

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Cassandra Owens *Cassandra D. Owens*
Industrial Permitting Unit Chief

DATE: September 24, 2018

SUBJECT: **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DRAFT MONITORING PLAN AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN – TESORO REFINING & MARKETING COMPANY LLC, LOS ANGELES REFINERY- WILMINGTON FACILITY, WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0003778, CI -5427)**

On September 18, 2018, Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC (the Discharger) transmitted a Draft Monitoring Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (collectively, the Draft Plans) to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board). The Draft Plans were submitted per requirements included in the waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (Order No. R4-2017-0095) for the subject Facility. Section VII.C.2.c of Order No. R4-2017-0095 required the Discharger to implement a Compliance Monitoring Program at the Dominguez Channel, Torrance Lateral, and Dominguez Channel Estuary in accordance with the *Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads* (Harbor Toxics TMDL). The Draft Plans incorporated the Regional Water Board's comments provided from July 27, 2018, through September 10, 2018, on the original Draft Plans submitted by the Discharger on May 30, 2018.

Pursuant to the Harbor Toxics TMDL and consistent with Order No. R4-2017-0095, the Draft Plans are being made available for public review and comment. Regional Water Board staff will consider any comments received during the public comment period and direct the Discharger to make any additional changes, if necessary, before approving the Draft Plans. The public comment period will begin on September 24, 2018. The Regional Water Board will evaluate and consider all written comments received by the Regional Water Board **before 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2018**. Submit comments on the Draft Plans electronically to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov and concurrently to ching-yin.to@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line "Comments on the Draft Monitoring Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan for Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, Los Angeles Refinery - Wilmington, NPDES CA0003778, CI-5427". Comments shall be submitted as a PDF file.

To access a copy of this memorandum; the July 27, 2018, comment letter issued by the Regional Water Board; or the Draft Plans, please go to the Regional Water Board's webpage at (under the "Others" tab):

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.html#5

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ching Yin To from the Industrial Permitting Unit by electronic mail at ching-yin.to@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 576-6696.