
Los Angeles Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board

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TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC., GARDENA GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION SYSTEM FACILITY, GARDENA, CA. (NPDES NO. CA0062162, CI NO. 7015)

Dear Mr. Heitmann:

On November 14, 2019, WDRs and NPDES permit (Order R4-2019-0133) was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) for the discharge of treated groundwater from Honeywell International Inc. (Discharger), Gardena Groundwater Remediation System Facility (Facility), located at 1733 West Artesia Boulevard, Gardena, California. This Order R4-2019-0133 is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024. On November 10, 2020, you sent a letter requesting termination of the NPDES permit because no further discharge will occur. The Los Angeles Water Board concluded that the NPDES permit regulating the discharge is no longer needed and prepared the enclosed tentative termination based on the following:

- A groundwater treatment system (GWTS) was previously installed at the Facility to treat groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that resulted from leaking underground storage tanks that were present prior to 1990 when the site was a manufacturing facility. The site has been redeveloped for commercial and residential uses.
- Order R4-2019-0133 authorizes the Facility to discharge up to 0.02 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated groundwater to the Dominguez Channel. The Facility last discharged on October 11, 2013.
- In 2013, the Discharger installed an Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination (ERD) system in 2013 to replace the GWTS by injecting a biobarrier into the aquifer to prevent the migration of contaminated groundwater.
- In 2016, the Discharger removed the GTWS equipment from the Facility and replaced it with a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to remove VOCs from contaminated soil.

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- The purpose of Order R4-2019-0133 was to allow for the Facility to reinstall and resume operation of the GWTS in the event that treatment and containment of contaminated groundwater with the ERD and SVE systems was not successful.
- The Discharger has determined that the ERD and SVE systems are successful in containing and treating the contaminated groundwater beneath the Facility. The GWTS will not be reinstalled. Therefore, no further discharge will occur and an NPDES permit is not needed.

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 **March 11, 2020**, at 9:00 a.m., will consider the enclosed tentative termination of Order R4-2019-0133 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 submitted by mail or emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **February 1, 2021**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative termination, Honeywell International Inc., Gardena Groundwater Remediation System Facility, CA0062162". 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 Thomas Siebels at (213) 576-6756 or Thomas.Siebels@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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