

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

**320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
(213) 576-6600**

**Public Notice No. 22-006
NPDES No. CA0000680**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC	2350 East 223rd Street, Carson, CA 90810 Los Angeles County	Dominguez Channel Estuary

Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC (hereinafter Discharger, or Permittee), is the operator of Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Carson Operations (hereinafter Facility), a petroleum refinery facility located in Carson, California. The Facility discharges up to 0.045 million gallons per day (MGD) of Low Volume Wastes and 4.4 MGD of Process Wastewater commingled with Stormwater and Boiler Blowdown to Dominguez Channel Estuary, a water of the United States. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) for renewal of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a NPDES permit to discharge Low Volume Wastes and Process Wastewater commingled with Stormwater and Boiler Blowdown into Dominguez Channel Estuary.

The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order R4-2015-0259, adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on December 10, 2015. Order R4-2015-0259 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0000680) Program. The Facility operates a petroleum oil refinery which processes an average of 265,000 barrels per day of crude to produce gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, sulfur, coke, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), and polypropylene.

The Facility is equipped with an “oily water drain” system designed to capture stormwater from process areas of the refinery. The Facility also has a “clean water drain” system designed to capture other stormwater, such as stormwater outside of process areas. The discharge of this stormwater under normal conditions is regulated under the Statewide NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities (Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ as amended in 2015 and 2018, NPDES Permit No. CAS000001).

The Facility is also regulated by Order No. R4-2015-0259. Under Order No. R4-2015-0259, the Facility is permitted to discharge low volume wastes (steam condensate, service water, irrigation runoff, and fire testing water) and process wastewater commingled with stormwater and boiler blowdown to Dominguez Channel Estuary. Additionally, the Facility was regulated under Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R4-2015-0260 (the TSO expired on January 31, 2020). The Facility has attained retention of all commingled process wastewater and stormwater and low volume wastes and was in compliance with the TSO.

During normal operations, all the wastewater generated from the Refinery process units and stormwater runoff from process areas captured in oily water drains are treated at the centralized wastewater treatment system and discharged to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) sewer system. The Refinery's centralized wastewater treatment system consists of an American Petroleum Institute (API) separator, five lift stations, five tanks and three induced gas flotation (IGF) units.

Low Waste Volumes are discharged through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.8214° N, Longitude 118.2408° W), Discharge Point 002 (Latitude 33.8194° N, Longitude 118.2403° W), Discharge Point 003 (Latitude 33.8175° N, Longitude 118.2400° W), Discharge 004 (Latitude 33.8172° N, Longitude 118.2400° W), and Discharge 005 (Latitude 33.8325° N, Longitude 118.2342° W) into the Dominguez Channel Estuary. Process wastewater commingled with stormwater and boiler blowdown are discharged through Discharge Point 003 (Latitude 33.8175° N, Longitude 118.2400° W) and Discharge Point 004 (Latitude 33.8172° N, Longitude 118.2400° W) into the Dominguez Channel Estuary.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Los Angeles Water Board, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: June 9, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: TBD

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Los Angeles Water Board will hear testimony, if any, that is pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and NPDES permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Public Notice No. 22-006
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC
Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Carson Operations

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments submitted, and other information received regarding the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Water Board at (213) 576-6600. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

The tentative WDRs, comments received, and the response to comments when prepared will also be available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal quasi-adjudicative proceeding pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) does not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Water Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

Adriana Vallejo
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 620-2160
adriana.vallejo@waterboards.ca.gov

PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

Public Notice No. 22-006
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC
Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Carson Operations

-Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments and evidence must be submitted to the Board by mail to the address above or by email to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to adriana.vallejo@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **May 16, 2022**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Carson Operations, Facility, NPDES No. CA0000680".

Pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, written comments or evidence submitted after the comment deadline 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 Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and respond 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.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will occur, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days

Public Notice No. 22-006
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC
Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Carson Operations

prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, this matter will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on July 14, 2022. A continuance will not extend any deadline set forth herein.

Date: April 15, 2022