

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 20, 2020

Captain Jeffrey E. Chism
Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy
Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center
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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE CORRECTED REVISED TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE CENTER, SEAWATER DESALINATION TEST FACILITY, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NUMBER CA0064564, CI NUMBER 9397)

Dear Captain Chism:

On March 26, 2020, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) transmitted the revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (Discharger), Seawater Desalination Test Facility (Facility). The revised tentative requirements were scheduled for consideration by the Regional Water Board at the April 16, 2020 meeting. Prior to the meeting, Regional Water Board staff discovered that effluent limitations for 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Tetrachloroethylene, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane and Trichloroethylene were incorrectly included due to an administrative error. These effluent limitations were not included in the prior permit (Order Number R4-2014-0200) and the pollutants have not been detected in the effluent.

Regional Water Board staff have prepared the enclosed corrected revised tentative WDRs and NPDES permit with the effluent limitations for the pollutants listed above removed from Tables 4 and F-8. Changes in the corrected revised tentative requirements appear in strikeout/underline format.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Regional Water Board at a public hearing to be held on **June 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**, will consider the enclosed corrected revised tentative requirements. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the revised tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take

action at the hearing; however, as testimony dictates, the Board, at its discretion, may postpone action to a subsequent Board meeting.

Written comments pertaining to this proposed Board action must be submitted by mail or emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **May 20, 2020**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on corrected revised tentative NPDES Permit, Naval Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center, Seawater Desalination Test Facility, CA0064564". 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.

If you have any further questions, please contact Thomas Siebels at (213) 576-6756.

Sincerely,

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