

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 13, 2020

Ms. Jennifer McCormick
Vice President, Operations, Americas
Morton Salt, Inc.
Long Beach Facility
1050 Pier F Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
RENEWAL – MORTON SALT, INC. LONG BEACH FACILITY, LONG BEACH,
CALIFORNIA (NPDES NUMBER CA0061476, CI NUMBER 6949)**

Dear Ms. Pavez:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) has completed a review of the application for the renewal of your permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. Pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, tentative waste discharge requirements have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative requirements, consisting of:
 - a. Board Order;
 - b. Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
 - c. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
 - d. Fact Sheet (Attachment F); and
 - e. Other Pertinent Information (Attachments A, B, C and G).
2. Publication package, consisting of:
 - a. Instruction Sheet for Public Notice;
 - b. Public Notice; and
 - c. Statement of Posting Notice.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Regional Water Board at a public hearing to be held at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on **May 14, 2020**, at 9:00 a.m., at the City of Paramount Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue,

Paramount, CA 90723; will consider the enclosed tentative waste discharge requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to these waste discharge requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing, however, as testimony dictates, the Board, at its discretion, may postpone taking action.

Written comments pertaining to this proposed Board action must be submitted by mail or emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to cris.morris@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **April 13, 2020**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Morton Salt, Inc., Long Beach Facility, CA0061476". Pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, untimely submittal of written comments or evidence will not be allowed or accepted into the Administrative Record without a showing of good cause for the delay, and in no event if any party or the Board would be unduly prejudiced by the late submittal including if staff or the Regional Water Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and prepare responses to the comments or evidence. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar and approved without oral testimony.

With respect to the public notice, in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice no later than **March 18, 2020**.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date will force us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify Regional Water Board staff by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required by the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than **March 24, 2020**.

If you have any further questions, please contact Cris Morris at (213) 620-2083.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Owens, Chief
Industrial Permitting Unit

cc (via email only): see mailing list

MAILING LIST

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Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ms. Loni Adams, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5
Ms. Sutida Bergquist, State Water Resource Control Board, Drinking Water Division
Mr. Charles Posner, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
Ms. Amber Dobson, California Coastal Commission
Mr. Theodore Johnson, Water Replenishment District of Southern California
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