
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 6, 2021

Mr. James L'Esperance
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TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – NORTHROP GRUMMAN SPACE AND MISSION SYSTEMS CORPORATION (FORMERLY TRW INC.), BENCHMARK FACILITY, 200 S. TURNBULL CANYON ROAD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA. (NPDES NO. CA0064114, CI NO. 7531)

Dear Mr. L'Esperance:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit Order No. R4-2004-0169 (NPDES No. CA0064114), on December 13, 2004, for the Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (Discharger). The WDRs and NPDES permit regulates the discharge of treated groundwater produced from the cleanup of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and 1,4-dioxane contamination from a treatment system located at 200 S. Turnbull Canyon Road in the City of Industry. On March 15, 2021, Los Angeles Water Board staff received a letter, submitted on your behalf via email from your consultant Mr. Tom Wright, requesting termination of the NPDES Permit No. CA0064114. Per the email, there are no additional remedial activities planned for the site located at 200 S. Turnbull Canyon Road that would require a discharge to surface water. The Los Angeles Water Board concluded that the NPDES permit regulating the discharge is no longer needed and prepared the enclosed tentative termination.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board, at a public hearing to be held at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on **May 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**, will consider the enclosed tentative termination of Order R4-2004-0169 and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to the tentative termination. 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 emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov and received by 5:00 p.m. on **April 15, 2021**. Please reference the comments as

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“Comments on tentative termination, Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, Former TRW Benchmark Facility, CA0064114”. 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 Los Angeles 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 Rosario Aston at Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Bronwyn Kelly, PG, PMP
Industrial Unit Chief

cc (via email only):

Ms. Elizabeth Sablad, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch
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Mr. Raymond Chavira, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Superfund
Mr. Stephen Estes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Crystal Marquez, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Kenneth Wong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Ms. Loni Adams, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5
Mr. Kurt Souza, State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Drinking Water
Mr. Steve Hudson, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
Mr. Al Wanger, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
Ms. Mary Small, California Coastal Conservancy
Mr. Theodore Johnson, Water Replenishment District of Southern California
Mr. Tim Smith, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works
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Mr. David Beckman, Natural Resources Defense Council
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Mr. Steve Fleishchli, Natural Resources Defense Council
Mr. Tom Wright, Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc.