequently than required by this Order using approved analytical methods, the results of those analyses shall be included in the monitoring report. These results shall be reflected in the calculation of the average (or median) used in demonstrating compliance with this Order.
4. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance" which discusses the compliance record and 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 waste discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
5. The Discharger shall inform the Regional Water Board well in advance of any proposed construction activity that could potentially affect compliance with applicable requirements.
6. The Discharger shall report the results of chronic toxicity testing, TRE and TIE as required in the Attachment E, Monitoring and Reporting, section V.

### **B. Self-Monitoring Reports (SMRs)**

1. The Discharger shall electronically submit SMRs using the State Water Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Program website <[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ciwqs/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/)>. The CIWQS website will provide additional information for SMR submittal in the event there will be a planned service interruption for electronic submittal.
2. The Discharger shall report in the SMR the results for all monitoring specified in this MRP under sections III through IX. The Discharger shall submit quarterly SMRs including the results of all required monitoring using U.S. EPA-approved test methods or other test methods specified in this Order. SMRs are to include all new monitoring results obtained

since the last SMR was submitted. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this Order, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculations and reporting of the data submitted in the SMR.

3. Monitoring periods and reporting for all required monitoring shall be completed according to the following schedule:

**Table E-5. Monitoring Periods and Reporting Schedule**

Sampling Frequency	Monitoring Period Begins On...	Monitoring Period	SMR Due Date
1/Day	August 1, 2017	(Midnight through 11:59 PM) or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents a calendar day for purposes of sampling.	Submit with quarterly SMR
1/Week	August 1, 2017	Sunday through Saturday	Submit with quarterly SMR
5/Quarter	August 1, 2017	January 1 – March 31 April 1 – June 30 July 1 – September 30 October 1 – December 31	Submit with quarterly SMR
2/Quarter	August 1, 2017	January 1 – March 31 April 1 – June 30 July 1 – September 30 October 1 – December 31	Submit with quarterly SMR
1/Quarter	August 1, 2017	January 1 – March 31 April 1 – June 30 July 1 – September 30 October 1 – December 31	May 1 August 1 November 1 February 1
1/Year	August 1, 2017	January 1 through December 31	Submit with quarterly SMR
1/Permit Term	August 1, 2017	During the term of this Order	Submit with quarterly SMR

4. **Reporting Protocols.** The Discharger shall report with each sample result the applicable Reporting Level (RL) and the current Method Detection Limit (MDL), as determined by the procedure in 40 C.F.R. part 136.

The Discharger shall report the results of analytical determinations for the presence of chemical constituents in a sample using the following reporting protocols:

- a. Sample results greater than or equal to the RL shall be reported as measured by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample).
- b. Sample results less than the RL, but greater than or equal to the laboratory’s MDL, shall be reported as “Detected, but Not Quantified,” or DNQ. The estimated chemical concentration of the sample shall also be reported.

For the purposes of data collection, the laboratory shall write the estimated chemical concentration next to DNQ. The laboratory may, if such information is available, include numerical estimates of the data quality for the reported result. Numerical estimates of data quality may be percent accuracy ( $\pm$  a percentage of the reported value), numerical ranges (low to high), or any other means considered appropriate by the laboratory.

- c. Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL shall be reported as "Not Detected," or ND.
  - d. Dischargers are to instruct laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the ML value (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.
- 5. Compliance Determination.** Compliance with effluent limitations for priority pollutants shall be determined using sample reporting protocols defined above and Attachment A of this Order. For purposes of reporting and administrative enforcement by the Regional Water Board and State Water Board, the Discharger shall be deemed out of compliance with effluent limitations if the concentration of the priority pollutant in the monitoring sample is greater than the effluent limitation and greater than or equal to the reporting level (RL).
- 6. Multiple Sample Data.** When determining compliance with an AMEL or MDEL for priority pollutants and more than one sample result is available, the Discharger shall compute the arithmetic mean unless the data set contains one or more reported determinations of "Detected, but Not Quantified" (DNQ) or "Not Detected" (ND). In those cases, the Discharger shall compute the median in place of the arithmetic mean in accordance with the following procedure:
- a. The data set shall be ranked from low to high, ranking the reported ND determinations lowest, DNQ determinations next, followed by quantified values (if any). The order of the individual ND or DNQ determinations is unimportant.
  - b. The median value of the data set shall be determined. If the data set has an odd number of data points, then the median is the middle value. If the data set has an even number of data points, then the median is the average of the two values around the middle unless one or both of the points are ND or DNQ, in which case the median value shall be the lower of the two data points where DNQ is lower than a value and ND is lower than DNQ.
- 7.** The Discharger shall submit SMRs in accordance with the following requirements:
- a. The Discharger shall arrange all reported data in a tabular format. The data shall be summarized to clearly illustrate whether the facility is operating in compliance with interim and/or final effluent limitations. The Discharger is not required to duplicate the submittal of data that is entered in a tabular format within CIWQS. When electronic submittal of data is required and CIWQS does not provide for entry into a tabular format within the system, the Discharger shall electronically submit the data in a tabular format as an attachment.
  - b. The Discharger shall attach a cover letter to the SMR. The information contained in the cover letter shall clearly identify violations of the waste discharge requirements; discuss corrective actions taken or planned; and the proposed time schedule for corrective actions. Identified violations must include a description of the requirement that was violated and a description of the violation.

**C. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)**

1. DMRs are U.S. EPA reporting requirements. The Discharger shall electronically certify and submit DMRs together with SMRs using Electronic Self-Monitoring Reports module eSMR 2.5 or any upgraded version. Electronic DMR submittal shall be in addition to electronic SMR submittal. Information about electronic DMR submittal is available at the DMR website at:

<[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/discharge\\_monitoring](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/discharge_monitoring)>.

**D. Other Reports**

1. **Within 90 days** of the effective date of this permit, the Discharger is required to submit the following to the Regional Water Board:
  - a. Initial Investigation TRE workplan
  - b. Updated BMPP

The BMPP shall be reviewed at a minimum once per year and updated as needed to ensure all actual or potential sources of trash and pollutants discharged from the Facility are addressed. All changes or revisions to the BMPP shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board within 30 days of revisions.

If there is a change in the Discharger's responsibility regarding spill response and storm water runoff, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board within 30 days.

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**ATTACHMENT F – FACT SHEET**

As described in section II.B of this Order, the Regional Water Board incorporates this Fact Sheet as findings of the Regional Water Board supporting the issuance of this Order. This Fact Sheet includes the legal requirements and technical rationale that serve as the basis for the requirements of this Order.

This Order has been prepared under a standardized format to accommodate a broad range of discharge requirements for Dischargers in California. Only those sections or subsections of this Order that are specifically identified as “not applicable” have been determined not to apply to this Discharger. Sections or subsections of this Order not specifically identified as “not applicable” are fully applicable to this Discharger.

**I. PERMIT INFORMATION**

The following table summarizes administrative information related to the Facility.

**Table F-1. Facility Information**

<b>WDID</b>	4B191309001
<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Stellar Biotechnologies Inc.</b>
<b>Name of Facility</b>	<b>Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park</b>
<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>448 Lighthouse Circle Drive</b>
	<b>Port Hueneme, CA 93041</b>
	<b>Ventura County</b>
<b>Facility Contact, Title and Phone</b>	<b>Frank Oakes, President and CEO, (805)488-2147</b>
<b>Authorized Person to Sign and Submit Reports</b>	<b>Frank Oakes, President and CEO, (805)488-2147</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b>	332 East Scott Street, Port Hueneme, CA 93041
<b>Billing Address</b>	SAME
<b>Type of Facility</b>	Aquaculture (SIC Code: 0273)
<b>Major or Minor Facility</b>	<b>Minor</b>
<b>Threat to Water Quality</b>	3
<b>Complexity</b>	C
<b>Pretreatment Program</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Recycling Requirements</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Facility Permitted Flow</b>	<b>1.08 million gallons per day (MGD)</b>
<b>Facility Design Flow</b>	<b>1.08 MGD</b>
<b>Watershed</b>	Ventura County Coastal
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Port Hueneme Harbor
<b>Receiving Water Type</b>	<b>Coastal</b>

- A. Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc. (hereinafter, Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park (hereinafter Facility), an aquaculture research facility. The Oxnard Harbor District owns the property on which the Facility is located.

For the purposes of this Order, references to the “discharger” or “permittee” in applicable federal and state laws, regulations, plans, or policy are held to be equivalent to references to the Discharger herein.

- B. The Facility discharges aquaculture wastewater (i.e. seawater) through a storm drain to the Port Hueneme Harbor, a water of the United States, within the Ventura County Coastal

Watershed. The Discharger was previously regulated by Order No. R4-2012-0055 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (NPDES CA0064131), adopted on March 1, 2012, and effective on March 31, 2012; Order No. R4-2012-0055 was scheduled to expire on February 10, 2017. Attachment B provides a map of the area around the Facility. Attachment C provides a schematic of the Facility.

- C. The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge and submitted an application for reissuance of its waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit on August 3, 2016. Supplemental information was requested on August 15, 2016, and received on August 24, 2016. The application was deemed complete on September 12, 2016. A site visit was conducted on November 29, 2016, to observe operations of the Facility and to collect additional data to develop permit limitations and requirements for waste discharge.
- D. Regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 122.46 limit the duration of NPDES permits to a fixed term not to exceed five years. Accordingly, Table 3 of this Order limits the duration of the discharge authorization. However, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2235.4, the terms and conditions of an expired permit are automatically continued pending reissuance of the permit if the Discharger complies with all federal NPDES requirements for continuation of expired permits.

## II. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Discharger operates the Controlled Environment Aquaculture Laboratory (CEALab), an aquaculture research and cultivation facility, located at 448 Lighthouse Circle Drive, Port Hueneme, California. The Facility is used for the cultivation of *Megathura crenulata*, the giant keyhole limpet, from which the Discharger extracts Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH), a protein used in the pharmaceutical industry. Seawater is drawn from the Port Hueneme Harbor and used for cultivation of the limpets; the Facility requires periodic addition of seawater to the cultivation system as make-up water to replenish water losses due to evaporation and routine operations. The Facility provides control and prevents the introduction of water-borne pathogens into the cultivation system. Limpets are bred and housed at the Facility until they reach a certain age, after which they are transported to the adjacent Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc. facility for further cultivation (the adjacent facility has a separate NPDES Permit CA0063070 for its discharge to the Port Hueneme Harbor). The limpets are occasionally transported back to the Facility and are housed for seven-day purification prior to the KLH extraction at a small laboratory located within the Facility. All discharges from the laboratory are routed to the sanitary sewer.

### A. Description of Wastewater Treatment and Controls

Prior to activating the Facility influent system, Facility staff will visually assess the Harbor for environmental conditions that may impact intake water quality, such as the presence of stirred-up sediments. Seawater is pumped in batches from a common ocean intake structure, which was built in 1996 as part of the Port Hueneme Aquaculture Business Park development. The influent then undergoes pretreatment consisting of solids removal through a basket strainer, swirl separator, disc filter, and a series of three bag filters ranging from 75  $\mu\text{m}$  down to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ . The filtered influent is then treated with UV light, and subsequently filtered through activated carbon to remove dissolved organic compounds and heavy metals; the influent is further filtered through a 1  $\mu\text{m}$  nominal particulate filter to remove the remaining organic flocculants.

The treated influent is tested for its quality, including pH, temperature, and DO. If it does not meet water quality requirements for limpet habitat, then it is discharged to the sanitary sewer via floor drains. Drainage from the floor drains within the Facility building that collect water from cleaning operations are also routed to the sanitary sewer.



Treated influent that meets specifications for limpet habitat is stored in a 3,000 gallon storage tank within the Facility. The storage tank includes a built-in recirculation system to prevent stagnation by recirculating water from the bottom to the top. The pumping capacity of the treated influent delivery system is designed such that the storage tank can be fully recharged within 4 hours. The storage tank holds sufficient water for a 2-week supply of make-up water to three independent recirculating culture systems (RCSs) at the Facility.

Each RCS consists of pumps, mechanical filters, UV sterilization, biological filters, and sumps. Each RCS is comprised of one filtration loop and one water delivery loop. In the filtration loop, the water from the sump is routed to a mechanical filter to remove flocculants and particulate matter; a biological filter to remove nitrogenous wastes created as a byproduct of animal respiration; and finally through an UV sterilizer to remove pathogens. The water then enters the water delivery loop, where it drains to a second sump and a chiller unit (to regulate water temperature), into the individual animal tanks (ICMs) or nursery tanks containing the limpets, and finally routed back into the original sump that leads back to the filtration loop. The flows into the ICMs and nursery tanks are regulated by control valves and overflow ports that route the overflow back into the sumps. Water lost in RCSs through leakage or evaporation is compensated for by addition of water from the influent storage tank to the sump through the activation of an automatic float valve. Water quality is balanced by periodic partial drainage of the nursery tanks and the ICMs and the addition of make-up seawater from the influent storage tank, instead of full replacement to avoid killing the bacteria housed in the biological filter. During recharge, excess water from two RCS units will flow to the sump of the third RCS unit. Water is then discharged from the sump of the third RCS into Discharge Point 001, through the storm drain, into the Port Hueneme Harbor.

**B. Discharge Points and Receiving Waters**

Consistent with Order No. R4-2012-0055, the submitted ROWD, and subsequent correspondence with the Discharger, the Facility proposes to discharge up to 1.08 MGD of aquaculture wastewater (i.e., seawater) through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 34.1454°, Longitude -119.2096°) into the Port Hueneme Harbor, a water of the United States.

**C. Summary of Existing Requirements and Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) Data**

Effluent limitations from Order No. R4-2012-0055 and monitoring results for Discharge Point 001 during the term of Order No. R4-2012-0055 are listed in Table F-2.

**Table F-2. Historic Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Data**

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations from Order No. R4-2012-0055			Monitoring Data from Order No. R4-2012-0055	
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instant Max /Min	Highest Monthly Average	Highest Daily Discharge
pH	standard units	--	--	6.5 – 8.5 <sup>1</sup>	7.56 – 8.42 <sup>1</sup>	
Temperature	F°	--	--	86 <sup>2</sup>	--	76.46
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	3			7.76 <sup>4</sup>	6.83 <sup>5</sup>
Acute Toxicity	% survival	6			92 <sup>7</sup>	88 <sup>8</sup>
Chronic Toxicity	TUc	9			1	1
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5-day @ 20 Deg. C)	mg/L	20	30	--	1.7	1.7
Oil and Grease	mg/L	10	15	--	1.89	1.89

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations from Order No. R4-2012-0055			Monitoring Data from Order No. R4-2012-0055	
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instant Max /Min	Highest Monthly Average	Highest Daily Discharge
Turbidity	NTU	50	75	--	0.624	0.624
Total Coliform	MPN or CFU/ 100 ml	10			150 <sup>11</sup>	920
Fecal Coliform	MPN or CFU/ 100 ml	10			1.5 <sup>11</sup>	13
<i>Enterococcus</i>	MPN or CFU/ 100 ml	10			31 <sup>11</sup>	79
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	50	75	--	22.5	22.5
Copper, Total Recoverable	µg/L	2.9	5.8	--	0.886	0.886
Silver, Total Recoverable	µg/L	--	--	--	7.0 <sup>12</sup>	7.0 <sup>12</sup>
Cyanide, Total (as CN)	µg/L	--	--	--	1.86 <sup>12</sup>	1.86 <sup>12</sup>

\*Highest measured flow was 0.0025 MGD.

- 1 Instantaneous minimum and maximum range.
- 2 Instantaneous maximum.
- 3 The mean annual dissolved oxygen concentration shall be at least 7 mg/L, with no single determination of less than 5.0 mg/L.
- 4 Lowest mean annual result.
- 5 Lowest single result.
- 6 The acute toxicity of the effluent shall be such that:
  - i. The average survival in the undiluted effluent for any three (3) consecutive 96-hour static or continuous flow bioassay test shall be at least 90%, and
  - ii. No single test shall produce less than 70% survival.
- 7 Lowest average survival of 3 consecutive tests.
- 8 Lowest survival of any single test.
- 9 Order No. R4-2012-0055 includes a chronic toxicity trigger defined as an exceedance of 1.0 TU<sub>c</sub> in a critical life stage test for 100% effluent. (The monthly median for chronic toxicity of 100% effluent shall not exceed 1.0 TU<sub>c</sub> in a critical life stage test.)
- 10 Bacteria Limitations
  - Rolling 30-day Geometric Mean Limits (based on a minimum of not less than five samples for any 30-day period)
    - Total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000 CFU/100 ml.
    - Fecal coliform density shall not exceed 200 CFU/100 ml.
    - Enterococcus* density shall not exceed 35 CFU/100 ml.
  - Single Sample Maximum
    - Total coliform density shall not exceed 10,000 CFU/100 ml.
    - Fecal coliform density shall not exceed 400 CFU/100 ml.
    - Enterococcus* density shall not exceed 104 CFU/100 ml.
    - Total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000 CFU/100 ml, if the ratio of fecal-to-total coliform exceeds 0.1.
- 11 Highest geometric mean reported.
- 12 Detected, but not quantified (DNQ) value. The result was an estimated value as it is detected greater than the method detection limit (MDL), but less than the minimum level (ML).

#### **D. Compliance Summary**

Based on data submitted to the Regional Water Board from March 2012 through December 2016, the Discharger has no violations of numeric permit limitations. Three reporting violations and two monitoring violations were cited during the term of Order No. R4-2012-0055, including missing parameters for quarterly reports and not using sufficiently sensitive minimum levels for some parameters. Two surface water violations were also cited in the 2013 Fourth Quarterly Monitoring Report for the presence of high levels of fecal coliforms and *enterococcus* in the receiving water, but the occurrences were likely due to a naturally occurring localized event in the Port of Hueneme Harbor, and the effluent results for these parameters were within their respective effluent limitations. The violations cited are not subject to mandatory minimum penalties.

#### **E. Planned Changes**

The Discharger has indicated interest in expanding the Facility's operations during the term of this Order; however, no specific plans were provided, and the design discharge flow is not expected to exceed the current permitted flow rate; nor is the nature of the Facility's discharge and the type of operation expected to change (aquaculture wastewater).

### **III. APPLICABLE PLANS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS**

The requirements contained in this Order are based on the requirements and authorities described in this section.

#### **A. Legal Authorities**

This Order serves as WDRs pursuant to article 4, chapter 4, division 7 of the California Water Code (commencing with section 13260). This Order is also issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and implementing regulations adopted by the U.S. EPA and chapter 5.5, division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13370). It shall serve as an NPDES permit authorizing the Discharger to discharge into waters of the United States at the discharge location described in Table 2 subject to the WDRs in this Order.

#### **B. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

Under Water Code section 13389, this action to adopt an NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 of CEQA, (commencing with section 21100) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code.

#### **C. State and Federal Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Plans**

1. **Water Quality Control Plan.** The Regional Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (hereinafter Basin Plan) on June 13, 1994, that designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. Requirements in this Order implement the Basin Plan. . In addition, the Basin Plan implements State Water Board Resolution 88-63, which established state policy that all waters, with certain exceptions, should be considered suitable or potentially

suitable for municipal or domestic supply. However, the Port Hueneme Harbor was not included. Beneficial uses applicable to the Port Hueneme Harbor are as follows:

**Table F-3. Basin Plan Beneficial Uses**

Discharge Point	Receiving Water Name	Beneficial Use(s)
001	Port Hueneme Harbor	<u>Existing:</u> Water Contact Recreation (REC-1); Non-contact Water Recreation (REC-2); Industrial Process Supply (PROC); Navigation (NAV); Commercial and Sport Fishing (COMM); Marine Habitat (MAR); Wildlife Habitat (WILD)

- 2. Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Policy.** The *Water Quality Control Policy for the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Enclosed Bay and Estuaries Policy), adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) as Resolution No. 95-84 on November 16, 1995, states that:

*“It is the policy of the State Board that the discharge of municipal wastewaters and industrial process waters (exclusive of cooling water discharges) to enclosed bays and estuaries, other than the San Francisco Bay-Delta system, shall be phased out at the earliest practicable date. Exceptions to this provision may be granted by a Regional Water Board only when the Regional Water Board finds that the wastewater in question would consistently be treated and discharged in such a manner that it would enhance the quality of receiving waters above that which would occur in the absence of the discharge.”*

While the Facility discharges to the Port Hueneme Harbor, discharges from the Facility are comprised only of aquaculture wastewater (i.e. seawater). The influent seawater withdrew from the Port Hueneme Harbor is filtered and disinfected prior to its use for the cultivation of *Megathura crenulata* (a giant keyhole limpet), and there is no addition of chemicals to the seawater throughout the cultivation process prior to the effluent discharge back to the Port Hueneme Harbor. The Facility’s effluent treatment units (RCSs) also provide additional filtration and disinfection of the effluent prior to discharge. Nonetheless, this Order contains provisions necessary to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water when discharges to the Port Hueneme Harbor occur.

- 3. Thermal Plan.** The State Water Board adopted the Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California (Thermal Plan) on January 7, 1971, and amended this plan on September 18, 1975. This plan contains temperature objectives for surface waters. Requirements of this Order implement the Thermal Plan. The Thermal Plan included an objective such that elevated temperature wastes discharges for existing discharges to enclosed bays shall comply with limitations necessary to assure protection of beneficial uses. Additionally, a white paper was developed by Regional Water Board staff entitled *Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Impacts on Biota in Tidal Estuaries and Enclosed Bays in the Los Angeles Region*. The white paper evaluated the optimum temperatures for steelhead, topsmelt, ghost shrimp, brown rock crab, jackknife clam, and blue mussel. A maximum effluent temperature limitation of 86°F was determined to be appropriate for protection of aquatic life. The Facility discharges to the Port Hueneme Harbor. Therefore, a maximum temperature effluent limitation of 86°F is included in this Order, consistent with the Thermal

Plan and the White Paper, for the protection of aquatic life and beneficial uses of the Port Hueneme Harbor.

4. **National Toxics Rule (NTR) and California Toxics Rule (CTR).** U.S. EPA adopted the NTR on December 22, 1992, and later amended it on May 4, 1995, and November 9, 1999. About forty criteria in the NTR applied in California. On May 18, 2000, U.S. EPA adopted the CTR. The CTR promulgated new toxics criteria for California and, in addition, incorporated the previously adopted NTR criteria that were applicable in the state. The CTR was amended on February 13, 2001. These rules contain federal water quality criteria for priority pollutants.
5. **State Implementation Policy.** On March 2, 2000, the State Water Board adopted the *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California* (State Implementation Policy or SIP). The SIP became effective on April 28, 2000, with respect to the priority pollutant criteria promulgated for California by the U.S. EPA through the NTR and to the priority pollutant objectives established by the Regional Water Board in the Basin Plan. The SIP became effective on May 18, 2000, with respect to the priority pollutant criteria promulgated by the U.S. EPA through the CTR. The State Water Board adopted amendments to the SIP on February 24, 2005, that became effective on July 13, 2005. The SIP establishes implementation provisions for priority pollutant criteria and objectives and provisions for chronic toxicity control. Requirements of this Order implement the SIP.
6. **Antidegradation Policy.** Federal regulation 40 C.F.R. 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 68-16 ("Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California"). Resolution 68-16 is deemed to incorporate the federal antidegradation policy where the federal policy applies under federal law. Resolution 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. The permitted discharge must be consistent with the antidegradation provision of 40 C.F.R. section 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution 68-16.
7. **Anti-Backsliding Requirements.** Sections 402(o) and 303(d)(4) of the CWA and federal regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(l) restrict backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require that effluent limitations in a reissued permit must be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions in which limitations may be relaxed.
8. **Endangered Species Act Requirements.** This Order does not authorize any act that results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act that is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code, §§ 2050 to 2097) or the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. §§ 1531 to 1544). This Order requires compliance with effluent limits, receiving water limits, and other requirements to protect the beneficial uses of waters of the state, including protecting rare, threatened, or endangered species. The Discharger is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act.
9. **Part 1 Trash Provisions Requirements.** The State Water Board adopted the "*Amendment to the Ocean Plan and Part I Trash Provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*" (Trash Amendments) through Resolution 2015-0019, which was approved by OAL on December 2, 2015 and became effective upon U.S. EPA approval on January 12, 2016. The Trash

Amendments apply to all surface waters of the State, with the exception of those waters within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Regional Water Board where trash or debris TMDLs are in effect prior to the effective date of the Trash Amendments. The discharge described in this Order is subject to the Trash Provisions as there are no trash or debris TMDLs in effect prior to the effective date of the Trash Amendments for the Port Hueneme Harbor. The Trash Amendments established a narrative water quality objective for trash and a prohibition on the discharge of trash, implemented through permits issued pursuant to CWA section 402(p), waste discharge requirements, or waivers of waste discharge requirements. No specific implementation provisions were prescribed for individual industrial permittees, and no references were made to the monitoring and reporting requirements for individual industrial permits.

This Order implements the requirements of the Trash Provisions through the prohibition of trash discharges to the NPDES discharge point. This Order also requires the Discharger to develop and implement a Best Management Practice Plan (BMPP), which shall include specific BMPs used as control measures that the Discharger will undertake to prevent the discharge of trash from the Facility to the Port Hueneme Harbor. The Discharger is required to detail and submit to the Regional Water Board annually (through their annual BMPP submittal) specific BMPs (control measures) employed to control and prohibit the discharge of trash and other pollutants from the Facility through the NPDES discharge points to satisfy the monitoring and reporting requirement of the Trash Provisions.

**D. Impaired Water Bodies on the CWA section 303(d) List**

Section 303(d) of the CWA requires states to identify specific water bodies where water quality standards are not expected to be met after implementation of technology-based effluent limitations on point sources. For all CWA section 303(d)-listed water bodies and pollutants, the Regional Water Board plans to develop and adopt total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) that will specify waste load allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for non-point sources, as appropriate.

The U.S. EPA approved the State's 2012 303(d) list of impaired water bodies on June 26, 2015. Certain receiving waters in the Los Angeles and Ventura County watersheds do not fully support beneficial uses and therefore have been classified as impaired on the 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments (hereinafter 303(d) list) and have been scheduled for TMDL development. The Facility discharges into Port Hueneme Harbor. The 2012 State Water Board's California 303(d) List classifies the Port Hueneme Harbor as impaired. The pollutants of concern in the Port Hueneme Harbor include DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) in tissue and PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in tissue. The inclusion of the Port Hueneme Harbor on the 2012 303(d) list documents the waterbody's lack of assimilative capacity for the pollutants of concern. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are developed for pollutants of concern to facilitate the waterbody's recovery of its ability to fully support its beneficial uses. No TMDLs have been developed as these impairments are being addressed by action other than TMDL (dredging and removal of contaminated sediments in the Harbor), and attainments are expected to be achieved in 2019.

**IV. RATIONALE FOR EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS**

The CWA requires point source dischargers to control the amount of conventional, non-conventional, and toxic pollutants that are discharged into the waters of the United States. The control of pollutants discharged is established through effluent limitations and other requirements in NPDES permits. There are two principal bases for effluent limitations in the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.): 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(a) requires that permits include applicable technology-based limitations and standards; and 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(d) requires that permits

include water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) to attain and maintain applicable numeric and narrative water quality criteria to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water.

Discharges from the Facility include the discharge of wastewater from an aquaculture Facility. Seawater is drawn from the Port Hueneme Harbor and is filtered and disinfected prior to its use for the cultivation of the *Megathura crenulata* (a giant keyhole limpet); there is no addition of chemicals to the seawater throughout the cultivation process or prior to the effluent discharge back to the Port Hueneme Harbor. Wastes generated from the Facility's process include unused feed particles and excrement, which may contribute or affect the receiving water's pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, nitrogen, and bacteria. Order No. R4-2012-0055 identified a number of pollutants believed to be present in the discharge from the Facility based on a review of the operations at the Facility, and it included monitoring requirements and effluent limitations for total suspended solids (TSS), BOD, oil and grease, pH, temperature, turbidity, and copper. This Order considered the regulated pollutants identified in Order No. R4-2012-0055 as pollutants of concern. Pollutants of concern were also identified based on the Facility's monitoring history and impairments of the receiving water as identified by the State's 2012 303(d) list.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §122.45(d), permit limitations for continuous discharges shall be expressed, unless impracticable, as both average monthly effluent limitations (AMELs) and maximum daily effluent limitations (MDELs). Discharges through Discharge Point 001 consist of process wastewater from the Facility; therefore, both AMELs and MDELs are applicable and have been established in this Order.

Generally, mass-based effluent limitations ensure that proper treatment, and not dilution, is employed to comply with the final effluent concentration limitations. Section 122.45(f)(1) requires that all permit limitations, standards or prohibitions be expressed in terms of mass units except under the following conditions: (1) for pH, temperature, radiation or other pollutants that cannot appropriately be expressed by mass limitations; (2) when applicable standards or limitations are expressed in terms of other units of measure; or (3) if in establishing technology-based permit limitations on a case-by-case basis limitations based on mass are infeasible because the mass of pollutant cannot be related to a measure of production. The limitations, however, must ensure that dilution will not be used as a substitute for treatment.

#### **A. Discharge Prohibitions**

The discharge prohibitions enumerated in section III of the Waste Discharge Requirements of this Order are based on the requirements of the Basin Plan, State Water Board's plans and policies, the Water Code, and previous permit provisions. They are consistent with the requirements set for other discharges to the Port Hueneme Harbor that are regulated by NPDES permits.

#### **B. Technology-Based Effluent Limitations**

##### **1. Scope and Authority**

Section 301(b) of the CWA and implementing U.S. EPA permit regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 122.44 require that permits include conditions meeting applicable technology-based requirements at a minimum, and any more stringent effluent limitations necessary to meet applicable water quality standards. The discharge authorized by this Order must meet minimum federal technology-based requirements based on Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) in accordance with 40 C.F.R. section 125.3.

The CWA requires that technology-based effluent limitations be established based on several levels of controls:

- a. Best practicable treatment control technology (BPT) represents the average of the best existing performance by well-operated facilities within an industrial category or

subcategory. BPT standards apply to toxic, conventional, and non-conventional pollutants.

- b. Best available technology economically achievable (BAT) represents the best existing performance of treatment technologies that are economically achievable within an industrial point source category. BAT standards apply to toxic and non-conventional pollutants.
- c. Best conventional pollutant control technology (BCT) represents the control from existing industrial point sources of conventional pollutants including BOD, TSS, fecal coliform, pH, and oil and grease. The BCT standard is established after considering a two-part reasonableness test. The first test compares the relationship between the costs of attaining a reduction in effluent discharge and the resulting benefits. The second test examines the cost and level of reduction of pollutants from the discharge from publicly owned treatment works to the cost and level of reduction of such pollutants from a class or category of industrial sources. Effluent limitations must be reasonable under both tests.
- d. New source performance standards (NSPS) represent the best available demonstrated control technology standards. The intent of NSPS guidelines is to set limitations that represent state-of-the-art treatment technology for new sources.

The CWA requires U.S. EPA to develop effluent limitations, guidelines and standards (ELGs) representing application of BPT, BAT, BCT, and NSPS. Section 402(a)(1) of the CWA and 40 C.F.R. section 125.3 authorize the use of best professional judgment (BPJ) to derive technology-based effluent limitations on a case-by-case basis where ELGs are not available for certain industrial categories and/or pollutants of concern. Where BPJ is used, the Regional Water Board must consider specific factors outlined in 40 C.F.R. section 125.3.

## **2. Applicable Technology-Based Effluent Limitations (TBELs)**

The Facility is categorized as an animal aquaculture facility, with the SIC code 0273. 40 C.F.R. Part 451 contains effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) for wastewater discharged from the Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Point Source Category. However, 40 C.F.R. section 451.1 states that regulations included in 40 C.F.R. Part 451 are only applicable to the discharges of pollutants from facilities that produce 100,000 pounds or more of aquatic animals per year in a flow-through, recirculating, net pen, or submerged cage system. According to Form 2B of the Facility's ROWD, the total yearly harvestable weight produced by the Facility is less than 600 pounds. Therefore, requirements contained in 40 C.F.R. Part 451 are not applicable to the Facility.

The technology-based requirements in this Order are based on case-by-case numeric limitations developed using BPJ in accordance with 40 C.F.R. section 125.3. Technology-based effluent limitations are established in this Order for total suspended solids, oil and grease, turbidity, and biochemical oxygen demand at Discharge Point 001. The limitations for these pollutants are consistent with technology-based effluent limitations (TBEL) included in other orders within the State for similar types of discharges, and are included in this Order to ensure that discharges from the Facility meet the level of treatment attainable by other industrial facilities within the state using existing technologies that are practical, available, and economically achievable. The Regional Water Board considered other relevant factors pursuant to 40 C.F.R. section 125.3, and concluded that the limitations are appropriate.



**Table F-4. Summary of Technology-Based Effluent Limitations at Discharge Point 001**

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations	
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5-day @ 20°C)	mg/L	20	30
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	180	270
Oil and Grease	mg/L	10	15
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	90	140
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	50	75
	lbs/day <sup>1</sup>	450	680
Turbidity	NTU	50	75

<sup>1</sup> Mass loading limitations are based on the maximum flow at Discharge Point 001 (1.08 million gallons per day (MGD)) and are calculated as follows:

$$\text{Flow (MGD)} \times \text{Concentration (mg/L)} \times 8.34 \text{ (conversion factor)} = \text{lbs/day.}$$

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R section 122.44(k), this Order requires the Discharger to develop, implement, and annually submit a Best Management Practices Plan (BMPP) that establishes site-specific procedures to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the Facility. At a minimum, the management practices should ensure that raw materials and chemicals do not come into contact with the discharge and prevent the entrainment of trash in the discharge. These procedures shall also ensure that unauthorized discharges do not occur from the Facility. The BMPs shall address all normal facility operations including, but not limited to: cleaning, feeding, transfer and importation of species, removal of dead species, storage and handling of raw material, and disposal of solid waste.

The combination of the BMPP and permit limitations based on past performance and reflecting BPJ will serve as the equivalent of technology-based effluent limitations, in the absence of established ELGs, in order to carry out the purposes and intent of the CWA.

**C. Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs)**

**1. Scope and Authority**

CWA section 301(b) and 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(d) require that permits include limitations more stringent than applicable federal technology-based requirements where necessary to achieve applicable water quality standards.

40 C.F.R. section 122.44(d)(1)(i) requires that permits include effluent limitations for all pollutants that are or may be discharged at levels that have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of a water quality standard, including numeric and narrative objectives within a standard. Where reasonable potential has been established for a pollutant, but there is no numeric criterion or objective for the pollutant, WQBELs must be established using: (1) U.S. EPA criteria guidance under CWA section 304(a), supplemented where necessary by other relevant information; (2) an indicator parameter for the pollutant of concern; or (3) a calculated numeric water quality criterion, such as a proposed state criterion or policy interpreting the state’s narrative criterion, supplemented with other relevant information, as provided in section 122.44(d)(1)(vi). WQBELs must also be consistent with the assumption and requirements of TMDL WLAs approved by U.S. EPA.

The process for determining reasonable potential and calculating WQBELs when necessary is intended to protect the designated beneficial uses of the receiving water as specified in the Basin Plan, and achieve applicable water quality objectives and criteria

that are contained in other state plans and policies, or any applicable water quality criteria contained in the CTR and NTR.

**2. Applicable Beneficial Uses and Water Quality Criteria and Objectives**

As noted in section III of the Fact Sheet, the Regional Water Board adopted a Basin Plan that designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the Basin Plan. The beneficial uses applicable to the Port Hueneme Harbor are summarized in section III.C.1 of this Fact Sheet. The Basin Plan includes both narrative and numeric water quality objectives applicable to the receiving water.

Priority pollutant water quality criteria in the CTR are applicable to the Port Hueneme Harbor. The CTR contains both saltwater and freshwater criteria. Because a distinct separation generally does not exist between freshwater and saltwater aquatic communities, the following apply, in accordance with section 131.38(c)(3); freshwater criteria apply at salinities of 1 part per thousand (ppt) and below at locations where this occurs 95 percent or more of the time. The Regional Water Board has determined that saltwater criteria applies to the Port Hueneme Harbor, consistent with Order No. R4-2012-0055. The CTR criteria for saltwater or human health for consumption of organisms, whichever is more stringent, are used to prescribe the effluent limitations in this Order to protect the beneficial uses of Port Hueneme Harbor, a water of the United States.

Table F-5 summarizes the applicable water quality criteria/objective for priority pollutants that were reported in detectable concentrations historically in the discharge effluent at EFF-001, or for which the receiving water is identified to be impaired. These criteria were used to conduct the RPA used in this Order.

**Table F-5. Applicable Water Quality Criteria**

CTR No.	Constituent	Selected Criteria	CTR/NTR Water Quality Criteria		
			Saltwater		Human Health for Consumption of: Organisms only
			Acute	Chronic	
			µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
1	Antimony	4,300	--	--	4,300
2	Arsenic	36	69	36	--
4	Cadmium	9.4	42	9.4	Narrative
5a	Chromium (III)	--	--	--	Narrative
5b	Chromium (VI)	50	1100	50	Narrative
6	Copper, Total Recoverable	3.7	5.8	3.7	--
8	Mercury	0.051	--	--	0.051
10	Selenium, Total Recoverable	71	290	71	Narrative
11	Silver, Total Recoverable	2.24	2.24	--	--
12	Thallium, Total Recoverable	6.3	--	--	6.3
13	Zinc, Total Recoverable	86	95	86	--
14	Cyanide	1	1	1	220,000
20	Bromoform	360	--	--	360
26	Chloroform	--	--	--	--
27	Dichlorobromomethane	46	--	--	46

CTR No.	Constituent	Selected Criteria	CTR/NTR Water Quality Criteria		
			Saltwater		Human Health for Consumption of:
			Acute	Chronic	Organisms only
			µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
35	Methyl Chloride	--	--	--	Narrative
68	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	5.9	--	--	5.9
108	4,4-DDT	0.00059	0.13	0.001	0.00059
119-125	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	0.00017	--	0.03	0.00017

**3. Determining the Need for WQBELs**

In accordance with Section 1.3 of the SIP, the Regional Water Board conducts a reasonable potential analysis (RPA) for each priority pollutant with an applicable criterion or objective to determine if a WQBEL is required in the permit. The Regional Water Board analyzes effluent and receiving water data and identifies the maximum observed effluent concentration (MEC) and maximum background concentration (B) in the receiving water for each constituent. To determine reasonable potential, the MEC and the B are then compared with the applicable water quality objectives (C) outlined in the CTR, NTR, as well as the Basin Plan. For all pollutants that have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an excursion above a state water quality standard, numeric WQBELs are required.

Section 1.3 of the SIP provides the procedures for determining reasonable potential to exceed applicable water quality criteria and objectives. The SIP specifies three triggers to complete a RPA:

1. Trigger 1 – if  $MEC \geq C$ , a limit is needed.
2. Trigger 2 – If the background concentration  $B > C$  and the pollutant is detected in the effluent, a limit is needed.
3. Trigger 3 – If other related information such as CWA 303(d) listing for a pollutant, discharge type, compliance history, or other applicable factors indicate that a WQBEL is required.

Sufficient effluent and receiving water data are needed to conduct a complete RPA. If data are not sufficient, the Discharger will be required to gather the appropriate data for the Regional Water Board to conduct the RPA. Upon review of the data, and if the Regional Water Board determines that WQBELs are needed to protect the beneficial uses, the permit will be reopened for appropriate modification. The RPA was performed using available priority pollutant data collected by the Discharger at Monitoring Location EFF-001 from March 2012 through December 2016. Receiving water data collected by the Discharger during the same period, at a location between 100 to 300 feet from the point of discharge to the Port of Hueneme Harbor outside the influence of the discharge, were also considered.

**4. WQBEL Calculations**

- a. If reasonable potential exists to exceed applicable water quality criteria or objectives, then a WQBEL must be established in accordance with one or more of the three procedures contained in section 1.4 of the SIP. These procedures include:
  1. If applicable and available, use the WLA established as part of a TMDL.

2. Use of a steady-state model to derive maximum daily effluent limitations (MDELs) and average monthly effluent limitations (AMELs).
  3. Where sufficient effluent and receiving water data exist, use of a dynamic model, which has been approved by the Regional Water Board.
- b. The WQBELs for copper, silver, and cyanide are established based on monitoring results and following the procedures based on the steady-state model in accordance to section 1.4 of the SIP.
- c. Since many of the streams in the Region have minimal upstream flows, mixing zones and dilution credits are usually not appropriate. No dilution credit is included in this Order.

d. **WQBELs Calculation Example**

Using total recoverable silver as example, the following demonstrates how WQBELs were established for this Order. The calculation for total recoverable silver represents a WQBEL established based on the CTR criteria. Attachment G summarizes the calculation of all WQBELs for this Order using the process described below. The process for developing these limits is in accordance with section 1.4 of the SIP.

Concentration-Based Effluent Limitations

Two sets of AMEL and MDEL values are calculated separately, one set for the protection of aquatic life and the other for the protection of human health. The AMEL and MDEL limitations for aquatic life and human health are compared, and the most restrictive AMEL and the most restrictive MDEL are selected as the WQBEL.

Calculation of AMEL and MDEL

**Step 1:** For each constituent requiring an effluent limit, identify the applicable water quality criteria or objective. For each criterion, determine the effluent concentration allowance (ECA) using the following steady state equation:

$$ECA = C + D(C-B) \quad \text{when } C > B, \text{ and}$$

$$ECA = C \quad \text{when } C \leq B$$

- Where:
- C = The priority pollutant criterion/objective, adjusted if necessary for hardness, pH and translators. Discharge from the Facility uses saltwater criteria, which are independent of hardness and pH.
  - D = The dilution credit
  - B = The ambient background concentration

As discussed above, this Order does not allow dilution; therefore:

$$ECA = C$$

For total recoverable silver, the ECA is equal to the CTR aquatic life acute criterion. There are no aquatic life chronic criterion or human health criterion for total recoverable silver:

$$ECA_{\text{acute}} = 2.24 \mu\text{g/L}$$

$$ECA_{\text{chronic}} = \text{Not Applicable}$$

$ECA_{\text{Human Health}} = \text{Not Applicable}$

**Step 2:** For each ECA based or aquatic life criterion/objective, determine the long-term average discharge condition (LTA) by multiplying the ECA by a factor (multiplier). The multiplier is a statistically based factor that adjusts the ECA to account for effluent variability. The value of the multiplier varies depending on the coefficient of variation (CV) of the data set and whether it is an acute or chronic criterion/objective. Table 1 of the SIP provides pre-calculated values for the multipliers based on the value of the CV. Equations to develop the multipliers in place of using values in the tables are provided in section 1.4, Step 3 of the SIP and will not be repeated here.

$$LTA_{\text{acute}} = ECA_{\text{acute}} \times \text{Multiplier}_{\text{acute}99}$$

$$LTA_{\text{chronic}} = ECA_{\text{chronic}} \times \text{Multiplier}_{\text{chronic}99}$$

The CV for the data set must be determined before the multipliers can be selected and will vary depending on the number of samples and the standard deviation of a data set. If the data set is less than 10 samples, or at least 80% of the samples in the data set are reported as non-detect, the CV shall be set equal to 0.6. If the data set is greater than 10 samples, and at least 20% of the samples in the data set are reported as detected, the CV shall be equal to the standard deviation of the data set divided by the average of the data set.

For total recoverable silver, the following data were used to develop the acute and chronic LTAs using equations provided in Section 1.4, Step 3 of the SIP (Table 1 of the SIP also provides this data up to three decimals):

No. of Samples	No. of Non-Detects (% of Total)	CV	ECA Multiplier <sub>acute</sub>	ECA Multiplier <sub>chronic</sub>
5	80%	0.6	0.321	0.527

Note that only an acute criterion is included for total recoverable silver in the CTR, and therefore only acute multipliers will be used to develop the effluent limitations.

$$LTA_{\text{acute}} = 2.24 \mu\text{g/L} \times 0.321 = 0.72 \mu\text{g/L}$$

**Step 3:** Select the most limiting (lowest) of the LTA.

For total recoverable silver, only the acute LTA is calculated; therefore, no comparison is made.

$$LTA = LTA_{\text{acute}} = 0.72 \mu\text{g/L}$$

**Step 4:** Calculate the WQBELs by multiplying the LTA by a factor (multiplier). WQBELs are expressed as AMEL and MDEL. The multiplier is a statistically based factor that adjusts the LTA for the averaging periods and exceedance frequencies of the criteria/objectives and the effluent limitations. The value of the multiplier varies depending on the probability basis, the CV of the data set, the number of samples (for AMEL) and whether it is a monthly or daily limit. Table 2 of the SIP provides pre-calculated values for the multipliers based on the value of the CV and the number of samples. Equations to develop the multipliers in place of using values in the tables are provided in section 1.4, Step 5 of the SIP and will not be repeated here.

$$AMEL_{\text{aquatic life}} = LTA \times AMEL_{\text{multiplier}95}$$

$$MDEL_{\text{aquatic life}} = LTA \times MDEL_{\text{multiplier}99}$$

AMEL multipliers are based on a 95th percentile occurrence probability, and the MDEL multipliers are based on the 99th percentile occurrence probability. If the number of samples is less than four (4), the default number of samples to be used is four (4).

For total recoverable silver, the following data were used to develop the AMEL and MDEL for effluent limitations using equations provided in section 1.4, Step 5 of the SIP (Table 2 of the SIP also provides this data up to two decimals):

No. of Samples Per Month	CV	Multiplier <sub>MDEL99</sub>	Multiplier <sub>AMEL95</sub>
4	0.6	3.11	1.55

For total recoverable silver:

$$\text{AMEL} = 0.72 \mu\text{g/L} \times 1.55 = 1.1 \mu\text{g/L}$$

$$\text{MDEL} = 0.72 \mu\text{g/L} \times 3.11 = 2.2 \mu\text{g/L}$$

Calculation of human health AMEL and MDEL:

**Step 5:** For the ECA based on human health, set the AMEL equal to the ECA<sub>human health</sub>

$$\text{AMEL}_{\text{human health}} = \text{ECA}_{\text{human health}}$$

There are no human health criteria for total recoverable silver.

**Step 6:** Calculate the MDEL for human health by multiplying the AMEL by the ratio of Multiplier<sub>MDEL</sub> to the Multiplier<sub>AMEL</sub>. Table 2 of the SIP provides pre-calculated ratios to be used in this calculation based on the CV and the number of samples.

$$\text{MDEL}_{\text{human health}} = \text{AMEL}_{\text{human health}} \times (\text{Multiplier}_{\text{MDEL}} / \text{Multiplier}_{\text{AMEL}})$$

There are no human health criteria for total recoverable silver.

**Step 7:** Select the lower set of the AMEL and MDEL based on aquatic life and human health criteria as the WQBEL for the Order.

Final WQBELs for Silver:

Parameter	MDEL (µg/L)	AMEL(µg/L)
Total Recoverable Silver	2.2	1.1

WQBELs for total recoverable silver are established based on the CTR aquatic life acute criterion. Both aquatic life and human health criteria are included for cyanide in the CTR; the WQBELs for cyanide are established based on the aquatic life criteria, which result in the most stringent set of effluent limitations for cyanide.

In addition, the Regional Water Board has determined that copper has reasonable potential to cause or contribute to exceedances of the water quality objectives of the Port Hueneme Harbor, in accordance with Step 7 of section 1.3 in the SIP, which states that other information may be considered to determine whether a WQBEL is needed. Such information includes, among other aspects, the Facility type, compliance history, and the potential toxic impacts of the discharge. Order No. R4-2012-0055 contained effluent limitations for copper based on reasonable potential of past monitoring data and a review of Facility operation. The Discharger asserted that

historical exceedances for copper coincided with the dredging activities in the Port Hueneme Harbor, which is ongoing and may contribute to future elevated copper level in the discharge. As such, effluent limitations for copper are retained in this Order to protect the beneficial uses of the Port Hueneme Harbor, based on the CTR aquatic life acute criterion.

Final WQBELs are summarized in Table F-7 of this Fact Sheet. Both AMELs and MDELs are applicable for discharges through Discharge Point 001 and are included in this Order.

**e. Intake Water Credits for Copper, Silver, and Cyanide**

In accordance to Section 1.4.4 of the SIP, intake water credits for a pollutant may be considered in an NPDES permit provided that the Discharger can demonstrate the following conditions are met:

1. The observed maximum ambient background concentration, as determined in section 1.4.3.1 and the intake water concentration of the pollutant exceeds the most stringent applicable criterion/objective for the pollutant;
2. The intake water credits provided are consistent with any TMDL applicable to the discharge that has been approved by the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, and U.S. EPA;
3. The intake water is from the same waterbody as the receiving water body. The Discharger may demonstrate this condition by showing that:
  - (a) The ambient background concentration of the pollutant in the receiving water, excluding any amount of the pollutant in the Facility's discharge, is similar to that of the intake water;
  - (b) There is a direct hydrological connection between the intake and discharge points;
  - (c) The water quality characteristics are similar in the intake and receiving waters; and;
  - (d) The intake water pollutant would have reached the vicinity of the discharge point in the receiving water within a reasonable period of time and with the same effect had it not been diverted by the discharger.

The Regional Water Board may also consider other factors when determining whether the intake water is from the same water body as the receiving water body;

4. The Facility does not alter the intake water pollutant chemically or physically in a manner that adversely affects water quality and beneficial uses; and
5. The timing and location of the discharge does not cause adverse effects on water quality and beneficial uses that would not occur if the intake water pollutant had been left in the receiving water body.

For copper, silver, and cyanide, monitoring data demonstrated that intake water (receiving water) concentrations may be contributing to effluent concentrations that are higher than the water quality criteria and the effluent limitations included in this Order, and that intake water credits may be warranted. Summary data for each constituent as well as the results of the evaluation are presented in Table F-6.

**Table F-6. Intake Water Credit Evaluation**

Parameter	Applicable Criteria (µg/L)	Maximum Effluent Concentration (µg/L)	Maximum Ambient Background/Intake Concentration (µg/L) <sup>1</sup>	Intake Water Credit Applicable	Reason
Copper	3.7	0.886	108	Yes	Conditions (1) through (4) from section 1.4.4 of the SIP are satisfied
Silver	2.2	7 <sup>2</sup>	9.8 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Conditions (1) through (4) from section 1.4.4 of the SIP are satisfied
Cyanide	1.0	1.86 <sup>2</sup>	1.16 <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Conditions (1) through (4) from section 1.4.4 of the SIP are satisfied

1. Includes data from INF-001 (intake water monitoring location) and RSW-001 (receiving water monitoring location).
2. The result was a DNQ value (detected below the minimum level but higher than the method detection limit, and is therefore an estimated value.)

An evaluation of each constituent with respect to the intake water credit conditions included in section 1.4.4 of the SIP is as follows:

**Condition (1).** The Facility’s influent is drawn directly from the Port Hueneme Harbor, so the intake water is the same as the ambient receiving water. Ambient receiving water monitoring samples are collected in the Port Hueneme Harbor at a location near the intake pipe. For each parameter, the maximum receiving water and intake water concentration has demonstrated a concentration greater than the most stringent applicable criterion. (See Table F-6)

**Condition (2).** There are no TMDLs in effect for copper, silver, or cyanide in the Port Hueneme Harbor. Furthermore, the receiving water is not listed as impaired for copper, silver, or cyanide.

**Condition (3).** The intake water is taken directly from the Port of Hueneme, satisfying conditions 3(a) and 3(c). The intake pipe and storm drain discharge pipe (through which the Facility’s discharge reaches the receiving water) are located within the Port Hueneme Harbor, demonstrating a direct hydrological connection between the intake and discharge point and satisfying conditions 3(b) and 3(d).

**Condition (4).** The Facility implements several forms of filtration and UV disinfection to remove pollutants from the intake water, and uses the intake water to cultivate marine animals; operations at the Facility do not adversely affect water quality or the beneficial uses of the Port Hueneme Harbor. Monitoring data collected during Order No. R4-2012-0055 indicated that effluent copper concentration is below its water quality criterion; effluent concentration of silver and cyanide exceeds their respective water quality criteria, but the receiving water silver and cyanide concentration are similar to the effluent concentration and also showed exceedances of the applicable water quality criteria.

**Condition (5).** Based on monitoring data, the quality of the effluent is similar to or exceeds that of the intake water; also, the effluent is discharged into the same water body (Port Hueneme Harbor) where the intake water is drawn. Therefore, the timing



and location of the discharge will not cause adverse effects on water quality and beneficial uses that would not occur if the intake water pollutant had been left in the receiving water body.

According to Section 1.4.4 of the SIP, the Regional Water Board may establish effluent limitations allowing the Facility to discharge a mass and concentration of the intake water pollutant that is no greater than the mass and concentration found in the Facility's intake water if the above conditions are met. The Regional Water Board may also determine compliance by simultaneously monitoring the pollutant concentrations in the intake water and in the effluent. Based on the above evaluation, the Regional Water Board determined that it is appropriate to include intake credits for copper, silver, and cyanide.

Therefore, for copper, silver, and cyanide, if the maximum influent concentration exceeds the AMEL but does not exceed the MDEL for that parameter in the quarterly sampling event, then compliance with the AMEL will be determined based on intake water credits, and compliance with the MDEL is applied as included in Table 4. If the influent water concentration for copper, silver, or cyanide exceeds the MDEL and the AMEL, then compliance with both the AMEL and MDEL will be determined based on intake water credits.

When applying an intake water credit, the effluent limitation is equal to the maximum concentration in the influent (i.e., intake) water. Using copper as an example, the equation is as follows:

$$\text{Cu Effluent Limitation with Intake Water Credit} = \text{Maximum Cu Influent Water Concentration}$$

Two influent samples shall be collected per quarter to address the variability of the influent water. The first influent sample shall be collected two hours prior to the effluent sample. The second influent sample shall be collected at approximately the same time as the effluent sample collection. When evaluating compliance with the copper effluent limitations based on intake water credit, compare the copper effluent concentration to the maximum copper influent water concentration, as follows:

- (a) If Cu Effluent Concentration > Maximum Cu Influent Water Concentration, then Violation
- (b) If Cu Effluent Concentration  $\leq$  Maximum Cu Influent Water Concentration, then Compliant

## 5. WQBELs Based on Basin Plan Objectives

- a. **pH.** This Order includes effluent limitations for pH in the range of 6.5 – 8.5 (instantaneous minimum and maximum) at Discharge Point 001 and receiving water limitations for pH, to ensure compliance with Basin Plan Objectives for pH.
- b. **Turbidity.** Where natural turbidity is between 0 to 50 NTU, increases shall not exceed 20%. Where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases shall not exceed 10%. This Order includes an effluent limitation for turbidity and applies the water quality objective for turbidity as a receiving water limitation.
- c. **Ammonia.** The objectives for inland surface water not characteristic of freshwater are based on U.S. EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia (Saltwater) – 1989, and include for unionized ammonia ( $[\text{NH}_3]$ ) a four-day average objective of 0.035 mg/L and an one-hour average objective of 0.233 mg/L. These unionized ammonia objectives are adjusted to their respective total ammonia ( $[\text{NH}_3] + [\text{NH}_4^+]$ ) objectives

through the following equation as included in section 5 of Basin Plan’s ammonia implementation provision, procedure Step 2b (Pg. 3-17):

$$[NH_4^+] + [NH_3] = [NH_3] + [NH_3] * 10^{pK_a^s + 0.0324(298 - T) + 0.0415 \frac{P}{T} - pH}$$

The ammonia water quality objectives were calculated based on the receiving water properties as follows:

For the four-day average objective, the following 50<sup>th</sup> percentile receiving water data were used:

P (atm)	pH	Temp. (K)	Salinity, S (ppt)	Molal Ionic Strength(i) <sup>1</sup>	pK <sub>a</sub> <sup>s(2)</sup>
1	8.2	290.35	30.4	0.62	9.32

<sup>1</sup>  $i = 19.9273 * s * (1000 - 1.005109S)^{-1}$

<sup>2</sup>  $pK_a^s = 0.116i + 9.245$

For the one-hour average objective, the following 90<sup>th</sup> percentile receiving water data were used (except for salinity, which results in more stringent objectives with decreasing values, and therefore the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile receiving water salinity value was used):

P (atm)	pH	Temp. (K)	Salinity (ppt)	Molal Ionic Strength(i) <sup>2</sup>	pK <sub>a</sub> <sup>s(3)</sup>
1	8.3	294.85	30.0 <sup>1</sup>	0.61	9.32

<sup>1</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> percentile value

<sup>2</sup>  $i = 19.9273 * s * (1000 - 1.005109S)^{-1}$

<sup>3</sup>  $pK_a^s = 0.116i + 9.245$

The following total ammonia objectives were calculated based on the formula and information above:

Total Ammonia, One-Hour Average Objective = 3.5 mg/L

Total Ammonia, Four-Day Average Objective = 0.89 mg/L

There were twenty-two effluent ammonia monitoring data at EFF-001 from March 2012 through December 2016, all of which are below the Basin Plan ammonia objectives as calculated above (the maximum detected value was 0.29 mg/L). Therefore, ammonia does not have reasonable potential to cause or contribute to exceedance of its water quality objectives and effluent limitations for ammonia are not included in this Order. Rather, monitoring requirements at the effluent and receiving water are retained in this Order for future ammonia reasonable potential analysis.

- d. **Temperature.** This Order includes an instantaneous effluent temperature limitation of 86°F based on the Thermal Plan and consistent with a white paper entitled *Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Impacts on Biota in Tidal Estuaries and Enclosed Bays in the Los Angeles Region*. This effluent limitation was determined to be appropriate for the protection of the Basin Plan objective for temperature in the Port Hueneme Harbor.

- e. **Bacteria.** This Order applies the Basin Plan water quality objective for bacteria as receiving water and effluent limitations, and includes receiving and effluent monitoring for bacteria to assess bacterial contributions from the discharge.
- f. **Dissolved Oxygen.** Aquaculture wastewater may contain oxygen demanding substances that can lower dissolved oxygen in the effluent and receiving water. Therefore, this Order retains the effluent limitation and monitoring requirement for dissolved oxygen that was included in Order No. R4-2012-0055.

## 6. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)

Whole effluent toxicity (WET) protects the receiving water quality from the aggregate toxic effect of a mixture of pollutants in the effluent. WET tests measure the degree of response of exposed aquatic test organisms to an effluent. The WET approach allows for protection of the narrative “no toxics in toxic amounts” criterion while implementing numeric criteria for toxicity. There are two types of WET tests: acute and chronic. An acute toxicity test is conducted over a short time period and measures mortality. A chronic toxicity test is conducted over a longer period of time and may measure mortality, reproduction, and growth.

The Basin Plan specifies a narrative objective for toxicity, requiring that all waters be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are lethal to or produce other detrimental responses by aquatic organisms. Detrimental responses include, but are not limited to, decreased growth rate, decreased reproductive success of resident or indicator species, and/or significant alterations in population, community ecology, or receiving water biota. Order No. R4-2012-0055 contains acute and chronic toxicity limitations, triggers, and monitoring requirements in accordance with the Basin Plan, in which the acute toxicity limitation dictates that the average survival in undiluted effluent for any three consecutive 96-hour static or continuous flow bioassay tests shall be at least 90%, with no single test having less than 70% survival. A chronic toxicity trigger was also included, implemented as an exceedance of 1 TU<sub>c</sub> in a critical life stage test for 100% effluent, and a monthly median limitation of 1 TU<sub>c</sub> in a critical life stage test. Monitoring data from March 2012 through December 2016 indicated that there were no exceedances of the acute toxicity effluent limitation; all chronic toxicity results were less than or equal to 1 TU<sub>c</sub>.

Chronic toxicity is a more stringent requirement than acute toxicity. A chemical at a low concentration can have chronic effects but no acute effects. Because discharge from the Facility may include a number of chemicals, which individually may not be present in toxic concentrations while exhibiting aggregated toxic effects as a whole, this Order prescribes a chronic toxicity effluent limitation and requires chronic toxicity monitoring of the effluent at Discharge Point 001. The whole effluent toxicity testing is evaluated using U.S. EPA's 2010 Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) statistical approach. In 2010, U.S. EPA endorsed the peer-reviewed TST statistical approach in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Test of Significant Toxicity Implementation Document (EPA 833-R-10-003, 2010) as an improved statistical tool to evaluate data from U.S. EPA's toxicity test methods. The TST statistical approach is the superior statistical approach for addressing statistical uncertainty when used in combination with U.S. EPA's toxicity test methods and is implemented in federal permits issued by U.S. EPA Region 9.

The TST's null hypothesis for chronic toxicity is:

H0: Mean response (In-stream Waste Concentration (IWC) in % effluent)  $\leq$  (0.75 x mean response (Control)).

Results obtained from a chronic toxicity test are analyzed using the TST statistical approach and an acceptable level of chronic toxicity is demonstrated by rejecting the null

hypothesis and reporting “Pass” or “P”. Chronic toxicity results are expressed as “Pass” or “Fail” and “% Effect. The chronic toxicity IWCs for Discharge Point 001 is 100 percent effluent. The MDEL for chronic toxicity is exceeded and a violation will be flagged when a chronic toxicity test, analyzed at the IWC using the TST statistical approach, results in “Fail” and the Percent Effect is  $\geq 50\%$ . The MMEL for chronic toxicity is exceeded and a violation will be flagged when the median result of the chronic toxicity tests, analyzed at the IWC using the TST statistical approach, is a “fail”.

Order No. R4-2012-0055 contained final effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for acute toxicity, and triggers and monitoring requirement for chronic toxicity. This Order includes monitoring requirements and effluent limitations for chronic toxicity, consistent with the Basin Plan. Since chronic toxicity is a more stringent requirement than acute toxicity, and it evaluates the mortality endpoint as does the acute toxicity testing, removal of the numeric acute toxicity effluent limitation does not constitute backsliding.

**7. Final WQBELs**

**Table F-7. Summary of Final WQBELs at Discharge Point 001**

Parameter	Units	Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations			
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum
pH	Standard units	--	--	6.5	8.5
Chronic Toxicity <sup>1</sup>	Pass or Fail, % Effect (TST)	Pass	Pass or % Effect < 50	--	--
Total Coliform	CFU/100 mL or MPN/100 mL	2,3			
Fecal Coliform	CFU/100 mL or MPN/100 mL	3,4			
<i>Enterococcus</i>	CFU/100 mL or MPN/100 mL	3,5			
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	6			
Temperature	Degrees F	--	--	--	86
Copper, Total Recoverable <sup>7</sup>	µg/L	2.9	5.8	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>8</sup>	0.026	0.052	--	--
Silver, Total Recoverable <sup>7</sup>	µg/L	1.1	2.2	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>8</sup>	0.0099	0.020	--	--
Cyanide <sup>7</sup>	µg/L	0.50	1.0	--	--
	lbs/day <sup>8</sup>	0.0045	0.0090	--	--

<sup>1</sup> The median monthly effluent limitation (MMEL) shall be reported as “Pass” or “Fail”. The MDEL shall be reported “Pass” or “Fail” and “% Effect”. The MMEL for chronic toxicity shall only apply when there is a discharge more than one day in a calendar month period. During such calendar months, up to three independent toxicity tests are required when one toxicity test results in “Fail”.

- 2 Total coliform density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 1,000/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 10,000/100 mL. In addition, the total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000/100 mL if the ratio of fecal-to-total coliform exceeds 0.1.
- 3 The geometric mean values should be calculated based on a statistically sufficient number of samples (generally not less than 5 samples equally spaced over a 30-day period). If any of the single sample limits are exceeded, the Regional Water Board may require repeat sampling on a daily basis until the sample falls below the single sample limit in order to determine the persistence of the exceedance. When repeat sampling is required because of an exceedance of any one single sample limit, values from all samples collected during that 30-day period shall be used to calculate the geometric mean.
- 4 Fecal coliform density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 200/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 400/100 mL.
- 5 *Enterococcus* density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 35/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 104/100 mL.
- 6 At a minimum, the mean annual dissolved oxygen concentration shall be greater than 7 mg/L, and no single determination shall be less than 5.0 mg/L.
- 7 Intake water credits are included for copper, silver, or cyanide as follows:
  - a. If the influent concentration for copper, silver, or cyanide (measured at the influent) does not exceed its respective average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) as included in Table 4, then the effluent limitations for these parameters remain as included in Table 4.
  - b. If the influent concentration for these parameters exceeds its respective average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) but does not exceed its maximum daily effluent limitation (MDEL) as included in Table 4, then compliance with the AMEL will be determined based on the intake water credit (see below) and compliance with the MDEL will be determined with the MDEL as included in Table 4.
  - c. If the influent concentration for these parameters exceeds its respective average monthly (AMEL) and maximum daily limitation (MDEL) as included in Table 4, then compliance with both the AMEL and the MDEL for that parameter will be determined based on the intake water credit.Effluent limitations with intake water credits for these parameters are determined as follows:  
Effluent Limitation with Intake Water Credit = Maximum Influent Concentration (measured within each quarterly monitoring event)
- 8 Mass loading limitations are based on the maximum flows at Discharge Point 001 (1.08 million gallons per day (MGD)) and are calculated as follows:  
Flow (MGD) x Concentration (mg/L) x 8.34 (conversion factor) = lbs/day.

#### D. Final Effluent Limitation Considerations

Technology-based effluent limitations for BOD, TSS, oil and grease, and turbidity are included in this Order, based on a review of Facility operations and BPJ. WQBELs for copper are retained from Order No. R4-2012-0055, and WQBELs for silver, and cyanide are developed based on the presence of reasonable potential. Effluent limitations for copper, silver, and cyanide are developed based on CTR criteria and SIP procedure. A chronic toxicity effluent limitation (evaluated using the TST statistical approach), which is a more stringent requirement than the acute toxicity limitation, is included in this Order. Effluent limitations for bacteria (*total coliform*, *fecal coliform*, and *enterococcus*), dissolved oxygen, temperature, and pH are included in this Order in accordance with the Basin Plan.

Refer to Attachment G for a summary of the RPA and associated effluent limitation calculations.

##### 1. Anti-Backsliding Requirements

Sections 402(o) and 303(d)(4) of the CWA and federal regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(l) prohibit backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require effluent limitations in a reissued permit to be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions where limitations may be relaxed. All effluent limitations established in this Order are at least as stringent as the requirements and limitations of Order No. R4-2012-0055 except for acute toxicity which was not included in this Order. The removal of the acute toxicity effluent limitation does not constitute backsliding. As explained in section IV.C.6, Order No. R4-2012-0055 contains acute and chronic toxicity limitations and triggers

based on the Basin Plan objectives. This Order includes only a chronic toxicity effluent limitation, evaluated using the TST statistical approach, and requires chronic toxicity monitoring for the effluent at Discharge Point 001. A chemical at a low concentration can have chronic effects but no acute effects; chronic toxicity is protective of both the numeric and the narrative acute toxicity Basin Plan water quality objectives. As chronic toxicity is a more stringent requirement than acute toxicity, the removal of the acute toxicity effluent limitations for discharges through Discharge Point 001 is consistent with the anti-backsliding requirements of the CWA and federal regulations.

## 2. Antidegradation Policies

40 C.F.R. section 131.12 requires that the state water quality standards include an anti-degradation 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. Compliance with these requirements will result in the use of best practicable treatment or control of the discharge.

The permitted discharge is not a new discharge. This Order does not provide for an increase in the permitted design flow at Discharge Point 001, nor does it allow for a reduction in the level of treatment. The final limitations in this Order, which include concentration based and mass based limitations, hold the Discharger to performance levels that will not adversely impact the beneficial uses or degrade the water quality of Port Hueneme Harbor, and they are developed consistent with federal effluent limitation guidelines and state regulations. The effluent limitations, receiving water limitations, and effluent and receiving water monitoring requirements ensure that excursions above water quality objectives of the Port Hueneme Harbor will be apparent and can be addressed immediately. Further, compliance with these requirements will result in the use of best practicable treatment or control of the discharge. Therefore, the permitted discharge is consistent with the state's antidegradation policy.

## 3. Mass-based Effluent Limitations

Generally, mass-based effluent limitations ensure that proper treatment, and not dilution, is employed to comply with the final effluent concentration limitations. 40 C.F.R. 122.45(f)(1) requires that all permit limitations, standards or prohibitions be expressed in terms of mass units except under the following conditions: (1) for pH, temperature, radiation or other pollutants that cannot appropriately be expressed by mass limitations; (2) when applicable standards or limitations are expressed in terms of other units of measure; or (3) if in establishing technology-based permit limitation on a case-by-case basis, limitation based on mass are infeasible because the mass or pollutant cannot be related to a measure of production.

Mass-based effluent limitations are established using the following formula:

$$\text{Mass (lbs/day)} = \text{flow rate (MGD)} \times 8.34 \times \text{effluent limitation (mg/L)}$$

where: Mass = mass limitation for a pollutant (lbs/day)

Effluent limitation = concentration limit for a pollutant (mg/L)

Flow rate = discharge flow rate (MGD)

Mass-based effluent limitations applicable to Discharge Point 001 are calculated based on a permitted discharge flow of 1.08 MGD, respectively.

**4. Stringency of Requirements for Individual Pollutants**

This Order contains both technology-based and water quality-based effluent limitations for individual pollutants. The technology-based effluent limitations consist of restrictions for BOD, TSS, oil and grease, and turbidity. Restrictions on these pollutants are discussed in section IV.B of the Fact Sheet. This Order’s technology-based pollutant restrictions implement the minimum, applicable federal technology-based requirements.

Water quality-based effluent limitations have been derived to implement water quality objectives that protect beneficial uses. Both the beneficial uses and the water quality objectives have been approved pursuant to federal law and are the applicable federal water quality standards. The WQBEL for temperature is based on the Thermal Plan and; the WQBELs for bacteria (total coliform, fecal coliform, and enterococcus), dissolved oxygen, and pH are based on the Basin Plan. To the extent that toxic pollutant WQBELs were derived from the CTR, the CTR is the applicable standard pursuant to 40 C.F.R. section 131.38. The procedures for calculating the individual WQBELs for priority pollutants are based on the CTR implemented by the SIP, which was approved by U.S. EPA on May 18, 2000. Most beneficial uses and water quality objectives contained in the Basin Plan were approved under state law and submitted to and approved by U.S. EPA prior to May 30, 2000. Any water quality objectives and beneficial uses submitted to U.S. EPA prior to May 30, 2000, but not approved by U.S. EPA before that date, are nonetheless “applicable water quality standards for purposes of the CWA” pursuant to 40 C.F.R. section 131.21(c)(1). The remaining water quality objectives and beneficial uses implemented by this Order were approved by U.S. EPA and are applicable water quality standards pursuant to section 131.21(c)(2). Collectively, this Order’s restrictions on individual pollutants are no more stringent than required to implement the requirements of the CWA.

**5. Summary of Final Effluent Limitations**

**Table F-8. Summary of Final Effluent Limitations at Discharge Point 001**

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations				Basis <sup>1</sup>
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum	
<b>Conventional Pollutants</b>						
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (5-day @ 20°C)	mg/L	20	30	--	--	E, BPJ
	lbs/day <sup>2</sup>	180	270	--	--	
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	50	75	--	--	E, BPJ
	lbs/day <sup>2</sup>	450	680	--	--	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	10	15	--	--	E, BPJ
	lbs/day <sup>2</sup>	90	140	--	--	
pH	standard units	--	--	6.5	8.5	E, BP
<b>Non-Conventional Pollutants</b>						
Total Coliform	CFU/100 mL or MPN/100 mL	3,4				E, BP

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations				Basis <sup>1</sup>
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum	
Fecal Coliform	CFU/100 mL or MPN/100 mL	4,5				E, BP
<i>Enterococcus</i>	CFU/100 mL or MPN/100 mL	4,6				E, BP
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	7				E, BP
Chronic Toxicity <sup>8</sup>	Pass or Fail, % Effect (TST)	Pass	Pass or % Effect <50	--	--	BP
Temperature	Degrees F	--	--	--	86	E, BP, TP, WP
Turbidity	NTU	50	75	--	--	E, BPJ
<b>Priority Pollutants</b>						
Copper, Total Recoverable <sup>9</sup>	µg/L	2.9	5.8	--	--	E, CTR, SIP
	lbs/day <sup>2</sup>	0.026	0.052	--	--	
Silver, Total Recoverable <sup>9</sup>	µg/L	1.1	2.2	--	--	CTR, SIP
	lbs/day <sup>2</sup>	0.0099	0.020	--	--	
Cyanide <sup>9</sup>	µg/L	0.50	1.0	--	--	CTR, SIP
	lbs/day <sup>2</sup>	0.0045	0.0090	--	--	

<sup>1</sup> E= Order No. R4-2012-0055; BPJ = Best Professional Judgment; BP = Basin Plan; CTR = California Toxic Rule; SIP = State Implementation Policy; WP = White Paper; and TP= Thermal Plan.

<sup>2</sup> Mass loading limitations are based on the maximum flow at Discharge Point 001 (1.08 million gallons per day (MGD)) and are calculated as follows:  
 Flow (MGD) x Concentration (mg/L) x 8.34 (conversion factor) = lbs/day.

<sup>3</sup> Total coliform density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 1,000/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 10,000/100 mL. In addition, the total coliform density shall not exceed 1,000/100 mL if the ratio of fecal-to-total coliform exceeds 0.1.

<sup>4</sup> The geometric mean values should be calculated based on a statistically sufficient number of samples (generally not less than 5 samples equally spaced over a 30-day period). If any of the single sample limits are exceeded, the Regional Water Board may require repeat sampling on a daily basis until the sample falls below the single sample limit in order to determine the persistence of the exceedance. When repeat sampling is required because of an exceedance of any one single sample limit, values from all samples collected during that 30-day period shall be used to calculate the geometric mean.

<sup>5</sup> Fecal coliform density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 200/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 400/100 mL.

<sup>6</sup> *Enterococcus* density shall not exceed a geometric mean of 35/100 mL (30-day average based on a minimum of not less than five samples) and a single sample limit of 104/100 mL.

<sup>7</sup> At a minimum, the mean annual dissolved oxygen concentration shall be greater than 7 mg/L, and no single determination shall be less than 5.0 mg/L.

<sup>8</sup> The median monthly effluent limitation (MDEL) shall be reported as "Pass" or "Fail". The MDEL shall be reported "Pass" or "Fail" and "% Effect". The MDEL for chronic toxicity shall only apply when there is a discharge more than one day in a calendar month period. During such calendar months, up to three independent toxicity tests are required when one toxicity test results in "Fail".

<sup>9</sup> Intake water credits are included for copper, silver, or cyanide as follows:



- a. If the influent concentration for copper, silver, or cyanide (measured at the influent) does not exceed its respective average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) as included in the Table above, then the effluent limitations for these parameters remain as included in the above Table.
- b. If the influent concentration for these parameters exceeds its respective average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) but does not exceed its maximum daily effluent limitation (MDEL) as included in the above Table, then compliance with the AMEL will be determined based on the intake water credit (see below) and compliance with the MDEL will be determined with the MDEL as included in the above Table.
- c. If the influent concentration for these parameters exceeds its respective maximum daily limitation (MDEL) and average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL) as included in the above Table, then compliance with both the AMEL and the MDEL for that parameter will be determined based on the intake water credits.

Effluent limitations with intake water credits for these parameters are determined as follows:

Effluent limitation with Intake Water Credit = Maximum Influent Concentration (measured within each quarterly monitoring event)

**E. Interim Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable**

**F. Land Discharge Specifications – Not Applicable**

**G. Recycling Specifications – Not Applicable**

**V. RATIONALE FOR RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS**

**A. Surface Water**

The Basin Plan contains numeric and narrative water quality objectives applicable to all surface waters within the Los Angeles Region. Water quality objectives include an objective to maintain the high quality waters pursuant to federal regulations (40 C.F.R. section 131.12) and State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16. Receiving water limitations in this Order are included to ensure protection of the beneficial uses of the receiving water. If there is reasonable potential or a U.S. EPA-approved TMDL WLA, then WQBELs are included in this Order to ensure protection of those water quality standards.

**B. Groundwater – Not Applicable**

**VI. RATIONALE FOR PROVISIONS**

**A. Standard Provisions**

Standard Provisions, which apply to all NPDES permits in accordance with 40 C.F.R. section 122.41, and additional conditions applicable to specified categories of permits in accordance with 40 C.F.R. section 122.42, are provided in Attachment D. The Discharger must comply with all standard provisions and with those additional conditions that are applicable under section 122.42.

40 C.F.R. Sections 122.41(a)(1) and (b) through (n) establish conditions that apply to all state-issued NPDES permits. These conditions must be incorporated into the permits either expressly or by reference. If incorporated by reference, a specific citation to the regulations must be included in the Order. 40 C.F.R. Section 123.25(a)(12) allows the state to omit or modify conditions to impose more stringent requirements. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. section 123.25, this Order omits federal conditions that address enforcement authority specified in 40 C.F.R. sections 122.41(j)(5) and (k)(2) because the enforcement authority under the Water Code is more stringent. In lieu of these conditions, this Order incorporates by reference Water Code section 13387(e).

## **B. Special Provisions**

### **1. Reopener Provisions**

These provisions are based on 40 C.F.R part 123 and Order No. R4-2012-0055. The Regional Water Board may reopen the permit to modify permit conditions and requirements. Causes for modifications include the promulgation of new federal regulations, modification in toxicity requirements, or adoption of new regulations by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board, including revisions to the Basin Plan or adoption of applicable TMDLs associated with the Port Hueneme Harbor.

### **2. Special Studies and Additional Monitoring Requirements**

- a. **Initial Investigation Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan.** This provision is based on section 4 of the SIP, Toxicity Control Provisions, which establishes minimum toxicity control requirements for implementing the narrative toxicity objective for aquatic life protection established in the basin plans of the State of California.

### **3. Best Management Practices and Pollution Prevention**

- a. **Best Management Practices Plan (BMPP).** This Order requires the Discharger to update and continue to implement BMPP and address the wastewater discharges to Port Hueneme Harbor. The BMPP should include site-specific plans, procedures, and practices to minimize the amount of pollutants entering wastewater discharges from materials being stored and activities being conducted throughout the entire Facility. To ensure the Discharger considers and implements appropriate and effective BMPs, the discharger is required to consider implementing BMPs contained in the U.S. EPA Guidance Manual for Developing Best Management Practices (BMPs) (EPA 833-B-93-004) or equivalent alternatives when developing its BMPP.
- b. Order No. R4-2012-055 included a requirement for a Spill Contingency Plan (SCP). Currently, the Oxnard Harbor District oversees spill response and storm water pollution prevention on District property, which includes the Facility location. For this reason, this Order requires the Discharger to incorporate elements of the SCP into their BMPP for the indoor area of the Facility, and indicate in the BMPP that spill response and storm water pollution prevention at the outdoor area of the Facility is conducted by the Harbor District. If the Discharger's role and responsibility changes with respect to spill response and storm water runoff, then the Facility must notify the Regional Water Board within 30 days of obtaining such knowledge.

### **4. Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Specifications**

This provision is based on the requirements of 40 C.F.R section 122.41(e).

### **5. Other Special Provisions – Not Applicable**

### **6. Compliance Schedules – Not Applicable**

## **VII. RATIONALE FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

CWA section 308 and 40 C.F.R. sections 122.41(h), (j)-(l), 122.44(i), and 122.48 require that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 also authorize the Regional Water Board to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. The Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), Attachment E of this Order establishes monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements that implement federal and state requirements. The following provides the rationale for the monitoring and reporting requirements contained in the MRP for this Facility.

**A. Influent Monitoring**

The Discharger shall conduct influent monitoring at Monitoring Location INF-001 as prescribed in Table E-2 (Attachment E) to collect the data necessary to assess intake credits for copper, silver, and cyanide. Two influent samples shall be collected per quarterly sampling event. The first influent sample shall be collected 2 hours prior to the effluent sample collection, and the second influent sample shall be collected at approximately the same time as the effluent sample collection. The maximum influent concentration for each parameter during the quarter will be applied as the intake water credit for that parameter in that quarter.

**B. Effluent Monitoring**

Effluent monitoring for pollutants expected to be present in the discharge will be required at Monitoring Location EFF-001 as prescribed in Table E-3 in the MRP (Attachment E). To demonstrate compliance with established effluent limitations, the Order includes monitoring requirements of at least once per quarter for parameters with effluent limitations. Chronic toxicity monitoring is required at least once per year. Monitoring for additional pollutants is required based on considerations of pollutants commonly associated with similar operations.

The SIP states that the Regional Water Board will require periodic monitoring for pollutants for which criteria or objectives apply and for which no effluent limitations have been established. This Order requires the Discharger to conduct annual monitoring for the remaining CTR priority pollutants at Discharge Point 001. Monitoring for TCDD equivalents is required once during the term of this Order. The Regional Water Board will use the additional data to conduct an RPA and determine if additional WQBELs are required. The Regional Water Board may reopen the permit to incorporate additional effluent limitations and requirements, if necessary.

**C. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements**

Whole effluent toxicity (WET) protects the receiving water quality from the aggregate toxic effect of a mixture of pollutants in the effluent. A chronic toxicity test measures mortality, reproduction, and growth. A chemical at a low concentration can have chronic effects but no acute effects. Chronic toxicity is a more stringent requirement than acute toxicity. For this Order, chronic toxicity monitoring in the discharge is required. The chronic toxicity testing results are analyzed using U.S. EPA's 2010 TST statistical approach.

**D. Receiving Water Monitoring**

**1. Surface Water Monitoring**

Monitoring requirements at the receiving water monitoring station RSW-001 are retained for this Order. The SIP requires monitoring of the receiving water for the CTR priority pollutants, including TCDD equivalents, to determine reasonable potential. This Order requires the Discharger to monitor the receiving water for priority pollutants at least once per year (and once per permit term for TCDD equivalents). Additionally, the Discharger must analyze pH, temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, total coliform, fecal coliform, enterococcus, and ammonia of the receiving water quarterly.

**2. Groundwater – Not Applicable**

**E. Other Monitoring Requirements- Not Applicable**

**VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Regional Water Board has considered the issuance of WDRs that will serve as an NPDES permit for the Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc., Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park. As a step in the WDR adoption process, the Regional Water Board staff has developed tentative WDRs and has encouraged public participation in the WDR adoption process.

**A. Notification of Interested Parties**

The Regional Water Board notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe WDRs for the discharge and provided an opportunity to submit written comments and recommendations. Notification was provided through the following: email and local newspaper; relevant documents to the tentative permit was also available on the Regional Water Board website.

The public had access to the agenda and any changes in dates and locations through the Regional Water Board's website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles>

**B. Written Comments**

Interested persons were invited to submit written comments concerning the tentative WDRs as provided through the notification process. Comments were required to be submitted either in person or by mail to the Executive Officer at the Regional Water Board at 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90013, or by email to [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with a copy to [Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov).

To be fully responded to by staff and considered by the Regional Water Board, the written comments were due at the Regional Water Board office by 5:00 p.m. **May 8, 2017.**

**C. Public Hearing**

The Regional Water Board held a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: June 1, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Metropolitan Water District, Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street,  
Los Angeles, California

Interested persons were invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board heard testimony pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. For accuracy of the record, important testimony was requested in writing.

**D. Reconsideration of Waste Discharge Requirements**

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., within 30 calendar days of the date of adoption of this Order at the following address, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Office of Chief Counsel  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Or by email to: [waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:waterqualitypetitions@waterboards.ca.gov)

For instructions on how to file a petition for review, see

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality/wqpetition\\_instr.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/wqpetition_instr.shtml)

**E. Information and Copying**

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), tentative WDRs, comments received, and other supporting documents are on file and the electronic copies may be assessed in the CIWQS database or on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board website at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles). Hard copies may be inspected at the Regional Water Board's office at any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Viewing and copying of documents may be arranged through the Regional Water Board by calling (213) 576 – 6600.

**F. Register of Interested Persons**

Any person interested in being placed on the mailing list for information regarding the WDRs and NPDES permit should contact the Regional Water Board, reference this Facility, and provide a name, address, and phone number.

**G. Additional Information**

Requests for additional information or questions regarding this order should be directed to Ching-Yin To at [Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (213) 576-6696.

**ATTACHMENT G – SUMMARY OF EFFLUENT LIMITATION CALCULATIONS**

Attachment G  
Reasonable Potential Analysis and Effluent Limitations  
Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc., Port Hueneme Aquaculture Park, Discharge Point 001

CTR#	Parameters	Units	CV	MEC	CTR Water Quality Criteria (ug/L)						Lowest C or WLAs
					Freshwater		Saltwater		Human Health for consumption of:		
					C acute = CMC tot	C chronic = CCC tot	C acute = CMC tot	C chronic = CCC tot	Water & organisms	Organisms only	
1	Antimony	ug/L		11.7						4300.00	4300.00
2	Arsenic	ug/L		1.88			69.00	36.00			36.00
3	Beryllium	ug/L		No Criteria						Narrative	No Criteria
4	Cadmium	ug/L		1.84			42.25	9.36			9.36
5a	Chromium (III)			No Criteria						Narrative	No Criteria
5b	Chromium (VI)	ug/L		7.11			1100.00	50.00			50.00
6	Copper	ug/L	0.6	0.886			5.78	3.73			3.73
7	Lead	ug/L		0.064			220.82	8.52			8.52
8	Mercury	ug/L		0.00008			Reserved	Reserved			0.05100
9	Nickel	ug/L		1.6			74.75	8.28			8.28
10	Selenium	ug/L		19.1			290.58	71.14			71.14
11	Silver	ug/L	0.6	7			2.24				2.24
12	Thallium	ug/L		1.32						6.30	6.30
13	Zinc	ug/L		74.2			95.14	85.62			85.6
14	Cyanide	ug/L	0.6	1.86			1.00	1.00			220000.0
15	Asbestos	MFL		No Criteria							No Criteria
16	2,3,7,8 TCDD	ug/L								1.4E-08	1.40E-08
	TCDD Equivalents	ug/L	0							1.4E-08	1.40E-08
17	Acrolein	ug/L		2.5						780.0	780
18	Acrylonitrile	ug/L		0.085						0.66	0.660
19	Benzene	ug/L		0.04						71	71.0
20	Bromoform	ug/L		0.033						360	360.0
21	Carbon Tetrachloride	ug/L		0.025						4.4	4.40
22	Chlorobenzene	ug/L		0.036						21000	21000
23	Chlorodibromomethane	ug/L		0.03						34	34.00
24	Chloroethane	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
25	2-Chloroethylvinyl ether	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
26	Chloroform	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
27	Dichlorobromomethane	ug/L		0.236						46	46.00
28	1,1-Dichloroethane	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
29	1,2-Dichloroethane	ug/L		0.036						99	99.00
30	1,1-Dichloroethylene	ug/L		0.036						3.2	3.200
31	1,2-Dichloropropane	ug/L		0.037						39	39.00
32	1,3-Dichloropropylene	ug/L		0.035						1700	1700
33	Ethylbenzene	ug/L		0.045						29000	29000
34	Methyl Bromide	ug/L		0.086						4000	4000
35	Methyl Chloride	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
36	Methylene Chloride	ug/L		0.052						1600	1600.0
37	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ug/L		0.076						11	11.00
38	Tetrachloroethylene	ug/L		0.056						8.85	8.9
39	Toluene	ug/L		0.045						200000	200000
40	1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene	ug/L		0.061						140000	140000
41	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
42	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ug/L		0.033						42	42.0
43	Trichloroethylene	ug/L		0.05						81	81.0
44	Vinyl Chloride	ug/L		0.081						525	525
45	2-Chlorophenol	ug/L		1						400	400
46	2,4-Dichlorophenol	ug/L		0.75						790	790
47	2,4-Dimethylphenol	ug/L		0.76						2300	2300
48	4,6-dinitro-o-resol (aka 2-methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol)	ug/L		0.43						765	765.0
49	2,4-Dinitrophenol	ug/L		0.22						14000	14000
50	2-Nitrophenol	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
51	4-Nitrophenol	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
52	3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol (aka P-chloro-m-resol)	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
53	Pentachlorophenol	ug/L		0.54			13.00	7.90		8.2	7.90
54	Phenol	ug/L		0.88						4600000	4600000
55	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	ug/L		0.47						6.5	6.5
56	Acenaphthene	ug/L		0.47						2700	2700
57	Acenaphthylene	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
58	Anthracene	ug/L		0.43						110000	110000

CTR#	Parameters	REASONABLE POTENTIAL ANALYSIS (RPA)										
		MEC >= Lowest C	Tier 1 - Need limit?	B Available (Y/N)?	Are all B data points non-detects (Y/N)?	If all data points ND Enter the min detection limit (MDL)	Enter the pollutant B detected max conc (ug/L)	If all B is ND, is MDL>C?	If B>C, effluent limit required	Tier 3 - other info. ?	RPA Result - Need Limit?	Reason
1	Antimony	No	No	Y	N		28.1	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
2	Arsenic	No	No	Y	N		1.68	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
3	Beryllium	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.094		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
4	Cadmium	No	No	Y	N		2.32	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
5a	Chromium (III)	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.94		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
5b	Chromium (VI)	No	No	Y	N		7.19	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
6	Copper	No	No	Y	Y	0.87		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
7	Lead	No	No	Y	Y	0.064		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
8	Mercury	No	No	Y	N		0.00013	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
9	Nickel	No	No	Y	Y	1.6		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
10	Selenium	No	No	Y	N		33	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
11	Silver	Yes	Yes	Y	N		9.8	N	Limit required, B>C & pollutant det	Yes	Yes	MEC>=C
12	Thallium	No	No	Y	Y	3.4		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
13	Zinc	No	No	Y	N		30	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
14	Cyanide	Yes	Yes	Y	N		1.16	N	Limit required, B>C & pollutant det	Yes	Yes	MEC>=C
15	Asbestos	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	N			N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
16	2,3,7,8 TCDD			Y	Y	4.74E-07		Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		ud	No effluent data & B is ND
	TCDD Equivalents			Y	Y	4.74E-07		Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		ud	No effluent data & B is ND
17	Acrolein	No	No	Y	Y	2.5		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
18	Acrylonitrile	No	No	Y	Y	0.46		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
19	Benzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.04		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
20	Bromoform	No	No	Y	N		1.6	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
21	Carbon Tetrachloride	No	No	Y	Y	0.025		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
22	Chlorobenzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.036		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
23	Chlorodibromomethane	No	No	Y	Y	0.03		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
24	Chloroethane	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.14		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
25	2-Chloroethylvinyl ether	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.14		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
26	Chloroform	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y			N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
27	Dichlorobromomethane	No	No	Y	N		0.205	N	B<=C, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B<=C
28	1,1-Dichloroethane	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.05		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
29	1,2-Dichloroethane	No	No	Y	Y	0.036		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
30	1,1-Dichloroethylene	No	No	Y	Y	0.036		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
31	1,2-Dichloropropane	No	No	Y	Y	0.037		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
32	1,3-Dichloropropylene	No	No	Y	Y	0.035		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
33	Ethylbenzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.045		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
34	Methyl Bromide	No	No	Y	Y	0.086		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
35	Methyl Chloride	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	N		0.252	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
36	Methylene Chloride	No	No	Y	Y	0.052		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
37	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	No	No	Y	Y	0.076		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
38	Tetrachloroethylene	No	No	Y	Y	0.056		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
39	Toluene	No	No	Y	Y	0.045		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
40	1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene	No	No	Y	Y	0.061		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
41	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.053		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
42	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	No	No	Y	Y	0.033		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
43	Trichloroethylene	No	No	Y	Y	0.05		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
44	Vinyl Chloride	No	No	Y	Y	0.081		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
45	2-Chlorophenol	No	No	Y	Y	1		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
46	2,4-Dichlorophenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.75		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
47	2,4-Dimethylphenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.76		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
	4,6-dinitro-o-resol (aka 2-methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol)	No	No	Y	Y	0.43		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
48	Dinitrophenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.22		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
49	2,4-Dinitrophenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.7		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
50	2-Nitrophenol	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.67		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
51	4-Nitrophenol	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y			N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
	3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol (aka P-chloro-m-resol)	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.86		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
52	Pentachlorophenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.54		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
54	Phenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.88		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
55	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	No	No	Y	Y	0.47		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
56	Acenaphthene	No	No	Y	Y	0.47		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND
57	Acenaphthylene	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.39		N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria
58	Anthracene	No	No	Y	Y	0.43		N	No detected value of B, Step 7	No	No	MEC<C & B is ND



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		Organisms only			Saltwater / Freshwater / Basin Plan										Lowest AMEL	Lowest MDEL	
		AMEL hh = ECA = C hh O only	MDEL/AMEL multiplier	MDEL hh	ECA acute multiplier (p.7)	LTA acute	ECA chronic multiplier	LTA chronic	Lowest LTA	AMEL multiplier 95	AMEL aq life	MDEL multiplier 99	MDEL aq life				
1	Antimony																No Limit
2	Arsenic																No Limit
3	Beryllium																No Limit
4	Cadmium																No Limit
5a	Chromium (III)																No Limit
5b	Chromium (VI)																No Limit
6	Copper		2.01		0.32	1.86	0.53	1.97	1.86	1.55	2.88	3.11	5.78	2.9	5.8		
7	Lead																No Limit
8	Mercury																No Limit
9	Nickel																No Limit
10	Selenium																No Limit
11	Silver		2.01		0.32	0.72	0.53		0.72	1.55	1.11	3.11	2.235294	1.1	2.2		
12	Thallium																No Limit
13	Zinc																No Limit
14	Cyanide	220000	2.01	441362	0.32	0.32	0.53	0.53	0.32	1.55	0.50	3.11	1	0.50	1.0		
15	Asbestos																No Limit
16	2,3,7,8 TCDD																No Limit
	TCDD Equivalents																No Limit
17	Acrolein																No Limit
18	Acrylonitrile																No Limit
19	Benzene																No Limit
20	Bromoform																No Limit
21	Carbon Tetrachloride																No Limit
22	Chlorobenzene																No Limit
23	Chlorodibromomethane																No Limit
24	Chloroethane																No Limit
25	2-Chloroethylvinyl ether																No Limit
26	Chloroform																No Limit
27	Dichlorobromomethane																No Limit
28	1,1-Dichloroethane																No Limit
29	1,2-Dichloroethane																No Limit
30	1,1-Dichloroethylene																No Limit
31	1,2-Dichloropropane																No Limit
32	1,3-Dichloropropylene																No Limit
33	Ethylbenzene																No Limit
34	Methyl Bromide																No Limit
35	Methyl Chloride																No Limit
36	Methylene Chloride																No Limit
37	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane																No Limit
38	Tetrachloroethylene																No Limit
39	Toluene																No Limit
40	1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene																No Limit
41	1,1,1-Trichloroethane																No Limit
42	1,1,2-Trichloroethane																No Limit
43	Trichloroethylene																No Limit
44	Vinyl Chloride																No Limit
45	2-Chlorophenol																No Limit
46	2,4-Dichlorophenol																No Limit
47	2,4-Dimethylphenol																No Limit
48	4,6-dinitro-o-resol (aka2-methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol)																No Limit
49	2,4-Dinitrophenol																No Limit
50	2-Nitrophenol																No Limit
51	4-Nitrophenol																No Limit
52	3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol (aka P-chloro-m-resol)																No Limit
53	Pentachlorophenol																No Limit
54	Phenol																No Limit
55	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol																No Limit
56	Acenaphthene																No Limit
57	Acenaphthylene																No Limit
58	Anthracene																No Limit

Attachment G  
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CTR#	Parameters	Units	CV	MEC	CTR Water Quality Criteria (ug/L)						Lowest C or WLAs
					Freshwater		Saltwater		Human Health for consumption of:		
					C acute = CMC tot	C chronic = CCC tot	C acute = CMC tot	C chronic = CCC tot	Water & organisms	Organisms only	
59	Benzidine	ug/L								0.00054	0.00054
60	Benzo(a)Anthracene	ug/L								0.049	0.049
61	Benzo(a)Pyrene	ug/L								0.049	0.049
62	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene	ug/L								0.049	0.0490
63	Benzo(ghi)Perylene	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
64	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene	ug/L								0.049	0.0490
65	Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
66	Bis(2-Chloroethyl)Ether	ug/L		0.51						1.4	1.400
67	Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)Ether	ug/L		0.41						170000	170000
68	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate	ug/L		0.547						5.9	5.9
69	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
70	Butylbenzyl Phthalate	ug/L		0.29						5200	5200
71	2-Chloronaphthalene	ug/L		0.48						4300	4300
72	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
73	Chrysene	ug/L								0.049	0.049
74	Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene	ug/L								0.049	0.0490
75	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ug/L		0.026						17000	17000
76	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	ug/L		0.051						2600	2600
77	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ug/L		0.05						2600	2600
78	3,3 Dichlorobenzidine	ug/L								0.077	0.08
79	Diethyl Phthalate	ug/L		0.34						120000	120000
80	Dimethyl Phthalate	ug/L		0.31						2900000	2900000
81	Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	ug/L		0.31						12000	12000
82	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	ug/L		0.49						9.10	9.10
83	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
84	Di-n-Octyl Phthalate	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
85	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	ug/L		0.47						0.54	0.540
86	Fluoranthene	ug/L		0.44						370	370
87	Fluorene	ug/L		0.51						14000	14000
88	Hexachlorobenzene	ug/L								0.00077	0.00077
89	Hexachlorobutadiene	ug/L		0.37						50	50.00
90	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	ug/L		0.24						17000	17000
91	Hexachloroethane	ug/L		0.38						8.9	8.9
92	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene	ug/L								0.049	0.0490
93	Isophorone	ug/L		0.41						600	600.0
94	Naphthalene	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
95	Nitrobenzene	ug/L		0.47						1900	1900
96	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	ug/L		0.47						8.10	8.10000
97	N-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	ug/L		0.53						1.40	1.400
98	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	ug/L		0.5						16	16.0
99	Phenanthrene	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
100	Pyrene	ug/L		0.46						11000	11000
101	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
102	Aldrin	ug/L				1.30				0.00014	0.00014
103	alpha-BHC	ug/L		0.0013						0.013	0.0130
104	beta-BHC	ug/L		0.0015						0.046	0.046
105	gamma-BHC	ug/L		0.0037		0.16				0.063	0.063
106	delta-BHC	ug/L		No Criteria							No Criteria
107	Chlordane	ug/L				0.09	0.004			0.00059	0.00059
108	4,4'-DDT	ug/L				0.13	0.001			0.00059	0.00059
109	4,4'-DDE (linked to DDT)	ug/L								0.00059	0.00059
110	4,4'-DDD	ug/L								0.00084	0.00084
111	Dieldrin	ug/L				0.71	0.0019			0.00014	0.00014
112	alpha-Endosulfan	ug/L		0.0021		0.034	0.0087			240	0.0087
113	beta-Endosulfan	ug/L		0.0021		0.034	0.0087			240	0.0087
114	Endosulfan Sulfate	ug/L		0.0012						240	240
115	Endrin	ug/L		0.0013		0.037	0.0023			0.81	0.0023
116	Endrin Aldehyde	ug/L		0.0003						0.81	0.81
117	Heptachlor	ug/L				0.053	0.0036			0.00021	0.00021
118	Heptachlor Epoxide	ug/L				0.053	0.0036			0.00011	0.00011
119-125	PCBs sum (2)	ug/L								0.00017	0.00017
126	Toxaphene	ug/L				0.21	0.0002			0.00075	0.0002

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CTR#	Parameters	REASONABLE POTENTIAL ANALYSIS (RPA)										
		MEC >= Lowest C	Tier 1 - Need limit?	B Available (Y/N)?	Are all B data points non-detects (Y/N)?	If all data points ND Enter the min detection limit (MDL)	Enter the pollutant B detected max conc (ug/L)	If all B is ND, is MDL>C?	If B>C, effluent limit required	Tier 3 - other info. ?	RPA Result - Need Limit?	Reason
59	Benzdine			Y	Y	1.8	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
60	Benzo(a)Anthracene			Y	Y	0.34	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
61	Benzo(a)Pyrene			Y	Y	0.23	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
62	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene			Y	Y	0.37	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
63	Benzo(ghi)Perylene	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.23	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
64	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene			Y	Y	0.17	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
65	Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.54	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
66	Bis(2-Chloroethyl)Ether	No	No	Y	Y	0.51	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
67	Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)Ether	No	No	Y	Y	0.41	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
68	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate	No	No	Y	N		0.493	B<=C, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B<=C	
69	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.22	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
70	Butylbenzyl Phthalate	No	No	Y	Y	0.29	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
71	2-Chloronaphthalene	No	No	Y	Y	0.48	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
72	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.48	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
73	Chrysene			Y	Y	0.074	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
74	Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene			Y	Y	0.19	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
75	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.026	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
76	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.051	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
77	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.05	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
78	3,3 Dichlorobenzidine			Y	Y	0.43	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
79	Diethyl Phthalate	No	No	Y	Y	0.34	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
80	Dimethyl Phthalate	No	No	Y	Y	0.31	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
81	Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	No	No	Y	Y	0.31	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
82	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	No	No	Y	Y	0.49	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
83	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.55	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
84	Di-n-Octyl Phthalate	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.31	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
85	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	No	No	Y	Y	0.47	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
86	Fluoranthene	No	No	Y	Y	0.44	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
87	Fluorene	No	No	Y	Y	0.51	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
88	Hexachlorobenzene			Y	Y	0.39	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
89	Hexachlorobutadiene	No	No	Y	Y	0.37	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
90	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	No	No	Y	Y	0.24	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
91	Hexachloroethane	No	No	Y	Y	0.38	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
92	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene			Y	Y	0.38	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
93	Isophorone	No	No	Y	Y	0.41	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
94	Naphthalene	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.44	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
95	Nitrobenzene	No	No	Y	Y	0.47	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
96	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	No	No	Y	Y	0.47	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
97	N-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	No	No	Y	Y	0.53	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
98	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	No	No	Y	Y	0.5	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
99	Phenanthrene	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.45	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
100	Pyrene	No	No	Y	Y	0.46	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
101	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.46	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
102	Aldrin			Y	Y			No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
103	alpha-BHC	No	No	Y	Y			No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
104	beta-BHC	No	No	Y	Y	0.0015	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
105	gamma-BHC	No	No	Y	Y	0.0027	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
106	delta-BHC	No Criteria	No Criteria	Y	Y	0.0018	N	No Criteria	No Criteria	Uc	No Criteria	
107	Chlordane			Y	Y	0.0013	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
108	4,4'-DDT			Y	Y	0.0015	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
109	4,4'-DDE (linked to DDT)			Y	Y	0.0013	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
110	4,4'-DDD			Y	Y	0.0013	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
111	Dieldrin			Y	Y	0.0015	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
112	alpha-Endosulfan	No	No	Y	Y	0.0021	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
113	beta-Endosulfan	No	No	Y	Y	0.0021	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
114	Endosulfan Sulfate	No	No	Y	Y	0.0012	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
115	Endrin	No	No	Y	Y	0.0013	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
116	Endrin Aldehyde	No	No	Y	Y	0.0019	N	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	MEC<C & B is ND	
117	Heptachlor			Y	Y	0.0018	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
118	Heptachlor Epoxide			Y	Y	0.00077	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
119-125	PCBs sum (2)			Y	Y	0.046	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	
126	Toxaphene			Y	Y	0.18	Y	No detected value of B, Step 7		No	UD; effluent ND, MDL>C, ar	

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59	Benzidine																No Limit
60	Benzo(a)Anthracene																No Limit
61	Benzo(a)Pyrene																No Limit
62	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene																No Limit
63	Benzo(ghi)Perylene																No Limit
64	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene																No Limit
65	Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane																No Limit
66	Bis(2-Chloroethyl)Ether																No Limit
67	Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)Ether																No Limit
68	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate																No Limit
69	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether																No Limit
70	Butylbenzyl Phthalate																No Limit
71	2-Chloronaphthalene																No Limit
72	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether																No Limit
73	Chrysene																No Limit
74	Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene																No Limit
75	1,2-Dichlorobenzene																No Limit
76	1,3-Dichlorobenzene																No Limit
77	1,4-Dichlorobenzene																No Limit
78	3,3 Dichlorobenzidine																No Limit
79	Diethyl Phthalate																No Limit
80	Dimethyl Phthalate																No Limit
81	Di-n-Butyl Phthalate																No Limit
82	2,4-Dinitrotoluene																No Limit
83	2,6-Dinitrotoluene																No Limit
84	Di-n-Octyl Phthalate																No Limit
85	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine																No Limit
86	Fluoranthene																No Limit
87	Fluorene																No Limit
88	Hexachlorobenzene																No Limit
89	Hexachlorobutadiene																No Limit
90	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene																No Limit
91	Hexachloroethane																No Limit
92	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene																No Limit
93	Isophorone																No Limit
94	Naphthalene																No Limit
95	Nitrobenzene																No Limit
96	N-Nitrosodimethylamine																No Limit
97	N-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine																No Limit
98	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine																No Limit
99	Phenanthrene																No Limit
100	Pyrene																No Limit
101	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene																No Limit
102	Aldrin																No Limit
103	alpha-BHC																No Limit
104	beta-BHC																No Limit
105	gamma-BHC																No Limit
106	delta-BHC																No Limit
107	Chlordane																No Limit
108	4,4'-DDT																No Limit
109	4,4'-DDE (linked to DDT)																No Limit
110	4,4'-DDD																No Limit
111	Dieldrin																No Limit
112	alpha-Endosulfan																No Limit
113	beta-Endosulfan																No Limit
114	Endosulfan Sulfate																No Limit
115	Endrin																No Limit
116	Endrin Aldehyde																No Limit
117	Heptachlor																No Limit
118	Heptachlor Epoxide																No Limit
119-125	PCBs sum (2)																No Limit
126	Toxaphene																No Limit

Notes:  
 Ud = Undetermined due to lack of data  
 Uc = Undetermined due to lack of CTR Criteria  
 C = Water Quality Criteria  
 B = Background receiving water data

**ATTACHMENT H – STATE WATER BOARD MINIMUM LEVELS (MICROGRAMS/LITER(µG/L))**

The Minimum Levels (MLs) in this Attachment are for use in reporting and compliance determination purposes in accordance with section 2.4 of the State Implementation Policy. These MLs were derived from data for priority pollutants provided by State certified analytical laboratories in 1997 and 1998. These MLs shall be used until new values are adopted by the State Water Board and become effective. The following tables (Tables 2a - 2d) present MLs for four major chemical groupings: volatile substances, semi-volatile substances, inorganics, and pesticides and PCBs.

Table 2a - VOLATILE SUBSTANCES*	GC	GCMS
1,1 Dichloroethane	0.5	1
1,1 Dichloroethylene	0.5	2
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	0.5	2
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	0.5	2
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	0.5	1
1,2 Dichlorobenzene (volatile)	0.5	2
1,2 Dichloroethane	0.5	2
1,2 Dichloropropane	0.5	1
1,3 Dichlorobenzene (volatile)	0.5	2
1,3 Dichloropropene (volatile)	0.5	2
1,4 Dichlorobenzene (volatile)	0.5	2
Acrolein	2.0	5
Acrylonitrile	2.0	2
Benzene	0.5	2
Bromoform	0.5	2
Methyl Bromide	1.0	2
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.5	2
Chlorobenzene	0.5	2
Chlorodibromo-methane	0.5	2
Chloroethane	0.5	2
Chloroform	0.5	2
Chloromethane	0.5	2
Dichlorobromo-methane	0.5	2
Dichloromethane	0.5	2
Ethylbenzene	0.5	2
Tetrachloroethylene	0.5	2
Toluene	0.5	2
Trans-1,2 Dichloroethylene	0.5	1
Trichloroethene	0.5	2
Vinyl Chloride	0.5	2

\*The normal method-specific factor for these substances is 1; therefore, the lowest standard concentration in the calibration curve is equal to the above ML value for each substance.

Table 2b - SEMI-VOLATILE SUBSTANCES*	GC	GCMS	LC	COLOR
Benzo (a) Anthracene	10	5		
1,2 Dichlorobenzene (semivolatile)	2	2		
1,2 Diphenylhydrazine		1		
1,2,4 Trichlorobenzene	1	5		

Table 2b - SEMI-VOLATILE SUBSTANCES*	GC	GCMS	LC	COLOR
1,3 Dichlorobenzene (semivolatile)	2	1		
1,4 Dichlorobenzene (semivolatile)	2	1		
2- Chlorophenol	2	5		
2,4 Dichlorophenol	1	5		
2,4 Dimethylphenol	1	2		
2,4 Dinitrophenol	5	5		
2,4 Dinitrotoluene	10	5		
2,4,6 Trichlorophenol	10	10		
2,6 Dinitrotoluene		5		
2- Nitrophenol		10		
2-Chloroethyl vinyl ether	1	1		
2-Chloronaphthalene		10		
3,3' Dichlorobenzidine		5		
Benzo (b) Fluoranthene		10	10	
3-Methyl-Chlorophenol	5	1		
4,6 Dinitro-2-methylphenol	10	5		
4- Nitrophenol	5	10		
4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether	10	5		
4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether		5		
Acenaphthene	1	1	0.5	
Acenaphthylene		10	0.2	
Anthracene		10	2	
Benzidine		5		
Benzo(a) pyrene		10	2	
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene		5	0.1	
Benzo(k)fluoranthene		10	2	
bis 2-(1-Chloroethoxyl) methane		5		
bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	10	1		
bis(2-Chloroisopropyl) ether	10	2		
bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate	10	5		
Butyl benzyl phthalate	10	10		
Chrysene		10	5	
di-n-Butyl phthalate		10		
di-n-Octyl phthalate		10		
Dibenzo(a,h)-anthracene		10	0.1	
Diethyl phthalate	10	2		
Dimethyl phthalate	10	2		
Fluoranthene	10	1	0.05	
Fluorene		10	0.1	
Hexachloro-cyclopentadiene	5	5		
Hexachlorobenzene	5	1		
Hexachlorobutadiene	5	1		
Hexachloroethane	5	1		
Indeno(1,2,3,cd)-pyrene		10	0.05	
Isophorone	10	1		
N-Nitroso diphenyl amine	10	1		
N-Nitroso-dimethyl amine	10	5		
N-Nitroso -di n-propyl amine	10	5		
Naphthalene	10	1	0.2	
Nitrobenzene	10	1		
Pentachlorophenol	1	5		
Phenanthrene		5	0.05	

Table 2b - SEMI-VOLATILE SUBSTANCES*	GC	GCMS	LC	COLOR
Phenol **	1	1		50
Pyrene		10	0.05	

\* With the exception of phenol by colorimetric technique, the normal method-specific factor for these substances is 1,000; therefore, the lowest standard concentration in the calibration curve is equal to the above ML value for each substance multiplied by 1,000.

\*\* Phenol by colorimetric technique has a factor of 1.

Table 2c INORGANICS*	FAA	GFAA	ICP	ICPMS	SPGFAA	HYDRIDE	CVAA	COLOR	DCP
Antimony	10	5	50	0.5	5	0.5			1,000
Arsenic		2	10	2	2	1		20	1,000
Beryllium	20	0.5	2	0.5	1				1,000
Cadmium	10	0.5	10	0.25	0.5				1,000
Chromium (total)	50	2	10	0.5	1				1,000
Chromium VI	5							10	
Copper	25	5	10	0.5	2				1,000
Cyanide								5	
Lead	20	5	5	0.5	2				10,000
Mercury				0.5			0.2		
Nickel	50	5	20	1	5				1,000
Selenium		5	10	2	5	1			1,000
Silver	10	1	10	0.25	2				1,000
Thallium	10	2	10	1	5				1,000
Zinc	20		20	1	10				1,000

\* The normal method-specific factor for these substances is 1; therefore, the lowest standard concentration in the calibration curve is equal to the above ML value for each substance.

Table 2d – PESTICIDES – PCBs*	GC
4,4'-DDD	0.05
4,4'-DDE	0.05
4,4'-DDT	0.01
a-Endosulfan	0.02
alpha-BHC	0.01
Aldrin	0.005
b-Endosulfan	0.01
Beta-BHC	0.005
Chlordane	0.1
Delta-BHC	0.005
Dieldrin	0.01
Endosulfan Sulfate	0.05
Endrin	0.01
Endrin Aldehyde	0.01
Heptachlor	0.01
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.01
Gamma-BHC (Lindane)	0.02
PCB 1016	0.5
PCB 1221	0.5
PCB 1232	0.5
PCB 1242	0.5
PCB 1248	0.5

Table 2d – PESTICIDES – PCBs*	GC
PCB 1254	0.5
PCB 1260	0.5
Toxaphene	0.5

\* The normal method-specific factor for these substances is 100; therefore, the lowest standard concentration in the calibration curve is equal to the above ML value for each substance multiplied by 100.

Techniques:

GC - Gas Chromatography

GCMS - Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

HRGCMS - High Resolution Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (i.e., EPA 1613, 1624, or 1625)

LC - High Pressure Liquid Chromatography

FAA - Flame Atomic Absorption

GFAA - Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption

HYDRIDE - Gaseous Hydride Atomic Absorption

CVAA - Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption

ICP - Inductively Coupled Plasma

ICPMS - Inductively Coupled Plasma/Mass Spectrometry

SPGFAA - Stabilized Platform Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption (i.e., EPA 200.9)

DCP - Direct Current Plasma

COLOR – Colorimetric



**ATTACHMENT I – LIST OF PRIORITY POLLUTANTS**

CTR Number	Parameter	CAS Number	Analytical Methods
1	Antimony	7440360	1
2	Arsenic	7440382	1
3	Beryllium	7440417	1
4	Cadmium	7440439	1
5a	Chromium (III)	16065831	1
5a	Chromium (VI)	18540299	1
6	Copper	7440508	1
7	Lead	7439921	1
8	Mercury	7439976	1
9	Nickel	7440020	1
11	Selenium	7782492	1
11	Silver	7440224	1
12	Thallium	7440280	1
13	Zinc	7440666	1
14	Cyanide	57125	1
15	Asbestos	1332214	1
16	2,3,7,8-TCDD	1746016	1
17	Acrolein	117028	1
18	Acrylonitrile	117131	1
19	Benzene	71432	1
20	Bromoform	75252	1
21	Carbon Tetrachloride	56235	1
22	Chlorobenzene	118907	1
23	Chlorodibromomethane	124481	1
24	Chloroethane	75003	1
25	2-Chloroethylvinyl Ether	111758	1
26	Chloroform	67663	1
27	Dichlorobromomethane	75274	1
28	1,1-Dichloroethane	75343	1
29	1,2-Dichloroethane	117062	1
30	1,1-Dichloroethylene	75354	1
31	1,2-Dichloropropane	78875	1
32	1,3-Dichloropropylene	542756	1
33	Ethylbenzene	110414	1
34	Methyl Bromide	74839	1
35	Methyl Chloride	74873	1
36	Methylene Chloride	75092	1
37	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79345	1
38	Tetrachloroethylene	127184	1
39	Toluene	118883	1
40	1,2-Trans-Dichloroethylene	156605	1
41	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71556	1
42	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79005	1
43	Trichloroethylene	79016	1
44	Vinyl Chloride	75014	1
45	2-Chlorophenol	95578	1
46	2,4-Dichlorophenol	120832	1

CTR Number	Parameter	CAS Number	Analytical Methods
47	2,4-Dimethylphenol	115679	1
48	2-Methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol	534521	1
49	2,4-Dinitrophenol	51285	1
50	2-Nitrophenol	88755	1
51	4-Nitrophenol	110027	1
52	3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol	59507	1
53	Pentachlorophenol	87865	1
54	Phenol	118952	1
55	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	88062	1
56	Acenaphthene	83329	1
57	Acenaphthylene	208968	1
58	Anthracene	120127	1
59	Benzidine	92875	1
60	Benzo(a)Anthracene	56553	1
61	Benzo(a)Pyrene	50328	1
62	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene	205992	1
63	Benzo(ghi)Perylene	191242	1
64	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene	207089	1
65	Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane	111911	1
66	Bis(2-Chloroethyl)Ether	111444	1
67	Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl)Ether	118601	1
68	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)Phthalate	117817	1
69	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether	111553	1
70	Butylbenzyl Phthalate	85687	1
71	2-Chloronaphthalene	91587	1
72	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether	7005723	1
73	Chrysene	218019	1
74	Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene	53703	1
75	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95501	1
76	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	541731	1
77	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	116467	1
78	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	91941	1
79	Diethyl Phthalate	84662	1
80	Dimethyl Phthalate	131113	1
81	Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	84742	1
82	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	121142	1
83	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	606202	1
84	Di-n-Octyl Phthalate	117840	1
85	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	122667	1
86	Fluoranthene	206440	1
87	Fluorene	86737	1
88	Hexachlorobenzene	118741	1
89	Hexachlorobutadiene	87863	1
90	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	77474	1
91	Hexachloroethane	67721	1
92	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene	193395	1
93	Isophorone	78591	1
94	Naphthalene	91203	1
95	Nitrobenzene	98953	1
96	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	62759	1

CTR Number	Parameter	CAS Number	Analytical Methods
97	N-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	621647	1
98	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	86306	1
99	Phenanthrene	85018	1
100	Pyrene	129000	1
101	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	120821	1
102	Aldrin	309002	1
103	alpha-BHC	319846	1
104	beta-BHC	319857	1
105	gamma-BHC	58899	1
106	delta-BHC	319868	1
107	Chlordane	57749	1
108	4,4'-DDT	50293	1
109	4,4'-DDE	72559	1
110	4,4'-DDD	72548	1
111	Dieldrin	60571	1
112	alpha-Endosulfan	959988	1
113	beta-Endosulfan	33213659	1
114	Endosulfan Sulfate	1131178	1
115	Endrin	72208	1
116	Endrin Aldehyde	7421934	1
117	Heptachlor	76448	1
118	Heptachlor Epoxide	1124573	1
119	PCB-1016	12674112	1
120	PCB-1221	11104282	1
121	PCB-1232	11141165	1
122	PCB-1242	53469219	1
123	PCB-1248	12672296	1
124	PCB-1254	11097691	1
125	PCB-1260	11096825	1
126	Toxaphene	8001352	1

<sup>1</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the methods described in 40 C.F.R. Part 136.