

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

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**Public Notice No. 21-009
NPDES No. CA0063177**

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

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Vopak Terminal Los Angeles, Inc. Inland Terminal Facility	2200 East Pacific Coast Highway Wilmington, California, 90744	Dominguez Channel Estuary

Vopak Terminal Los Angeles, Inc. (hereinafter Discharger or Permittee) is the operator of Inland Terminal, (Facility), a petroleum products storage and transfer terminal. The Port of Los Angeles owns the property at 2200 East Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington, California on which the Facility is located. The Facility discharges of up to 0.75 million gallons per day (MGD) of storm water runoff to the Dominguez Channel Estuary, a water of the United States, within the Dominguez Channel Watershed. The discharge was previously regulated by Order No. R4-2014-0199 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0063177 adopted on October 9, 2014, and it expired on October 9, 2019. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board or Board) for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge stormwater runoff from the Facility to the Dominguez Channel Estuary. The terms and conditions of the current Order, as per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) part 122, have been continued and remain in effect until new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.

The Facility has 22 above ground storage tanks (ASTs) in the four tank blocks (100, 200, 300, and 400-yard tank blocks). Materials stored and transferred in the Facility include fuel oil, jet fuel, transmix (water and jet fuel mix), and cutter stock (lighter grade fuels for blending). Materials are transferred to and from the Facility by pipeline and truck. The Facility uses two of the pipelines to load vessels.

Each of the four tank blocks are designed with secondary containment walls (berms) which are capable of holding the entire capacity of the largest single tank with sufficient free board to contain the volume of runoff from a 25-year precipitation event. Only the 100-yard tank block ground is comprised of dense soil covered by rock. The 200, 300, and 400-yard tank blocks have concrete floors.

Tank blocks 100, 200 and 300 have truck pads spaced out around the perimeter of these three tank blocks. Each truck pad area is enclosed by berms (approximately 6 inches high) and has dedicated drains located inside of each truck pad. These truck pads have a dedicated network of pumps and piping that drain the runoff within the truck pads to a Baker tank located inside the 200-yard tank block. Water from the Baker tank is routed to the oil/water separator for treatment.

Storm water is collected within four tank berm areas designed to contain a 25-year/24-hour storm event. One oil/water separator is dedicated to each tank berm area. From the dedicated oil/water separators, storm water is conveyed to a sump preceding a centralized oil/water separator followed by a five-cell clarifier, a bag filter to remove additional solids and two carbon/resin filters for removal of organics and metals. Clarifier compartments can be reconfigured to allow for more or less flow equalization. Facility staff determines whether storm water in the tank berm areas discharges to the dedicated oil/water separator or if additional treatment is necessary based on volume and predicted precipitation. For lower volumes of accumulation, storm water may be allowed to evaporate inside the berm areas. Tank berm areas are pumped one at a time, if necessary, starting with the berm area with the highest volume, to the oil/water separator. Treated storm water is discharged to the Dominguez Channel Estuary via a pump station.

Since issuance of Order R4-2014-0199, the Facility has reduced the number of Baker tanks to one that is used only for truck transfer pad stormwater runoff. The Facility routes truck transfer pad stormwater from the various truck unloading stations to a single Baker Tank in the 200 Yard. The effluent from this Baker Tank is then combined with the 200 Yard stormwater which passes through the 200 Yard oily/water separator and clarifier treatment system. In addition to stormwater runoff from the tank blocks, this Order provides coverage for stormwater runoff from truck transfer pads that is routed to the centralized treatment system, provided no other wastewaters, including truck wash water, are introduced.

The Discharger segregates fire test water by collecting it with a vacuum truck for off-site disposal. This Order does not include discharges of fire test water

Treated storm water runoff from the tank blocks is discharged to the Dominguez Channel Estuary, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point No. 001, which is located Latitude 33.7901°, Longitude -118.2313°.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: June 10, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Remote meeting, no physical location

Please check the Los Angeles Water Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing location as it is subject to change.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

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 Los Angeles Water Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

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 rosario.aston@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **May 19, 2021**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Vopak Terminal Los Angeles Inc., Inland Terminal Facility, NPDES No. CA0063177".

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

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hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days 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 8, 2021. A continuance will not extend any deadline set forth herein.

Date: April 16, 2021