

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION
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Public Notice Number 19-020

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (T.S.O.) NUMBER R4-2018-0021-AX
REQUIRING SENTINEL PEAK RESOURCES CALIFORNIA, LLC
INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN
ORDER NUMBER R4-2018-0020
(N.P.D.E.S. PERMIT NUMBER CA0057827, CI NUMBER 6240)**

| <u>Discharger</u> | <u>Discharge Location</u> | <u>Receiving Water</u> |
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| Sentinel Peak Resources California, LLC - Inglewood Oil Field | 5640 South Fairfax Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90056 | Centinela Creek Ballona Creek Reach 2 |

Sentinel Peak Resources California, LLC (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Inglewood Oil Field (Facility or Field), an actively producing oil and gas field. The Inglewood Oil Field comprises approximately 900 acres and is located at 5640 South Fairfax Avenue in Los Angeles, California. Oil and gas exploration and production at the site dates to the 1920s with over 1,600 wells drilled throughout the historical boundary of the site. Existing operations involve extracting oil and gas from subsurface reservoirs located between 800 and 10,000 feet below ground surface (bgs) and removal of water from the crude oil and liquids from the gas. The crude oil is shipped through pipelines to refineries in Southern California to be processed into gasoline and other products. The gas is then shipped by pipeline to the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) for use by consumers and industry, or it is shipped to refineries for use in the refining process.

Storm water runoff and construction storm water within the Field are collected in six retention basins located onsite. The facility utilizes a storm water treatment system at each basin to remove pollutants. The treatment system components include flocculation, settling, in-line clarification, and filtration. Up to 7.55 million gallons per day (MGD) of storm water runoff is ultimately discharged into Ballona Creek (Reach 2) or Centinela Creek, waters of the United States, through Discharge Points 001 through 006. Two of the basins (L A I Last Chance and Stocker) discharge through the storm drain system into Centinela Creek. Centinela Creek drains directly to Ballona Creek Estuary. The other four basins (Dabney-Lloyd, Vickers – I, Lowers Vickers – II and Upper Vickers – II) discharge through the storm drain system to Ballona Creek Reach 2.

Sentinel Peak discharges storm water runoff from the Facility under waste discharge requirements contained in Order Number R4-2018-0020, adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) on February 8, 2018. Order Number R4-2018-0020 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (N.P.D.E.S. Number CA0057827) Program.

Concurrent with the adoption of Order Number R4-2018-0020, the Regional Water Board also adopted Time Schedule Order (T.S.O.) Number R4-2018-0021, which prescribed interim effluent limitations for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), copper, lead and zinc. T.S.O. Number R4-2018-0021 also established certain tasks that the Discharger would complete to come into compliance with Order Number R4-2018-0020. T.S.O. Number R4-2018-0021 expires on August 7, 2019.

On April 17, 2019 the Discharger submitted to the Regional Water Board a request for additional time to achieve compliance with the effluent limitations for TPH contained in Order Number R4-2018-0020. The request discussed the limited number of discharge events that had occurred since the inclusion of the TPH effluent limit in the N.P.D.E.S. permit adopted on February 8, 2018 and the need for additional time to implement the required technology to comply with the final effluent limit. The original request was updated with information submitted on July 17, 2019. In response, Regional Water Board staff has prepared tentative T.S.O. Number R4-2018-0021-AX, which includes a schedule to achieve compliance with the final effluent limitation for TPH and includes the interim effluent limitation of 1,000 micrograms per liter contained in the previous T.S.O. Number R4-2018-0021 and the updated daily maximum mass effluent limitation for each discharge point.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Executive Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Regional Water Board, tentatively proposes to issue T.S.O. Number R4-2018-0021-AX. No changes to the N.P.D.E.S. permit are being proposed at this time. Interested persons must submit all comments in writing as described below. The Executive Officer will consider the tentative TSO amendment and all timely comments and may subsequently issue a final T.S.O.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on and/or submit evidence regarding the tentative T.S.O. amendment for the Executive Officer to consider must submit written comments. Written comments must be **received** by the Regional Water Board by **5:00 pm on August 26, 2019**. Written comments submitted electronically must be emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Don.Tsai@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments electronically in either a Word or Portable Document File (PDF). The Regional Water Board will neither consider nor respond to untimely written comments.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The tentative T.S.O. amendment, comments received, and other information on file are available on the Regional Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.html
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or for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

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Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600.

STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Don Tsai at (213) 576-6681 or via email at Don.Tsai@waterboards.ca.gov.